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SHA Presents Two Alternative Access Ramps to Metro Station

by Virginia Beauchamp

The first step in a four-part process toward approval and design of access ramps from the Capital Beltway to the Greenbelt Metro station took place on Thursday evening, January 22 at the Greenbelt Middle School. This was a public hearing hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) to showcase two possible designs for an interchange. Both would make possible direct vehicular connections with the Metroland or Greenbelt Station development proposed for the Metro site and the adjacent A. H. Smith property to the south.

Displays on easels depicted both ramp designs, called Alternates 2 and 3, as well as the mandatory no-build alternative, a map of the Beltway section between Kenilworth Avenue and U.S. 1 as it looks today. Another display showed the environmental impact of the two proposed schemes on nearby and more remote area wetlands. SHA teams and a representative of the Metro system were available to answer audience questions.

At 7 p.m. SHA planners offered a formal presentation about the proposed alternatives, followed by a comment period for community leaders and area citizens. Mayor Judith Davis presented the city's position opposing both proposals. (See accompanying story.)

Pat Blankenship of the civic group CCRIC (Committee to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek) presented testimony also opposing an interchange. Speaking as a private citizen, Daithe Htun of the Berwyn Heights town council also spoke against an interchange, though the municipality took no position.

John Krouse of the College Park City Council expressed his city's position supporting the interchange. Since he lives next to the railroad track in the Hollywood section of College Park near the Metro station, he expressed personal misgivings toward the whole project, although he preferred one alternate as "less noisy."

According to Mayor Davis,

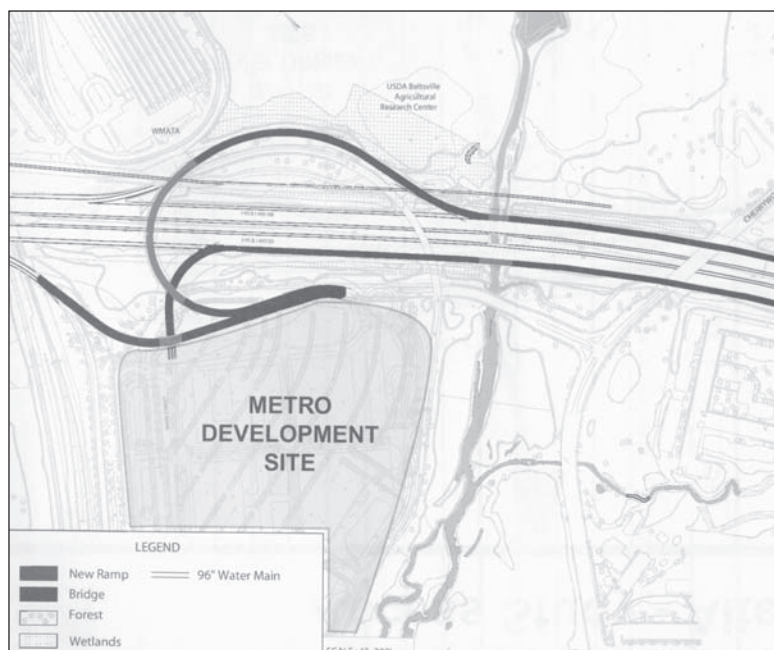
besides that of College Park, all testimony presented at the meeting expressed opposition to the interchange except for that of two speakers – Norman Rivera, representing the developer of Greenbelt Station, and Elisa Hill on behalf of WMATA (the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority).

SHA Schedule

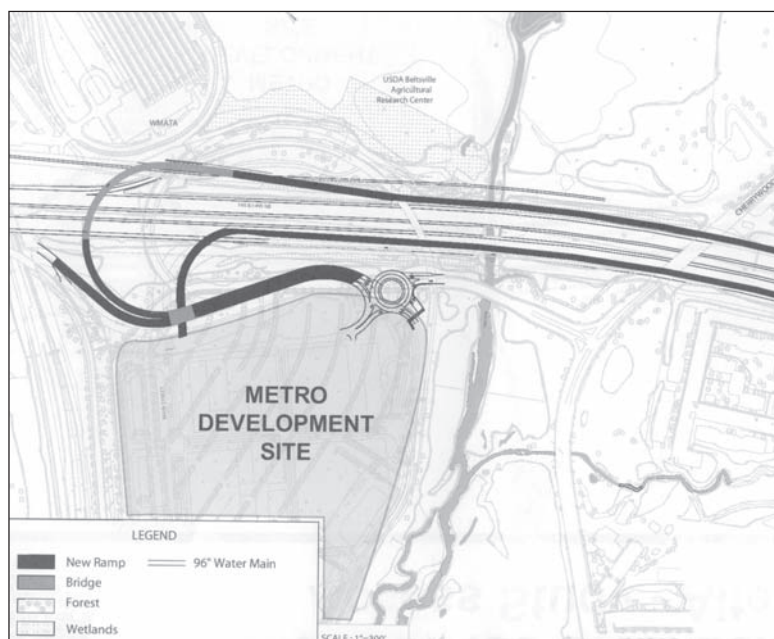
According to the brochure passed out at the meeting, other community members not able to attend the meeting can still offer written comments on the access proposals during the winter months of 2004. Selection of the winning alternate access proposal will be made this spring.

Assuming that alternate 2 or 3 will be selected – not the no-build decision the city prefers – location and design approvals are to be completed by fall 2004.

The SHA project-planning team is led by Douglas H. Simmons, deputy administrator for Planning and Engineering; Charlie Watkins, District 3 engineer at the Greenbelt office on Kenilworth Avenue; and Carmeletta T. Harris, project manager, Project Planning Division. Harris may be reached by email at charris@sha.state.md.us or by phone at 1-800-548-5026.



I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study – Alternative 2



I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study – Alternative 3

City Reaffirms Opposition To Full Metro Interchange

by Virginia Beauchamp

At the Thursday, January 22 public hearing at the Greenbelt Middle School, Mayor Judith Davis reaffirmed the city's opposition to a proposed Beltway interchange to provide access to the proposed Metroland or Greenbelt Station site. Designed to exit from the Beltway onto Metro Access Drive in Greenbelt, the two alternative designs presented at the hearing show ramps ending on this Greenbelt road, one in the form of a roundabout.

Although thus nominally offering access to public roads, the project in fact "represents a public subsidy for a private development," Davis said in her testimony. The interchange would provide ingress and egress primarily to the proposed mixed-use commercial development at the green line Metro station and adjacent A. H. Smith property directly to the south.

Of specific concern to Greenbelt is the lack of state contributions for the other public roads to be impacted by additional traffic entering the site—particularly Cherrywood Lane through the residential development of Springhill Lake. The city asserts that the State Highway Administration (SHA) study "continues to ignore the impacts of the proposed ramp system on local roads. In fact, the study's informational document states

that no increase in the roadway capacity is proposed."

This statement is "misleading," the city's letter stresses, since "the purpose of the proposed interchange is to accommodate a project that will generate close to 90,000 trips a day." The city quotes SHA staff as advising "that they do not study local road impacts." How then, the city asks, can SHA support the project "when they have refused to study the impact?"

"It is reasonable to expect," the city says, "that if 90,000 new trips are expected with the Greenbelt Station development, there will be trips funneled onto the local road network."

Environment

Environmental impacts of both alternatives also concern the city. Both of the build alternatives show construction of an additional outside lane on both sides of the Beltway from the Kenilworth Avenue on- and off-ramps to the Metro Access ramps. This new road construction would cause the loss of woodland buffers between the Beltway and both Capital Office Park and Springhill Lake, the city points out.

In addition, further loss of wetlands would be incurred beyond those "sacrificed" in the

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Newly Elected Fire Chief Rudy Shares His Departmental Plans

by Randy Crenwelge

Recently elected Fire Chief Brian Rudy is no stranger to Greenbelt. He was born and raised here. His exposure to and respect for the fire service began as a youngster when Henry Wynkoop, who lived across the street from him, introduced him to the fire department. Brian joined the department when he was 13 years old. He started riding the apparatus in February 1989 at the age of 16.

Rudy's tour of duty will last for two years. After his two-year tenure, he can be re-elected for a second term.

Rudy is also a certified firefighter for the District of Columbia. In addition to his busy schedule and duties, he is enrolled in the fire science program at the University of the District of Columbia.

As fire chief, Rudy is a young man with a tremendous amount of responsibility. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the department. He ensures that the department is adequately staffed. He plans and implements the operating budget and he or-

ders supplies. He ensures that the firehouse, grounds and apparatus (which include two hose trucks, a utility truck, and an ambulance) are kept in good condition and that members of the fire department are properly trained and follow correct procedures.

At a fire scene, Rudy is the "incident commander," overseeing firefighting operations and issuing instructions and orders to his personnel. He supervises the two full-time firefighters on the squad. He also coordinates firefighting efforts with other fire departments at the scene.

When asked what his most difficult task is, Rudy smiled. "Getting sleep," he said, between emergency calls. When asked what his most rewarding experience is, he stated, "the respect from the citizens of Greenbelt that



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

they have for the department and the appreciation the department receives from the services that it provides."

Departmental Goals

Chief Rudy, a high achiever, has high goals for his staff and department.

He is creating and developing officer and chief officer candidate training programs. He is focusing his department on "Back to Basics," officer and inter-departmental drills. He is also computerizing the department's forms,

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What Goes On

Sunday, February 1
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
Tuesday, February 3
7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board meeting, Community Center
Wednesday, February 4
8 p.m., Council Worksession on Skateboard Park, Community Center

Letters

WiFi Anyone?

GIAC (Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative), perhaps better known as greenbelt.com, is working to help develop a community-wide WiFi network to link computers within Greenbelt to the Internet using wireless connections. This type of project has already been successfully done elsewhere in both rural and metropolitan areas. Some local households and multi-home areas already have such networks. Businesses such as the New Deal Café have been exploring local "hot spots" where people can bring laptops with wireless capability and connect to the Internet on an "ad hoc" basis.

At this point, we will try to coordinate such efforts and offer help as needed. If you have such interest, experience or expertise and wish to participate, please email me at edjames@greenbelt.com.

Ed James
GIAC Director

THANKS

To Donald Wolfe of Lakewood, a great big thank you. He was up early after this snowfall with his snow blower, cleaning all the walkways in his court and up and down Greenhill Road. He cleaned our driveway, too.

People like him are what makes Greenbelt so great.

We all appreciate you, Donnie.

Julia Stratchko

Straw Poll Goes For Wesley Clark

In a head-to-head competition with the campaigns for Howard Dean, Richard Gephardt, John Edwards, Joseph Lieberman, John Kerry and Dennis Kucinich, General (ret.) Wesley Clark won the Democratic straw poll sponsored by several of the Democratic Clubs in Prince George's County. The poll took place at the Glenn Dale Fire Department on January 15.

After delivering a compelling argument for electing General Clark to be the 44th President, the Prince George's for Clark campaign won over the audience of county Democratic Party activists. Every member of a Democratic Club in Prince George's County was eligible to vote in this straw poll.

Ross Named Most Liberal Delegate

State Delegate Justin D. Ross takes pride in having been named one of the most liberal legislators of 2003 by the ultra-conservative watchdog group, Maryland Accountability Project (MAP), who gave him a zero rating based on their scores on a list of twenty-five bills along with what they deemed to be "correct" votes.

He stands by his votes in favor of hate crimes legislation, mandatory energy efficient appliances and stronger protection against lead paint poisoning. "A zero rating from an organization such as this is truly a badge of honor," he said.

Ceramics Workshop and Art Exhibit Featured Sunday

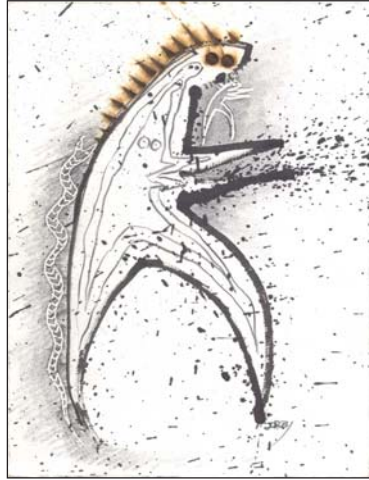
On Sunday February 1, children and guests of all ages are invited to attend the Recreation Department's monthly Artful Afternoon program at the Greenbelt Community Center. Free activities will include a workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. with Shin Yeon Jeon, Artist in Residence, in which participants may create their own clay candle holders. No prior ceramics experience is needed.

From 2 to 4 p.m. the public is invited to attend a reception with artist Gary Irby whose work is currently on view at the Greenbelt Community Center art gallery. Irby's exhibit features towering wooden figures, raku and pit-fired ceramic art and related figurative drawings created in part by scorching paper with hot metal. The artist's work shares an intriguing visual language inspired by African, Aboriginal, Native American and contemporary children's art work.

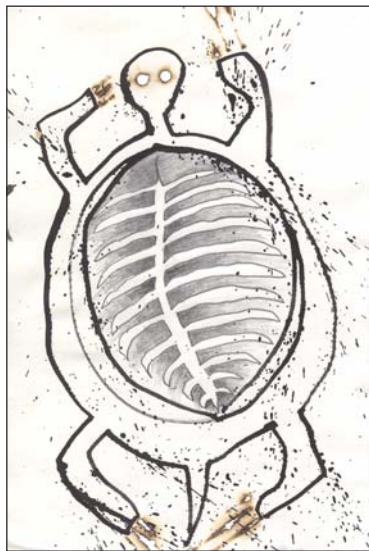
From 1 to 5 p.m. visitors can meet the Community Center's Artist in Residence at their monthly studio open house and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of artwork in a wide variety of media. The 13 artists holding studios at the Center show their current projects, including quilting, weaving, painting, functional and sculptural ceramics and stained glass. Some work is available for sale.

Also from 1 to 5 p.m. guests can visit the Greenbelt Museum's exhibit featuring the editorial cartoons of Isadore "Izzy" Parker and participate in guided tours of the museum's nearby historic house.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. All Artful Afternoon activities are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Artist Gary Irby's "Dragon" is just one of the artist figurative drawings on exhibit at the Community Center gallery.



Another one of Irby's pieces in his "Relearning to Slither," series (this one untitled) was created in part by scorching paper with hot metal.

For more information contact John Norden, arts assistant, at jnorden@ci.greenbelt.md.us or 301-397-2208.

Thomas White To Be Honored

Former Councilmember Thomas X. White will be honored for his 30 years of service on the Greenbelt City Council with a dinner at Martin's Crosswinds on Sunday, February 8 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. sponsored by friends and colleagues. Those serving with White in his various capacities and those grateful for the many hours he spent helping to keep Greenbelt a great place to live are encouraged to join in this celebration.

In addition to serving as councilmember and mayor pro tem, White represented the city at a number of government organizations, such as the Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Maryland Municipal League, the Prince George's County Municipal Association and the National League of Cities.

For additional information contact Dea Zugby at 301-345-2065 or dzugby@aol.com.

Scholarships

Students who reside in the 22nd Legislative District are encouraged to apply for a Senatorial Scholarship from the office of state Senator Paul G. Pinsky. The scholarships are awarded yearly to undergraduates, including incoming freshmen, and graduate students. Criteria for selection are based on financial need and/or academic achievement.

Scholarships are awarded for four years or until the recipient completes his or her degree, whichever comes first.

Applications are available from Senator Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155 (FAX 301-858-3144). Applicants must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The deadline for submitting an application is April 15. For more information contact Che A. Sayles at the phone number above.

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original construction of the Metro station, the city statement says.

Safety

In an interview Mayor Davis also stressed the city's concern over the safety issue created by numerous entrances and exits at the Beltway within the two miles between Kenilworth Avenue and Route 1. She pointed out that the proposed design did not meet federal guidelines for interstate highways.

Elaine Skolnik also contributed to this article.

Class for Women In Cancer Treatment

Women undergoing cancer treatment can attend a free class to learn tips from cosmetologists and beauticians on how to enhance their self-image and look their best. The class will be held on Monday, February 9 at 10 a.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. For more information call 1-800-542-5096. Registration is required.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Jan. 30

IN AMERICA (PG-13)

Friday
*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*3:00, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday
*3:00, *5:15, 7:30

Monday-Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Montpelier Exhibit On Black Horsemen

Montpelier Cultural Arts Center presents the 2004 Black History Month exhibition, "First at the Starting Gate: A History of African American Horsemen." The exhibit uses photographs, advertisements and artifacts to explore the role of African Americans in the world of horse racing. Included in the exhibition are photographs of several Kentucky Derby winning jockeys and trainers, a rare early 19th century uniform made by slave laborers and documents of local racing history offering evidence of the African American contribution to Maryland horse racing.

The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week from January 15 to February 26. There will be a reception on Sunday, February 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event. For more information, contact Gail Thomas with the Black History Program at 301-454-1780.

Showing concurrently in the Library Gallery is Norman Strike, Linocut Prints. There will also be a reception for Strike on February 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call 301-953-1993 for more information.

Holocaust Museum Hosts Family Day

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will host a free family Sunday program for parents and children on February 8. The day will feature interactive programs with museum educators, designed to allow entire families to participate in creative, age-appropriate Holocaust education projects that challenge the imagination. The program is designed for children ages 9 to 12 and their parents. Separate two-hour sessions are offered at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Families will tour the museum's exhibition for children, "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story." After touring the exhibition participants are invited to make a handcrafted journal and fill it with creative narratives about their experiences.

The Holocaust Memorial Museum is located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW and is accessible from the Metro's Smithsonian Orange/Blue Lines. To guarantee a space, reservations are recommended by calling 202-488-6198.

Visit the museum website at www.ushmm.org to see a schedule of upcoming family programs.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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LOVE NOTES ARE COMING

Community Events

Remove Invasive Plants In Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

On Saturday, February 7 at 11 a.m. come to the Sweetgum picnic area.

This program will be held every first Saturday of the month. Come rain or shine, wear appropriate clothing and work gloves and bring a lunch or snack. The program is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Park webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>; or call 301-344-3944.

New Deal Café Offers Variety

An art exhibit featuring work by Barbara Stevens opens at the New Deal Café with a public reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, February 1.

Then on Wednesday after 5 p.m. on February 4 the venue turns political with a meet-up of Howard Dean supporters.

Musical programs for the first week of February include street minstrel and folk music historian Steve Hay on Thursday evening, an open mike on Friday and Iris Hirsh on Saturday with her own blend of classic and original folk and pop.

Explore Preventive Medical Alternatives

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Dr. Shawn Bezak on Friday, February 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom. His presentation will focus on chiropractic, exercise, nutrition and other preventive measures to save money and time.

Bezak is a licensed chiropractor with physical therapy privileges. His office, Bezak Chiropractic and Rehabilitation, is located inside the Bally Total Fitness Center in Greenbelt.

Bezak received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic and bachelor of science degree in human biology from Northwestern Health Sciences University. He is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Swim Team Hosts Water Polo

The Greenbelt Swim Team and Bullish on Water Polo (BullWP) will play water polo from 9 to 11 p.m. on February 7 at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Teenagers and other good swimmers are welcome.

Council Meetings Rescheduled

The regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council that was rescheduled from January 26 to January 27 was then cancelled due to the weather. The agenda from that meeting will be rolled over into the agenda for the regular meeting on Monday, February 9.

Council's worksession with the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, originally scheduled for January 28 will be rescheduled later.

Genealogical Society Program

The Prince George's Genealogical Society will present Reginald Washington speaking on "Records of the Southern Claims Commission" from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 4 at the Greenbelt public library, 11 Crescent Road. Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance. A brief business meeting is held to update attendees on upcoming society activities, followed by a short refreshment break and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are welcome.

Beltway Plaza Fetes Black History

Every Saturday during February Beltway Plaza Mall will celebrate Black History Month.

The diversity of the African-American community will be celebrated through song and dance on February 7 at 1 p.m. The Colours, a performing arts group based at Northwestern High School, will perform the production "One Soul," a musical celebration of funk, soul and blues.

February 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. the New Carrollton Elementary School will hold an auction to benefit its equipment, supplies and technology needs as well as its math wings by Success for All programs.

Beltway Plaza's Community Talent Show will feature local area high school students on February 21. The students will use their talent for song and dance to celebrate Black History Month at 1 p.m. The winner of the talent show will receive a \$100 Beltway Plaza Mall gift certificate. Springhill Lake Elementary School will also appear on February 21, with dancers appearing at 2 p.m.

H.D. Woodson High School will entertain with their jazz combo on February 28 at 1 p.m.

GHI Notes

February 3, Ad Hoc Committee to Form a Nonprofit Corp., 7:30 p.m., Board Room.

The next pre-purchase orientation will be Monday, February 2 at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

Board meetings for the month will be held on February 12 and 26 in the Board Room.

"Elf" Is Friday Movie

The First Friday Movie Club will show "Elf" on February 6. The film will be screened at Old Greenbelt Theatre at 1:30 p.m.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 3, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, Newborn to 18 months with caregiver.

Wednesday, February 4, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time, 18 to 36 months with caregiver.

Thursday, February 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, Ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, February 4, 7 p.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library Meeting.

Saturday, February 7, 2 p.m., Opera: Read all about it! Workshop. For more information call 301-345-5800.

In the display case for February is an exhibit of hooked rugs by Montpelier Cultural Center senior citizens.

CARES Youth Writing Contest

The deadline for the Youth Writing Contest is fast approaching. There are two divisions: junior (grades 6 to 8) and senior (9 to 12). Students may enter up to two poems and two stories in any theme. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, cleverness and artistic quality/writing skill.

Entries must be submitted along with an entry form by 4:30 p.m. on February 23 in the Greenbelt CARES office. There is no fee to enter. Entries may be sent to ACE Reading Club, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Students will be invited to perform their winning entries at the televised Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase, which will be celebrated in April. For contest guidelines and entry forms contact the reading club by email at acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us or use the website link on www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call Liz Murray at 301-345-6660.

Valentine's Lunch Held at Greenbriar

Greenbriar Condominiums invites Greenbriar residents and a guest to celebrate Valentine's Day with a luncheon in the Terrace Room at noon on Wednesday, February 11.

A presentation from Hospice of the Chesapeake is scheduled to follow lunch. Guests will be informed of the services that hospice provides and also are encouraged to "have a heart for hospice" by volunteering for the organization. This event promises to be both fun and informative.

Those who plan to attend the luncheon must reserve a seat in advance. Seats must be reserved by Thursday, February 5. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 for reservations.

Soccer Sign-ups At Youth Center

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club announces spring soccer registration. Sign up at the Youth Center on Saturday, January 31, from noon to 1 p.m.

If new to the club, bring a copy of one's birth certificate, proof of address and a copy of a small photo, which will not be returned, along with a check or money order payable to the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

To learn more, call Luella Tabor at 301-794-0100, ext. 7.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Residents of Charlestowne North present Greenbelt City Council and County Councilmember Douglas Peters plaques of appreciation for their assistance in negotiating a lower rent increase.

City Notes

The facilities maintenance crew changed broken ceiling tile, light bulbs and fixtures at the Youth Center and at Schrom Hills Park; installed the panel and transformers for the new natural gas fueling station at Public Works and attended a seminar sponsored by LGIT on sewer backup prevention and boiler inspections.

The streets crew installed new signs on Hanover Parkway and replaced damaged signs around the city; repaired potholes; cleaned the back yard at the Public Works warehouse and transported various materials for recycling.

The parks crew cleaned the hill at Roosevelt Center; installed two adopt-a-benches at the Community Center; began spring maintenance of mowers and removed brush and cleared along the creek that borders Braden football field.

The cleaning crew attended class sponsored by Public Employees Safety Association on mold and mildew maintenance and other health concerns.

The horticulture crew bolted trees on Morrison Drive; removed road salt from landscaped beds and medians at Roosevelt Center, in Greenbelt East and on Southway and mulched perennial beds on Southway and at Roosevelt Center.

The vehicle mechanics crew repaired the suspension of a pick-up truck and repaired the emergency lights and wiper system on a dump truck.

Crews responded about 6:30 Saturday night, January 17, and worked through the night salting city streets as the snow and ice fell.

According to the Department of Planning and Community Development, the animal control staff during the week ending Jan. 23 trapped and transferred to the county two feral cats, removed

Doug Peters Begins Second Year

County Councilmember Douglas J. J. Peters (D), District 4, has announced his council committee assignments as he begins the second year of his first term on the Prince George's County Council. Peters also announced the recent hiring of Lori Morris as a special assistant for education matters in his office.

Peters will chair the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee with oversight responsibility for all emergency service agencies, including the Police and Fire/EMS Departments, as well as budget and finance issues before the council. He will also serve as vice-chair of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee, which has responsibility for all public work facilities (water and sewer) and agencies, including the Department of Public Works and Transportation and Environmental Resources. During the 2004 legislative session Peters will also maintain membership on the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, which has oversight responsibility for health, education and social services related agencies and issues. In addition to committee responsibilities, Peters will continue to serve as the council liaison to the Prince George's Municipal Association.

from Ridge Rd. a deer struck by a vehicle, trapped and relocated an opossum and responded to one barking complaint.

Recreation staff members attended a reception at the Prince George's County delegation offices in Annapolis for an exhibit promoting the rise of arts activity in the county in recent years. The Greenbelt Community Center was one of the featured facilities, as represented through the work of Artist in Residence Shin Yeon Jeon.

LOVE NOTES HALF-PRICE SALE

Oh, My Darling I love you.
Read all about it in the News Review



Valentine's Day Ads
(now 1/2 price!)
~~\$1~~ 50¢ per line of poetry
Half-price classified rates
for message
~~\$2~~ \$1 for Row of Hearts

Obituaries

Wesley A. Sweat

CDR Wesley A. Sweat, Jr., USNR, 68, died quietly in his sleep at his home in Greenbelt on January 9, 2004, after a long illness. Born in Jacksonville, Fla., he grew up in Deland, Fla., where he played high school football and was active in Boy Scout Troop 58, eventually attaining Eagle Scout and earning the Order of the Arrow.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957 and served two sea duty tours on the diesel sub USS Tirante after graduating from Submarine School in New London, Conn. Having attended Defense Intelligence School, CDR Sweat served in various branches of Naval Intelligence. In 1970 he resigned his active duty commission to pursue other interests.

During the following years CDR Sweat enjoyed woodworking, cooking at a fraternity house at the University of Maryland and at River Valley Ranch Camp. He spent 12 years on the staff of Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church and retired from there in 1997. In recent years, CDR Sweat enjoyed spending time with family and friends at Lake-in-Wood Camping Resort near Lancaster, Pa., where he sang in the choir and frequently played piano or organ for Sunday services. He also enjoyed vacationing at Bay Tree Lodge in Stuart, Fla.

He was married to the former Anne Elizabeth Arey of Lancaster, Pa. for over 43 years. The Sweats have lived in Greenbelt for more than 35 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughter Karen Feger; son Michael; four grandchildren, Nelson and Christina Camp, Amy and Anna Sweat; his mother Grace; and brother Donald.

A memorial service was held on January 15, 2004, at the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie, Md. CDR Sweat will be laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on March 17, 2004, at 3 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

Gifts in memory of CDR Sweat may be sent to Partners in Evangelism, P.O. Box 677, Morton Grove, IL 60053-0677, designated for the church that is being built in Pignon, Haiti under the direction of Pastor Jephthe Lucien and his father Pastor Sidione Lucien. CDR Sweat had a real desire to support the work in Haiti and to see it grow.



Baha'i Faith

Classes for Children & Adults including interfaith devotions Sunday, February 1 at 10 AM Springhill Lake Elementary School

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org

Fresh Air Fund Seeks Host Families

The Fresh Air Fund's Greenbelt area volunteer leaders are currently seeking committee members and host families to ensure that summer 2004 is special for New York City children. Each summer nearly 6,000 children, ages six to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 northeastern states from Maine to Virginia and in Ontario, Canada. Local Fresh Air Fund volunteers recruit and interview host families, check references and coordinate Friendly Town Program activities in their communities.

Greenbelt area volunteers need help to create another fun-filled summer for children from New York City's underprivileged communities. "It's my sixth summer going," explains Galonn, a 12-year-old boy from Brooklyn. "When I'm there we go swimming, fishing and play sports. I'm like a part of the family."

In 2004 the Fresh Air Fund continues a 127-year-old tradition of serving children with a wide variety of special events and volunteer opportunities. For more information on how to join the local Fresh Air volunteer team visit the Fresh Air Fund website at www.freshair.org or call Frances James at 301-808-1402 or the Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003.

Monette Sudler Performs at U.Md.

Experience the guitar-slinging blues, jazz, vocals and poetry of Monnette Sudler, who has performed and recorded with Grover Washington, Jr., Philly Joe Jones and Steve Turre.

She will be performing in "Take Five" on Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. "Take Five" is an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts. The program is free.

Explore Orchids In Garden Tour

A free tour will be held at the U.S. Botanic Garden to explore the mystery of orchids. Education technician Mary Chor will conduct a tour on Friday, February 6 to explore the unusual marvels of these unusual flowers. The Botanic Garden is located at 100 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. The tour will be held from noon to 1 p.m. To preregister call 202-226-4082.

Greenbelt Lions Hold Blood Drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, in cooperation with Doctors Community Hospital will be held on Friday, January 30, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call Mary Dudley, at 301-552-8060. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Our sympathy to Anne Sweat and family on the death of her husband Wesley Sweat.

Condolences to the John Henry Jones family on the unexpected death of John's sister Margretta B. Jones, 72, from cancer in Reston, Va., on January 20, 2004. She was affectionately known to everyone as "Aunt Piggy" and enjoyed visiting Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Noah Desch, son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive, who made the dean's list at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. for the winter 2003-04 period.

Congratulations to former Greenbelter Drew Baldauf (Eleanor Roosevelt High School) who keeps winning as a wrestler at York College of Pennsylvania.

Get well wishes to John Henry Jones, who has been recovering at home from surgery since January 23.

Greenbelter Katherine Osborne, soprano, will sing the title role in the family opera "Pinocchio" on Saturday, January 31 at 2 and 4:15 p.m. at Thomas

Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. The performances will be presented by Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia. For information call the Opera Theatre at 703-528-1433.

In September Osborne was selected by the Opera Guild as northern Virginia's "Artist of the Year."

Greenbelt residents Rena J. Hull and Beth Novick graduated on December 21 from the Teacher Leadership Program at the University of Maryland. Hull and Novick were each awarded the degree of master of education. Hull's school is Rockledge Elementary in Bowie. Novick's school is Greenbelt Elementary. Congratulations to both.



GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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Worship Service 11:00 am

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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon: "Before We Were Born"


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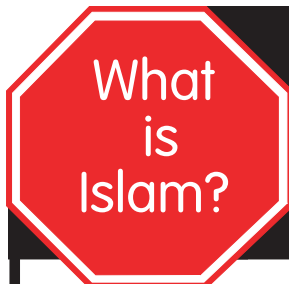
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Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!



This Sunday, February 1, Muslims celebrate Eid-Al-Adah the holy day which commemorates the sacrifice and devotion of our forefather, the Prophet Abraham.

"Abraham was indeed a model, devoutly obedient to God, true in faith . . . So we have taught thee the inspired (message): "Follow the way of Abraham, the true in faith and he joined no gods with God."
-The Holy Quran 16:120-123

To find out more about the Eid or about Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

Council Sets Guidelines For Accepting Art Loans

by Barbara Hopkins

The City of Greenbelt took an additional step in support of the arts late last year when the city council approved a policy establishing guidelines under which the city may accept loans or gifts of original artwork for extended display in public spaces. The Fine Arts Loan and Gift Policy was approved during the council meeting of November 24, 2003. The policy was approved as part of council's consent agenda, which meant it was approved without discussion at the meeting by councilmembers.

Developed with input from the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (AAB) and the Greenbelt Museum and reviewed by representatives from the departments of Public Works, Planning and Community Development, the Local Government Insurance Trust and the city solicitor the policy was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which considered it at a meeting on November 19. This policy is separate and different from the already-existing policy which establishes guidelines for short-term (usually around six weeks) display of artwork.

Greenbelt Artists

The policy provides for a preference for artwork by Greenbelt artists, but city residency is not a requirement for participation. Original pieces of "high quality" in the original medium that are appropriately prepared for installation may be accepted for display in public areas, indoors and out, around Greenbelt. Works must be in "excellent" condition and suitable for display in an area with "a diverse, intergenerational clientele." The policy states that the "City of Greenbelt reserves the right to decline any offer of an extended loan or gift for any reason."

Before acceptance of a given

piece of artwork, city staff will identify a location and assure that installation will be technically feasible and that any funds needed for it are available. Acceptance of works that require "substantial" installation costs may be deferred until completion of the next city budget process, providing funding is included in the final budget.

Procedure

Those interested in loaning or donating artwork to the city for extended display are invited to review the new policy and then meet with the arts coordinator to discuss details of the offer. The arts coordinator will then discuss the offer with city facility supervisors to identify an appropriate location for the piece. Once a site is found, the arts coordinator will meet with staff from Public Works for an estimate of installation costs and plans. For permanent gifts, a conservator or other experienced person may be consulted about the needs and costs of long-range conservation for the work. The arts coordinator and the appropriate facility supervisor, along with an invited representative from AAB, will then further discuss the offer. According to the adopted policy, the arts coordinator and facility supervisor may approve loans of artwork, but gifts will be referred to the Recreation Department director for a final determination.

Artists Contacted

This policy was developed in response to inquiries during 2003 from several artists and one collector regarding the possibility of lending or donating artwork to the city for extended display at city facilities. According to Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, now that a policy has been established and approved, the city has been contacting those who previously inquired to see if any are ready to move forward with a proposal.

RUDY

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such as drills and stand-bys. He is creating new forms as needed.

Rudy currently is opening lines of communication so that new ideas can be implemented. He is giving officers practical duties and holding them accountable. He will promote personnel, he says, based on experience, aptitude and attitude – not friendships. He enforces the chain of command.

Students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School may obtain community service credits by working in and performing various duties for the department. Rudy encourages students to become new recruits.

By his actions and department atmosphere Chief Rudy has a long-term goal of increasing morale. He plans to overstock certain supplies so that they will be there when needed.

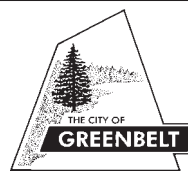
He also plans to update the new recruit information book and to ensure that each officer will rotate his or her duties after a period of time to obtain experience in all leadership positions.

Rudy's most significant long-term goal is to replace capital equipment. One fire truck is nine years old and in need of replacement soon. The fire department will also soon need a new utility truck and a new ambulance. Rudy says he will pursue replacing the firehouse, which is old and approaching the end of its service life.

Rudy confidently stated, "Greenbelters can have faith and confidence that the fire department will be there as quick as possible, either EMS or fire truck."

Brian Rudy is a busy man. He is proud of his department. His overall goal is to be the best fire chief Greenbelt has ever had. He may achieve his goal.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call the fire department at 301-345-7000 or visit www.engine35.com.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2-6

Tuesday, February 3, 7:30pm, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Community Center

Wednesday, February 4, 8:00pm, Council Work Session, Skateboard Park, Greenbelt Community Center

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

**Advisory Committee on Education
Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, February 3rd & 5th: 6:00pm "Ask the Expert-Whole Grain Nutrition" 7:00pm "What Can Mediation Do For Me" 7:15pm "COG Annual Report" 7:30pm "Labor Day Parade"
PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581 - Call for Schedule

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, February 1 from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours and more!

1-3pm CLAY WORKSHOP! Create your own ceramic candle holder with artist Shin Yeon Jeon.
2-4pm Artist Reception for Gary Irby whose work is currently on view at the Community Center Gallery.

The Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Recreation Department present

HOMEWARD BOUND

An original musical by Chris Cherry, performed by Greenbelt's young actors.

February 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 All shows are 7:00 pm
Greenbelt Arts Center

Tickets for *Homeward Bound* are on sale Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Community Center business office. You can charge your tickets by phone by calling 301-397-2208

JANUARY 30th APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FOREST PRESERVE TASK FORCE

FORCE

In October, the City Council adopted an ordinance to establish a Forest Preserve program for Greenbelt. At its December 15 meeting, the Council adopted a resolution establishing a Forest Preserve Task Force for the purpose of providing advisory guidance to the Council in formulating management and maintenance documents for the Forest Preserve, as well as making recommendations for the designation of Forest Preserve areas. It is expected that the Task Force will meet at least monthly for a period of up to two years. The Task Force will comprise eleven members, five of whom will be appointed from the membership of City Council advisory boards designated in the resolution. The other six members will serve at large. They must be residents of the City and may not be current members of City Council advisory boards or committees. Anyone who wishes to be considered for appointment as an at-large member of the Task Force should send a written expression of interest to Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, no later than January 30, 2004, at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770, or kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Please briefly describe the basis of your interest and experience for serving on the Forest Preserve Task Force, and give appropriate contact information for reaching you for an interview during February. Copies of the Forest Preserve ordinance and the resolution establishing the Forest Preserve Task Force are available on the City Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us, or they may be requested from the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

Be Sure to Clear Fire Hydrants

The Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department would like to remind residents and the business community to help keep fire hydrants near your home or business free of snow. The recent snowstorm and freezing temperatures have resulted in large amounts of snow and ice being piled around and on various fire hydrants throughout the county. Everyone's assistance will help stop any delays in locating or connecting to a fire hydrant should one be needed in the event of an emergency.



A build-up of snow and ice will freeze a fire hydrant and delay the delivery of water to a fire. Residents and businesses alike are asked to assist in clearing the hydrants.



ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the largest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, February 2, 2004 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, February 21, 2004 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

9200 block Springhill Lane, January 21, 12:35 p.m., a man reported that on January 14 he was walking to work when he was approached by a man and a woman. One of them told the victim to empty his pockets. No weapon was displayed but the second suspect threatened to stab the victim if he did not comply. After obtaining the victim's wallet both fled the scene. On January 21 the alleged robbers entered the victim's place of work at Beltway Plaza, approached the man and demanded money. The victim and the male suspect began to fight. Mall security officers responded and both suspects fled the scene. They are described as a black female, 5'4" with a medium build and brown hair, wearing a gray shirt, black shoes and blue jeans and a black male, 5'11" with a slim build and brown hair, wearing a black jacket, gray and red sneakers, blue jeans and a gray hat.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, January 22, 3:29 a.m., a man reported that he had contacted two women on a telephone "chat" line and agreed to meet them at a location in Washington, D.C. The man picked them up and drove them to his residence, where they went outside to the courtyard area and began drinking. A short time later two men wearing ski masks and armed with handguns approached the victim on foot and took his wallet, car keys and cellular telephone. The four suspects then fled the area. The women are described as a black female, approximately 19 years of age, 5'9", 160 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and a black jacket and a black female, approximately 19 years of age, 5'6", 145 pounds, wearing a black jacket.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, January 23, 2:44 a.m., a man reported that he was entering his apartment building when he was grabbed by one of two men in the hallway. The suspect pulled the man to the bottom of the stairs and began checking his pockets for money, while the sec-

ond suspect pointed a handgun at him. Both fled the scene when someone opened an apartment door. Nothing was taken. The suspects are described as a black male in his 20s, 6' with a thin build, wearing dark clothing and a ski mask and a black male in his 20s, 5'7" with a medium build, black hair and a light complexion, wearing dark clothing.

Assault

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 15, 5:17 p.m., two resident youths were arrested for assault. They entered a classroom that they did not belong in at the school and began talking to a student. When the teacher attempted to contact security via the intercom, they pushed the teacher to the floor and fled the scene on foot. The two were located a short time later on school grounds by a school resource officer. The youths were then suspended and released to parents pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, January 22, 6:40 p.m., a woman reported that she was in line paying for gas at the Shell FoodMart when another woman walked up to her, cursed at her and slapped her in the face. The suspect then fled the scene in a vehicle described as a silver, newer model Audi. She is described as a black female, 26 to 28 years of age with red hair and brown eyes.

Drugs

7800 block Hanover Parkway, January 16, 11:49 a.m., a resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of juveniles smoking marijuana in a trash room. The youths were observed leaving the area and the suspect was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 22, 2:31 p.m., a nonresident youth was arrested for bur-

glary and false statement. Police responded to a report of someone inside an apartment that was supposed to be vacant. The youth was detained after she exited the residence by way of a rear window. She then gave police a false name. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft

Route 95 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, January 22, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft. Police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle bearing only one Maryland registration plate. A computer check revealed that the tag had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police Department. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, January 16, from the 7600 block Hanover Parkway, recovered by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a 1992 Geo Prism 4-door, January 18, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, recovered the same day by the United States Park Police, no arrests; a burgundy 1989 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags KHW287, January 19, from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; a white 1993 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags HTP494, January 19, from the 6200 block Springhill Court; and a white 1998 Toyota Camry 4-door, Virginia tags JJE6338, January 21, from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

A 2004 Dodge Intrepid, a 1994 Plymouth van and a 1997 Ford Aerostar were recovered by the Greenbelt Police. A 1998 Dodge Neon was recovered by Prince George's County Police. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9 Court Ridge Road, 12 Court Ridge Road, 200 block Lastner Lane, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

12 Months of Safety

Crashes are no accident: vehicle drivers hold the key. On January 12 the Maryland Department of Transportation launched an educational campaign – 12 Months of Safety – a call to action to motorists traveling within the State of Maryland. The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration, Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Transportation Authority, together with the Maryland State Police, are stepping up their aggressive efforts to battle the increasing number of traffic crashes on Maryland's roadways.

To truly make the state's roads safer all drivers are needed. This year make a New Year's resolution that will save lives – join Maryland in 12 Months of

Safety, review the rules of the road and drive safely. Remember that crashes are no "accident" – working together they can be prevented. Drivers will be provided with wallet calendars at toll booths around the State – one part of a multi-faceted campaign to include public service announcements, community outreach and targeted enforcement.

On average, more than 630 people die on Maryland's roads each year. In 1999, after a steady decrease in the number of traffic fatalities, the state experienced 598 fatalities statewide, the lowest since record keeping began 30 years ago in the late 1960s. The following three years the trend reversed and the number of fatalities increased to 617 in 2000, increased again to

662 in 2001 and remained steady at 661 in 2002. To put this in perspective, statewide in 2002, there were 159 more people killed in traffic crashes than in homicides in Maryland – 502 homicides versus 661 traffic fatalities.

The objective of 12 Months of Safety is to save lives and reduce injuries by decreasing the number of crashes in Maryland through various targeted safety areas. Each month will highlight a specific safety topic, including occupant protection, aggressive driving, driving in work zones, pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, as well as special programs for young or rookie drivers.

Life-saving Tips For Winter Fires

The United States Fire Administration makes the following safety suggestions for managing fire in a residence.

Make sure space heaters have an emergency shut off in case they tip over. Only use the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never refill a space heater while it is operating or still hot. Refuel outside, away from the house.

Make sure wood stoves are properly installed, away from combustible surfaces, have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation. Never use flammable liquids (such as gasoline) to start or accelerate fire.

Have the furnace and chimney professionally inspected annually and cleaned if necessary. Chimney tar build-up is a common cause of chimney fires.

Use a glass or metal screen in front of a fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets or furniture.

Never thaw frozen pipes with a blow torch or other open flame. Use hot water or a UL-listed device such as a hand-held dryer.

Dispose of hot ashes in metal containers placed away from the house.

Don't use the oven as a heater. In addition to being a fire hazard, it can be a source of toxic fumes.

If there is a fire hydrant nearby keep it clear of snow for easy access.

Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home. Test the batteries every month and change them at least once a year.

For more information on how to help prevent fire damage or injury contact the Greenbelt Fire Department at 301-345-7000 or the U.S. Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov or 800-238-3358.

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3-F Ridge Road

This two bedroom block unit with vinyl siding has **two** full baths (one on the first floor), new blinds, new refrigerator, fenced yard, storage shed and has been freshly painted and refinished floors. **\$114,900**

14-Y Ridge Road

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Take Note of Local Voting Procedures

Requirements to register to vote include being a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident, at least 18 years old by the next general election, not under guardianship for mental disability, not having been convicted of buying or selling votes, not having been convicted more than once of a crime of violence (Criminal Law Article Section 14-101), not having been convicted of an infamous crime (any felony or crime involving an element of deceit, fraud or corruption) unless pardoned or having completed the court-imposed sentence* (first conviction) or at least three years has passed since completing the court-imposed sentence* (second or later conviction).

* The court-imposed sentence includes probation, parole, community service, restitutions and fines.

Mail Registration

A voter registration application may be submitted to Prince George's County Board of Elections, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 204, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070; call 301-952-3270 or the 24-hour information line at 301-627-2814. However, no registration will be processed during the following periods:

- 20 days before through 10 days after the 2004 Presidential primary election; and
- 20 days before through 10 days after the 2004 Presidential general election.

For those submitting a voter registration application during the period registration is closed, registrations will be held at the local board of elections and processed when registration reopens.

In-Person

A voter registration application may be completed in person at the Prince George's County

Board of Elections. Voter registration applications are also available throughout Maryland at state agencies such as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Social Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging, the MTA paratransit certification office and all public institutions of higher education.

Obtain Form

Eligible voters may contact any local board of elections to request an application. An application is available from the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.md.us or obtained by using the State Board's 24-hour toll-free telephone number. Call 1-800-222-8683 and select option #3 from the main menu (leave name, mailing address and telephone number). Completed voter registration applications obtained this way may be filed by mail or delivered in person to the local board of elections or the State Board of Elections.

Absentee Voting

A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot if the voter may be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is registered because of accident, illness or physical disability; because of confinement in or restriction to an institution; because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family; is a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the voter's precinct but within the county of registration and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on election day or because of employment by or service as an official of the state board or local board of elections is required to be absent from the precinct in

which the voter is registered to vote on election day.

A U.S. citizen who lives outside the United States and whose last residence address in this country was in Maryland may also vote in Maryland (in federal elections only) by absentee ballot.

A voter qualified to vote by absentee ballot may designate an agent on a form provided by the local board of elections to obtain and return the voter's absentee ballot.

For more information contact the local board of elections at the address earlier in this article.

Aviation Museum Wins Two Awards

The College Park Aviation Museum was recently voted the Best Museum for Families by readers of the Maryland Family Magazine. Readers also voted its Peter Pan Club as the Best Program for Preschoolers.

The museum, at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, offers visitors a look into the birth of aviation in the United States. It houses several vintage aircraft, interactive displays and a gift shop.

For more information about this award winning facility, call 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544.



The beauty of the recent snow and ice was inspiring from many perspectives. Above, frozen branches glisten in the dark of night on this tree outside of the News Review Office at the Community Center. At right, snow-covered benches at Roosevelt Center appeared stoic rather than inviting.



PHOTOS BY MARAT MOORE

Joint Replacement Topic at Seminar

A free seminar on joint replacement will be held at Laurel Regional Hospital on Tuesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Room A. Dr. Layug from Kunec, Layug and Bullock Group, orthopedic surgeons, and Linda Muller, L.P.N., will present the one-hour program which will include a tour of the operating room and the physical rehabilitation gym. The speakers will explain joint replacement surgery and show various artificial joints. To register, call 301-497-7914.

Driver's Tests To Be Scheduled

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration announces that, effective immediately, road tests required to obtain a provisional driver's license will be given by appointment only. Persons now holding a learner's permit or who receive one in the future, must call ahead to schedule a road test. The road tests will be given on Saturdays. The telephone number to call is 1-888-212-4709. This number is toll free and in service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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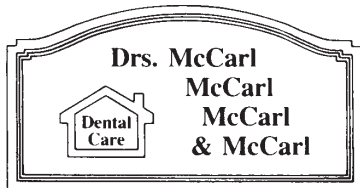
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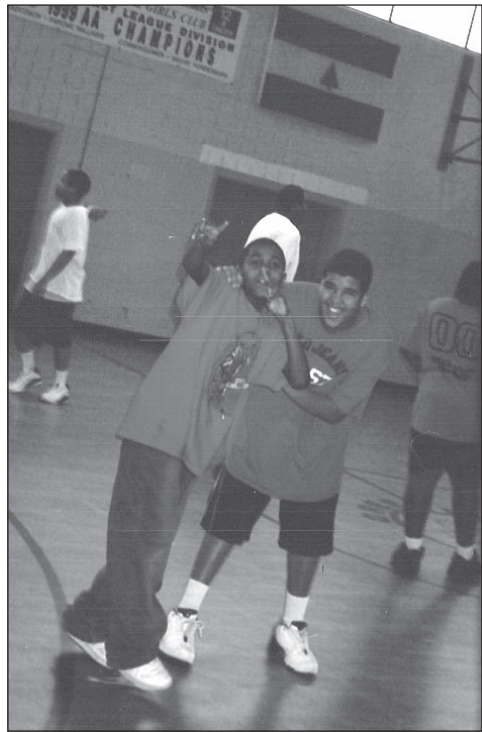
Schools Out, Let the Fun Begin!



Jamie Phillips, Alice Murphy, Chris Bonnell and Charlie Murphy mug for the camera. Jamie and Alice are 9th graders at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Chris and Charlie are 6th graders. Chris attends Glen Arden Woods and Charlie, Alice's brother, is in the French Immersion program at Robert Goddard.

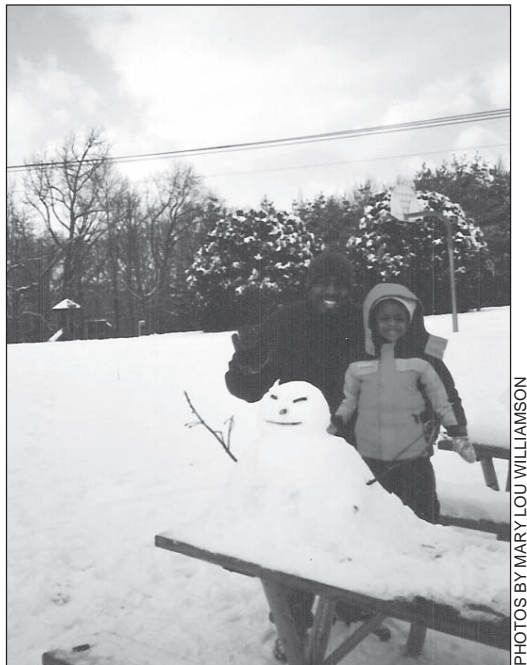


Jamie steps in as photographer to catch the others as they attempt to "fly" down their partially man-made mountain on a variety of snow boards. Chris leads off and all three "dump" in turn.



A host of boys in all sizes hit the basketball court in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The Center was open earlier than usual to accommodate kids home from school. Rashid Brady (left) and his buddy Leon Brown celebrate Rashid's free throw swish through the hoop. Both are 5th graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Dad and daughter spend some quality time at the Lake Park building a table-top snowman. Dad is James Brown. Daughter Zulaika, three years old, is home from school for the third day. She attends a half-day program at the New City Montessori School in Hyattsville. They live in University Square.



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New City Citizen Arrives From Far-Off Kazakhstan

by Sandra A. Lange

For the past year many people waited with eager anticipation for Karen Yoho to bring home to Greenbelt her baby daughter Mary Alyce, named after two favorite aunts who had recently died. In the spring Karen had the traditional baby showers given by friends and co-workers. Like any new mother-to-be, it was just a matter of time. The only thing different was that Karen was not going to the local hospital for her daughter, but rather to a baby house in far off Kazakhstan.

In November 2002 Karen started the adoption process. She contacted the agency Families for Children, read all the books on adoption she could find, called family and friends for references. By spring 2003 she had photographs and a video. She fell in love with one little girl with dark hair and button black eyes who smiled into the camera. That was her daughter. That was Mary Alyce.

Then came the months of waiting. Paperwork was submitted to the U.S. State Department, reviewed and re-reviewed. Then the papers went to Kazakhstan for review and re-review. Karen told everyone she would be leaving to pick up her daughter in June. Then it was September. Still no final summons. The days and months seemed to drag by. She was told that she should be prepared to leave any day.



New shoes for Mary Alyce. Karen and Mary Alyce at the Umit Baby House, Taraz, Kazakhstan.

Day Arrives

Finally, the day arrived at the end of October and she flew off accompanied by her friend Maddie Bell. Maddie, who had been in Karen's Girl Scout troop, was taking time off from college and the two women became perfect traveling companions, according to Karen. When bureaucratic red tape became most frustrating, Maddie was there to cheer her up, to make her laugh and to



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAREN YOHO

Karen and Mary Alyce celebrate Thanksgiving thousands of miles away from home in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

help her remember the toys and treats she was bringing to the baby house.

"I would describe the [adoption] process as frustrating at times," Karen stated, "but I always reminded myself that there was a little someone there waiting for me and when the time is right, we would be with one another," she said, her voice filled with emotion. "Also, even though there were lots of hoops, long travel, etc., it must be like having a child by birth . . . you forget about all the agony and all that remains is the joy of being a mom," she added with conviction.

When she first saw her daughter in the baby house, Mary Alyce had a cold and wasn't feeling well. She nestled comfortably in Karen's arms, a tiny 22-month-old child who couldn't yet walk. She was one of 100 infants in the baby house who spent much of their time in cribs. Their diet was mostly soup, potatoes and rice. They took three-hour naps each day.

Karen was surprised at how fast she and Mary Alyce bonded. "I didn't expect it to happen so quickly," she said. She was delighted when, on the flight home, one of the passengers commented that she and Mary Alyce "look like they've been together forever."

In the time since she arrived home, Mary Alyce has gained weight and is toddling about her new Greenbelt home. She is adored by her grandmother Martha and all the neighbors, who clamor to hold her and hug her. She now eats bread, apples, eggs, cookies and cinnamon raisin toast, delicately picking out the raisins one by one. She loves any kind of dumpling, tortellini or pot sticker. Like almost any two-year-old, she has an occasional temper tantrum when told "no." "It lasts for about 10 seconds," Karen laughs.

Adoption Process

There are many rules governing the adoption process. The recent treaty, the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption, has caused a number of new restrictions in some countries. The treaty is designed to prevent abuses and trafficking in children. Some countries have closed their doors to adoptions while others have recast their laws and developed new guidelines.

Depending on the country and agency, international adoptions can cost between \$12,000 and \$25,000. China and Russia had the most U.S. adoptions in 2002 with about 5,000, according to State Department data. Kazakhstan had over 800 adoptions. The wait to receive a child from Kazakhstan is generally less than in other countries, but the parent(s) spend about a month in the country getting to know the child and waiting for visas and other paperwork to be completed.

Settling In

Mary Alyce Aisulu (her middle name means lunar beauty) Yoho enjoyed her first Christmas with her mom and grandma and extended family. She loves her new electronic Elmo's World toy. She is most enthralled with photographs of herself and carries them carefully about, pointing her little finger in fascination at this dark-haired, olive-skinned, smiling image of herself.

Karen's life has changed almost as radically as her daughter's. Her days are governed by her child's schedule — feeding, diapering, napping, playing and going for walks with the stroller. She often collapses herself during Mary Alyce's nap time. She had to trade in her silver Volkswagen beetle for the more practical VW wagon. She will resume her full-time public relations job at the Society for American Florists in February. Mary Alyce will be enrolled in a day care center nearby where Karen can join her at lunchtime.

From the glow on Karen's face, the transition has been a joyous one. Every morning she cheerfully greets her daughter and tickles her. "I want to make her laugh," says this proud mom, "just so I can hear her giggle."



Grocery shopping here at home. Mary Alyce drives the lead buggy.

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are coming! See page 10 for details.