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## Major Environmental Impact Statement Released on ICC

by Thomas X. White

Public hearings to receive testimony on the location and design for the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Planning Study are scheduled for several locations next month. The first of three hearings will take place at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt on Tuesday, January 4 from 5 to 11 p.m. In case of snow, the hearing will be rescheduled to January 10.

An informational workshop, on display in the cafeteria beginning at 5 p.m., will remain open throughout the hearings for informal review of planning maps and

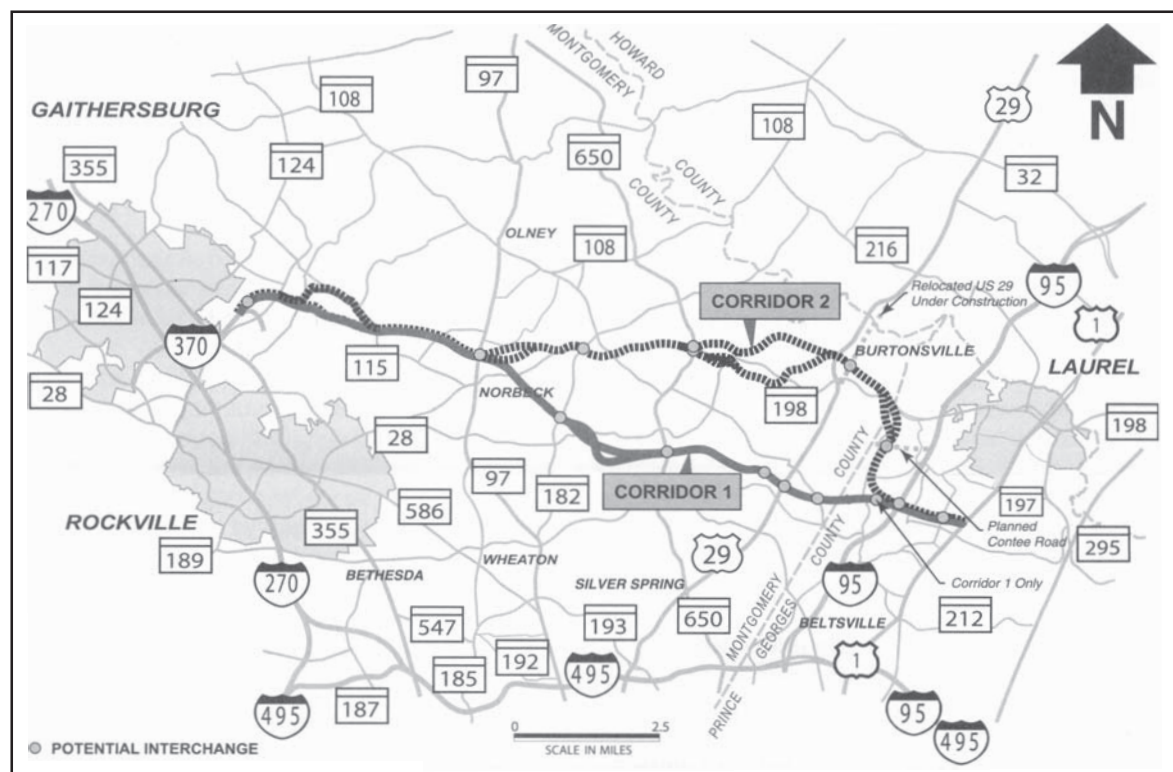
materials. The public hearing presentation and public testimony will take place in the school auditorium at 6 p.m. Similar hearings are scheduled at Gaithersburg High School on Wednesday January 5 and at James Blake High School on Norwood Road in Silver Spring on Saturday, January 8.

The Location/Design hearings will be the public's first opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) just released on November 22. The DEIS was prepared jointly by several agen-

cies – the US Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transportation Authority, in cooperation with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The ICC study area is located in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, extending from I-270 on the west to I-95/US-1 on the east and from the

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Intercounty Connector (ICC) Planning Study I-270 to I-95/US 1 in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

## Center's Window Replacement Could Begin by April 2005

by Barbara Hopkins

Work to replace the windows in the Greenbelt Community Center could begin next April following approval on December 1 by the State Board of Public Works of the city's request to issue a sole-source contract for the project. The city now has permission to hire two firms that performed the demonstration project to the satisfaction of both the city and the Maryland Historical Trust. These were MarChuk Construction of Vienna, Va., (general contractor) and the architectural firm of Vitetta Group, Inc. of Philadelphia.

In anticipation of this approval from the state, two resolutions for the negotiated purchase of services from the two companies were introduced for first reading at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on November 22. The resolutions

will come before council again on December 13 for second reading and adoption.

The total negotiated cost of the project is not to exceed \$446,000 which is more than the amount committed for the project from state funds of \$325,000 with a \$75,000 match from the city. The actual cost is expected to be \$429,500. The excess cost could be covered from the city's capital projects funds, according to comments prepared by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Since the work will extend into the next fiscal year, it would also be possible to budget additional funds in FY 2006.

Current funding covers only replacement windows on the north and east sides of the Community Center's 1937 wing. The front (south) windows were replaced for architectural and his-

torical integrity when the Center was renovated.

### Legislative Priorities

At the same meeting, council reviewed a list of legislative priorities to discuss with delegates from the state and county when councilmembers join them at the annual legislative dinner on December 15.

Among issues on the proposed list was the reallocation of \$300,000 in state bond funding now programmed for renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to pay for replacement windows on the west side of the Community Center. The bond bill for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center expansion occurred before AIMCO, current owner of the apartment complex, proposed its redevelopment.

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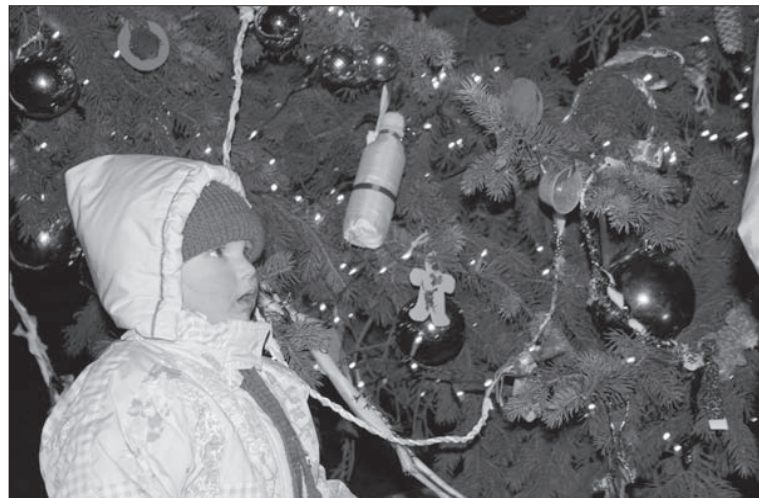


PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Elizabeth Gardner, age 3, enjoys the Christmas tree.

## Tree Lighting and Craft Fair Draw Big Crowd to Center

by Jim Lara

The Greenbelt Community Center played host to the city's annual tree lighting ceremony and art and craft fair last weekend attracting residents to join in the festivities. The tree lighting took place on Friday, December 3 and the craft fair was held in the Community Center on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5.

The tree lighting is an annual event in its 33rd year in the city and its third year at the Community Center. It's a way to kick off the holiday season and the

many holiday events that will occur in Greenbelt. People began to gather on the Center's front lawn at 6:30 p.m. to hear music by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Many youngsters were dancing to the festive tunes of "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

It was a clear, chilly night and people were bundled up against the cold. Volunteers of the Greenbelt Recreation Department handed out cookies and

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## City to Use Block Grant To Purchase New Trailer

by Barbara Hopkins

In addition to overseeing other business at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 11, Mayor Judith Davis announced a public hearing and invited citizen comment on the use of block grant funds for local law enforcement. Later council addressed approving the recommended use of the funds.

The city was awarded funds through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program conducted through the US

Department of Justice. The program provides funds to local governments to underwrite projects designed to reduce crime and improve public safety. The amount awarded to Greenbelt this fiscal year is \$11,677. It includes the required 10 percent matching contribution from the city, which will be derived from seized drug money.

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, December 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking lot between city offices and Community Center

10 a.m. to noon, Santa visit, Youth Center, pre-school and up

#### Monday, December 13

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

#### Thursday, December 16,

7 to 9 p.m., Public Forum on Towing by Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center, Senior Classroom

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

7:30 p.m., Public Hearing, Board of Appeals, Community Center, Room 202

#### Special Aquatic and Fitness Center Schedule

Sunday, December 12 – Center closed at 8 p.m. for in-service training

Monday and Tuesday, December 13 and 14 – Registration for passholders and residents

Wednesday, December 15 through 17 – Open registration



## Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

Around this time of year it has been traditional for the youngsters who deliver the News Review to leave holiday greetings envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very much. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of the carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Again this year, the carriers will leave envelopes. We hope these envelopes, equipped with each carrier's name and address, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show appreciation. If your carrier's name or address is in doubt, mail your envelope to the News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt MD 20770-1887 for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

## Red Cross Urgently Needs Blood

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is experiencing a drastic decline in blood donor appointments at local donor centers and blood drives. This decline threatens the region's ability to supply local hospitals with lifesaving blood products for trauma victims, cancer patients, surgical candidates and other patients in need. Donors of all blood types are needed immediately.

"It becomes increasingly challenging to meet these patient needs during the holidays and we are asking each member of the public to imagine for just a moment that the person who needs blood is their own family member, friend or even themselves," said Gary Ouellette, chief executive officer for the GC & P region. "Each donor who comes forward will know that by rolling up their sleeve and giving blood, they have given a tremendous gift to someone in their community this holiday season."

To be eligible to give blood: donors must be generally in good health; be at least 17 years of age or in the state of Maryland only, 16 years of age with written parental consent; weigh no less than 110 pounds; have not received a tattoo within the past year; have not donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

Members of the community are asked to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE immediately to schedule an appointment to donate whole blood or 1-800-272-2123 to donate platelets. Businesses and community groups that are willing to hold blood drives should call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925. Visit online at [www.my-redcross.org](http://www.my-redcross.org).

## AARP Flu Vaccine Hotline Is Open

An 800 number to help members and other consumers fight back against price gouging for flu shots has been put in place by AARP. The toll-free number 1-877-FLU-COST (877-358-2678) is operational from 7 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

AARP Board Member Byron Thames, M.D., said, "This year's flu shot supply has created an environment where access may be controlled through personal favor, and more often, through exorbitant pricing."

To help stop price gougers, the line will provide a way to report any pricing irregularities that people are aware of, either through personal experience or through friends or neighbors. Pricing experts agree that anything over \$30, excluding doctors visit fees, could be an overcharge.

AARP is also urging people to ask their medical providers about a pneumococcal vaccine. "Pneumonia shots are in full supply and can really save lives," Dr. Thames said.

## Condo's Swimming Pool For Sale in Foreclosure

by James Giese

The A. J. Billig & Co. Auctioneers of Baltimore have announced a mortgage assignees' sale of the recreational unit at 6640 Lake Park Drive Manor House, Greenbelt Lake Village Condominium in Greenbelt for Thursday, December 16 at 1 p.m. on the premises. The property for sale is described as "not being a residential unit" and includes such amenities as "sitting areas, a terrace room, an exercise room, a billiard room, an activities room and a swimming pool and deck." The property is being sold in "as is" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to and with the benefit of all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including the Declaration of Greenbelt Lake Village Condominium. A \$50,000 deposit will be required of the purchaser at time of sale and the deposit must be increased to 10 percent of the purchase price within 24 hours of sale. The property is being offered for sale by the assignees to a Purchase Money Mortgage dated April 10, 1997 with legal representation by Saul Ewing LLP, attorneys.

The Ewing firm has not responded to a query for information. Martin Leob of Metropolitan Management Co., manager of Greenbelt Lake Village Condominium (also known as the Lakes at Greenbelt Village) declined to provide information on advice of legal counsel.

This sale appears to be the latest action in a dispute between the condominium association and the builder of the development. The details of this dispute are not available but it appears related to alleged deficiencies of construction that have not been resolved. Reportedly, the association ceased payment on the mortgage for the recreational facilities at the development sometime ago in

an effort to get the builder to take action. The mortgage holders have now responded by placing the property up for sale for foreclosure purposes.

City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin has said that the city is aware of the auction sale but considers it a matter between the association and the developer. Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze has advised that there are no significant building code deficiencies outstanding at this time. At one time, in 1998, condo buyers and public officials expressed much dissatisfaction with the construction work being done by the builder, Foundation Properties, Inc.

Since the recreational facilities at Greenbelt Lake Village are difficult to access by those who are not residents of the condominium and appear to be restricted as to their use, there has been speculation as to who might be interested in purchase and in what amount. It may be possible that some form of resolution to the disputes between the condominium association and the builder or other legal action might take place before or after the sale occurs.

## Fundraiser, Silent Auction for Lasick's

Friends of Jo Lasick, owner of Lasick's Restaurant on Route 1 north of University Boulevard in College Park, will hold a fundraiser and silent auction at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville on Tuesday, December 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Early in the morning of November 29 a fire, possibly set by an arsonist, burned down the building and put the popular eatery out of business and its employees out of work. Fire and police officials are investigating.

The Lasick family has generously supported local schools, Special Olympics of Maryland and Prince George's County, FOP and other local charities over many years. The planned event is a way of giving back to friends in need.

For ticket information, call 301-982-0900.

## Square Dance At RV Center

There will be a square dance party on Tuesday, December 14 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at the Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park. There is a fee.

People are invited to come as they are, this is a casual event. Bring a snack to share. Email [squaredancers@comcast.net](mailto:squaredancers@comcast.net) or call 301-762-2231 or 410-268-0231 for information.

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# Community Events

## Info Workshop For Seniors Offered

"Senior Solutions for Changing Times," a special information workshop for seniors, will be held Tuesday, December 14. There will be two sessions – one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. – at the Greenbelt Library.

Topics include nursing home/home health care cost protection planning, asset protection, how to avoid probate, how to increase spendable income, pre and post retirement planning and new IRA distribution guidelines.

This free workshop is sponsored by Senior Information Center of the Mid-Atlantic, a local not-for-profit company.

Call 800-807-3847 for reservations. The limit per session is 40 people.

## Greens Meet

Monday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting at the Beijing Restaurant in the Roosevelt Center. All are welcome to attend.

The tentative agenda includes a 2004 Maryland post-election wrap-up and update on David Cobb's recount effort in Ohio, plans for hosting the statewide Green meeting (March 2005), update on the Committee to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek's work to protect Indian Creek from unwise development, opposing the Intercounty Connector highway at upcoming public hearings (scheduled for Jan. 4), Green participation in the Counter Inaugural (Jan. 20), a report from the Maryland Green Party's strategic planning sessions, a December coordinating council meeting and a short presentation by a lawyer on the illegality of the use of military force as an instrument of national policy.

The Greenbelt Greens also meet informally each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, Centerway in Old Greenbelt (Roosevelt Center). For more information call Anja at 301-486-0744 or Bob at 202-722-4304.

## Donation Drop-off On Saturday

The city's Donation Drop-off co-sponsored by the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, December 11 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-off is held the second Saturday of each month.

## Volunteers Needed For New Year's Eve

The Greenbelt New Year's Eve Committee is in need of volunteers to help with this year's celebration at the Community Center. Volunteers work for one or two hours. The rest of the evening is free to enjoy the food, music and festivities. Volunteers direct traffic, supervise activities and generally ensure everyone is having a good time. All volunteers receive free admission and a free "Event Staff" T-shirt. For information call volunteer coordinators Dan Hamlin at 301-982-0048 or Jim Marley at 301-552-1288.

## Happy Hanukkah



PHOTO BY MARY MOJEN

This year's Hanukkah celebration began on Tuesday, December 7 at sundown. One candle in the menorah is lit every night to mark each of the eight days of the Jewish holiday.

## City Notes

During the month of November, an average of 14 families were seen each week for counseling by Greenbelt CARES. Forty individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 13 were 18 years of age and younger. Fifty-two students participated in tutoring services.

### Code Enforcement

Construction/Sediment Erosion Control staff inspected fire restoration work on Hanover Parkway, Mandan Road and Ora Court.

Planning staff drafted trails standards for the Forest Preserve Task Force, updated state infrastructure survey, completed highway survey inventory, prepared a theater contract for signing, worked on a memo regarding the bi-county transitway meeting, reviewed merchants loan program applications and filed a requested revision for Animal Control Facility permit.

### Public Works

Regular work was interrupted on December 1 during the rain and wind storms when crews were mobilized to remove trees that fell, blocking streets and pathways. Pepco was notified of the power outage in the center of the city.

Vehicle mechanics serviced and prepared snow equipment.

The horticulture crew planted 22 red maples and three red oaks on Periwinkle Court and Rosewood Drive and installed protective wire around trees at high risk for beaver damage at Buddy Attick Park.

Parks crews converted a tractor to a snow plow, prepared a truck for the winter, completed the stone patio and installed a wooden bench at the lake park.

### Recreation Dept.

Administration/Youth Center staff met with the director of Planning and Community Development and Sharon Bradley to review plans for the skate park.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center experienced an electrical outage for two hours this week. Staff was able to keep the pool open for only an hour in accordance with Prince George's County Health Department regulations and closed the facility entirely for the remainder of the outage.

Lifeguard staff performed a rescue this week involving a youngster in deep water.

## Chromatics to Sing This Weekend at GAC

The Chromatics, Greenbelt's local a cappella group, is back at the Greenbelt Arts Center this weekend for their annual holiday concert. The Chromatics is a high-energy vocal band that entertains audiences with a combination of original music, melodic insights into modern life and a smattering of science songs. The Chromatics will perform holiday concerts on Saturday, December 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m. As has become their tradition, the Chromatics will invite the audience to stay after each concert for cake and conversation. Each performance will also feature a different guest group.

"Lost Cause," Saturday's guest group, will take the audience back in time with a performance of its own blend of traditional music in the style of the sea chanty. Mostly a cappella, "Lost Cause" occasionally performs with a period instrument to enhance the sound. They often perform in period costume as well. This is the first time "Lost Cause" has appeared with the Chromatics.

"Kismet," the guest group for Sunday afternoon, is a group of young professional women from the D.C. area who bill themselves as vocal vixens. They perform pop and rock in the all female a cappella style that has been very popular on college campuses over the past decade. The Chromatics and "Kismet" shared the stage in July at "Jammin' Java" in Vienna, Va.

The Chromatics, an original all-vocal band that has been together since 1993, is completing a year of performances at science museums and science fiction conventions as well as several local coffeehouses and folk festivals. The Chromatics, many of whom are space scientists in their day jobs, have performed their astronomically-correct a cappella songs in educational settings in Palm Springs, Orlando, Las Vegas and New York City. The Internet, television and fast food are also subjects of Chromatics originals and they have presented their down-to-earth repertoire at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, various First Nights, the Atlantic Region Harmony Sweepstakes, numerous festivals, concert series and private parties. The Chromatics will also perform at Brookside Gardens on Sunday, December 19. For more information, visit <http://www.thechromatics.com>.

## Democrats Hold Meeting, Host Holiday Party Dec. 17

by Bill Hunt, president

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The club is continuing to build a strong community-based and-led organization, focused on the critical and substantive issues that face our nation, our state and our county. All Democrats are invited to attend and get involved. Everyone is important. Working together we can and will make a difference. We are continually discussing plans for future club activities and priorities. A full and ambitious agenda is antici-

pated for 2005, as we prepare for the critical 2006 election cycle.

The Roosevelt Democratic Club's officers for 2005 will be sworn in at the meeting. Several elected officials are expected to make brief presentations on county and state issues. A special holiday party will follow the meeting. Members and guests are reminded to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided by the hospitality committee, chaired by Mary Chapman.

Call 301-982-0111 with questions or for more information.

## Doctors Hospital Holds Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lion's Club in partnership with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hospital's campus at 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham. The American Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations. During the last two weeks Red Cross national blood inventories have dropped by more than 50 percent and are currently at less than a two-day supply. A seven-day supply is considered adequate. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.

## Education Awards To Be Presented

The Prince George's County Board of Education will host the first awards program for the 2004-2005 school year on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The Board of Education and the Chief Executive Officer will honor public school students for outstanding academic performance and talent. They will also recognize principals, school administrators, teachers, business community leaders and various education stakeholder groups whose significant contributions to the school system help to ensure successful educational outcomes for students. The board awards programs for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year are scheduled for March 17 and May 17. The public is invited.



### GDC Meeting

- 3rd Quarter Operating Statements
- Proposed 2005 Operating Budget

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER 16, 2004

- 7:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- Member Complaint Issues

### 7:30 PM REGULAR SESSION

#### KEY AGENDA ITEMS:

- Proposed Privacy Fence, 73H Ridge Road
- Pest Control Contract – 1st Reading
- Expenditure Authorization #1 – 2nd Reading
- Technology Contract – 2nd Reading
- Engagement of Auditor
- Non-Conforming Vinyl Storage Container, 10E Southway
- A&E Recommendation: Review of New Additions

Regular board meetings are open to members.



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Each year the News Review publishes Holiday Greetings from area residents. To place your own message, contact the Ad Desk at 301-474-4131. Greetings are scheduled to be printed in the December 23 issue of the newspaper which means the deadline is upon us!

## Greenbelt Museum Gift Shop

Shop for your Holiday needs

"Dear Mrs. Roosevelt" signed by the author

Greenbelt items at reduced prices, including T-shirts, tote bags, afghans, ornaments, books, Cat's Meows and holiday cards.

Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18  
Greenbelt Co-op  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19  
Greenbelt Museum  
1 to 5 p.m.





Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the tragic death of Doreen M. McClendon of Breezewood Drive. We send our sympathy to her family. CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Greenbelter Shawn Foy of Hanover Parkway for his invention and pending patent of the "Digi Pen," an ink pen equipped with a mini scanner, read-only memory and microchip that can perform spell checking on written words and text. The Digi Pen is not yet in production.

- To Greenbelt artist Shayna Skolnik, who recently won \$100 and honorable mention for her painting in the exhibition "A New Day: Most Recent Works by Artists in Prince George's County." Her work and that of Greenbelter Elizabeth Morissette and others is on display in the main gallery of Arts Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington, through January 14.

- To Eleanor Roosevelt High School teachers, principals, parents and community members for a certificate of recognition awarded by the Maryland State Department of Education for high achievement in overall academic performance.

- To Air Force Airman 1st Class Joshica Y. Kiah who graduated from basic military training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. Kiah is the daughter



of Yvonne Johnson of Hanover Parkway and Michael Kiah of Dacula, Ga. During six weeks of training, airmen study the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; perform drill and ceremony marches and receive physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Kiah is a 2004 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Oops! Watch out for wasps and other stinging insects. They may be hiding in nooks and crannies of the home or office and come out on unseasonably warm days. We hope editor Mary Lou Williamson suffered no serious effects from her recent encounter with a stinging wasp during the Tuesday afternoon editing session.

We rejoice with staffer Linda Paul on her daughter Kay's return home after major surgery, followed by rehabilitation, required as a result of an aneurysm.

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# High Point High Graduates Celebrate School's 50th

by Judy Bell

High Point High School, alma mater of many Greenbelt students in the '50s, '60s and '70s, has turned 50.

In 1954 a new high school was opened "on a hilltop high above us" - oh no, nostalgia has set in - that's from the school song - in Beltsville. To honor that moment in history the school hosted an anniversary party on October 23 with alumni and faculty invited to celebrate.

Approximately 300 people attended the party. Six members of the first graduating class (1956) attended: Richard Rosenswieg, who grew up in Greenbelt and is currently a docent for the Greenbelt Museum; Terry Wiram; Joan Rexrode Welch; Lee Chaney Carter; Leonard Beacraft; and I, Judy Ransom Bell.

In 1953, after Greenbelt teens had completed the ninth grade at Greenbelt Junior High School, they began their high school years at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville. It was an exciting time for us. Northwestern was big and full of life, teeming with adolescent energy. I loved being there, feeling my oats as a sophomore, attending a high school which held a great reputation.

But sometime during that 1953 year it was announced that some of us would be transferring to a new school. I was not a happy camper. However, having no other choice, I reluctantly began my final two years of high

school "out in the country" or so it seemed then, when there was still wide-open land left in that part of the county.

### Opening

When it opened in 1954, High Point was a combination junior-senior high school. And since there was no graduating class in 1955, the juniors got to be the upperclassmen for two years. It wasn't long before we began to feel special since our class was involved in picking the team name (Eagles), school colors (blue and gold - after some dispute because some of us wanted black and white), the school song, name of the yearbook (The Ery), and name of the school newspaper (The Beacon). Oblivious at the time, I realized later that our class was part of a team of administrators, faculty and staff who were beginning to establish a solid foundation for ourselves and thousands of future students who would call High Point their alma mater.

### First Faculty

At the 50th anniversary party, Dr. Allan Chotiner, first principal of High Point (1954-1973), reminisced about what a fine faculty he served with in those early days. Who could forget Mrs. Biggs; Mrs. Geoghegan; Mr. Woodburn (who attended the party); Mr. Owens (of science center fame); Frankie McMillen; Katherine Keene, who lived in Greenbelt; Mr. Scott; the gorgeous Miss Brown; Dorothy Gonthier, who resides in Greenbelt and is still a world traveler (she was in Paris at the time of the party); or

Mrs. Gladys Attick, widow of Greenbelt's beloved Buddy Attick; and Mrs. Donna Romer, who were the heart of the school office.

A very accomplished High Point Concert Choir entertained the group. After a buffet dinner served by Three Brothers, all five of the High Point principals spoke. Dr. Chotiner, as well as Frank Tracy (1973-1988), Ron Cunningham (1988-1994), Michael Ryan, principal from 1996 to 2004 who has gone on to River Hill High School in Columbia this year and Scott Smith, now serving as principal. All spoke in glowing terms about High Point, sharing their memories and many accomplishments of the school, not the least of which is the diversity of the population. Flags from 70 different countries are hung from the auditorium ceiling.

The anniversary party gave me the opportunity to look back on those high school years with a renewed sense of appreciation, separating out all the angst that goes with adolescence and recognizing with pride that High Point served me well. Happy Anniversary to the school on the hill.

## NARFE Holds Joint Buffet Luncheon

NARFE Chapter 2146's December 15 meeting will be a joint buffet luncheon meeting with College Park, Beltsville and Greenbelt NARFE Chapter 1122 at noon at the Best Western College Park Inn. Call 301-441-2585 for reservations.

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

### Baha'i Faith

Classes for children, youth and adults, most Sundays at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 10AM-12noon. The public is welcome.

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.us.bahai.org](http://www.us.bahai.org)

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Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt\\_baptist@verizon.net](mailto: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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### Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

That was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [muslimguide@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimguide@hotmail.com) or visit [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com).

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410 [www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt)

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

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### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

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Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!





# City Information

**CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Municipal Building - Council Room**  
**December 13, 2004 – 8 p.m.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

Police Department – National Law Enforcement Challenge Award  
**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
 \***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
 Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Open Forum Report

**LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17, "Solid Waste," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Section 17-43, to Limit Bags for Yard Waste Pick-Up to Paper Bags, Effective March 1, 2005 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)  
 A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Services for the Renovation of the Windows at the Community Center with MarChuk Construction of Vienna, Virginia (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)  
 A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Architectural Services Required to Renovate the Windows at the Community Center with Vitetta of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Playground Agreement
- ICC Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Public Hearing
- Police Department Accreditation Process - Update
- FY 2004 Annual Report
- Appointments to COG Boards and Policy Committees for 2005
- \* Municipal Agencies - MOU
- \*Appointment to Advisory Group

**MEETINGS**

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Greenbelt Board of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 16, 2004** at **7:30pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Robert D. & Alexandra C. Persiko for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 7906 Kara Court. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach one foot into the 20 foot rear yard setback requirement for the purpose of constructing a 11x12 sunroom. For more information call 301-345-5417.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2004**

**Santa's Visit**  
**Saturday 12/11, from 10:00am to 12:00pm**  
 Youth Center-Multi Purpose Room  
 Preschool and up / FREE  
 Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a picture with Santa. Plenty of activities to take part in while you wait. Bring a VHS tape and have your visit professionally taped.  
*Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.*

**North Pole Calling**  
**Tuesday 12/14 through Thursday 12/16 6:00pm to 7:30pm**  
 Preschool through  
 Grade 2 / FREE  
 Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to chat with your child! To be contacted by Santa, complete and return the informational flier available at the Youth Center.  
*Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept*

**Meetings for December 13-17**

**Monday, December 13, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center.**

**Monday, December 13, 7:30pm, Interview for Advisory Group, Municipal Building Library.**

**Monday, December 13, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).**

**Tuesday, December 14, 7:30pm, Board of Elections Meeting, Municipal Building .**

**Thursday, December 16, 7:00-9:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee-Public Forum on Towing, Community Center, Senior Classroom.**

**Thursday, December 16, 7:00-9:00pm, Board of Appeals Public Hearing, Community Center, Room 202.**

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:**  
 Advisory Planning Board  
 Arts Advisory Committee  
 Public Safety Advisory Committee  
 Senior Citizens Advisory Committee  
*For more information, please call 301-474-8000.*

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000:**  
**Monday, December 13 at 8pm:** City Council Meeting "live,"  
**Tuesday & Thursday, December 14 & 16: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Wills, Not for Seniors Only," **10:30am & 6:30pm** "Ask the Expert-Holiday Blues and Beyond," **7:00pm** ACE Reading Club presents "Dear Mr. Henshaw" a book discussion, **7:15pm** ACE Reading Club presents "Greenbelt Middle School," **7:30pm** "Festival of Lights Tree Lighting with the Greenbelt Concert Band," **8:30pm** Replay of City Council 12/13.

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:**  
**Wednesday & Friday, December 15 & 17: 7:00pm** "Future View, **7:30pm** Greenbelt Cooperatives with Leta Mach "The Greenbelt News Review," **8:00pm** Peace Month presents "Flutar."

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER WINTER SESSION**

**ADULT WATER CLASSES**  
**CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS**  
**Session Dates Jan. 3 thru Feb.26**

Passholders and Residents register Dec.13 and 14  
 Open Registration Dec. 15 - 17 All may register thereafter until classes fill.

*The Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closed @ 8:00pm Sunday Dec. 12 for In-Service Training. Sunday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> we will be open until 10pm. Thanks for your cooperation and Happy Holidays.*

**Return to the Emerald City**

**GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2005**

Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road to an alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring entertainment for all ages at these adjoining venues in the heart of historic Greenbelt:  
**Greenbelt Community Center • Greenbelt Youth Center • Greenbelt Arts Center • Greenbelt Theater • New Deal Café**

*The party begins at 7pm on Friday, December 31 and lasts till after midnight*

**FOR SALE**

**1992 Ford Taurus Wagon 4D,** Good Condition, Air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, auto transmission

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For further information, call the City of Greenbelt Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

**Saturday, December 11th**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center**

*The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)*

*For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.*

**HELP WANTED CITY OF GREENBELT**

**Service Coordinator – Full time Social Service Staff person needed to link elderly residents of HUD 202 with services and programs. Bachelors' Degree in Social Work or equivalent experience; must have experience with seniors. Experience with case management and knowledge of local and national senior benefits required. Three year grant-funded position. \$30,740.80/yr. plus benefits.**

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download our Employment Application from website ([www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)) or call job-line at 301-474-1872 for required application. **The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM ON TOWING PROBLEMS**



Thursday, December 16th  
 7-9pm  
 Greenbelt Community Center Senior Classroom



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Capital Beltway (I-495/I-95) on the south to the Patuxent River on the north.

### Alternatives

In addition to a No-Action (no-build) alternative, two build alternatives are under consideration. The Corridor 1 (southern route) alternative includes options within Rock Creek Park and Northwest Branch Park. Corridor 2 (the northern alignment) includes options in Rock Creek Park, Norbeck, Spencerville, Burtonsville and Fairland. Although both north and south alternatives are planned to end at the same general location in Prince George's County (in the Ammendale area near US 1 and Muirkirk Road), an option is under consideration that would terminate the project at either US 29 or I-95.

The Corps of Engineers, EPA and MDE are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the DEIS. By law, a cooperating agency has jurisdiction over some portion of the project or has special expertise. The Corps is the permitting agency for the federal Clean Water Act Section 404 permit that would be required for the project. It also regulates discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, pursuant to the Clean Water Act. These discharges also require permits from the Corps.

The EPA has discretionary veto authority over the Section 404 permit and special expertise with respect to the Clean Water Act guidelines.

The agencies that prepared the DEIS believe that the ICC study also satisfies the alternative analysis requirements of the Maryland Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act for proposed impacts to nontidal wetlands.

In addition, a water quality certification, pursuant to the Clean Water Act, will be required from MDE.

### Study Scope

The DEIS made available to the public is a voluminous document consisting of four volumes. These include the DEIS summary, a description of the affected environment (study area), the consideration of alternatives, environmental consequences, the draft Section 4(f) evaluation; a section on environmental stewardship; and agency

coordination and public involvement. In addition there are references, figures, tables and appendices.

In accord with Council on Environmental Quality recommendations, technical information that is summarized in the DEIS is provided in detail in technical reports on the natural environment; socioeconomic and land use, air quality, noise quality, site assessment, cultural impact assessment, environmental stewardship, archeological identification and sampling survey, travel analysis and a University of Maryland economic impact study. The DEIS, the above listed technical reports and a project booklet are available either through the ICC Study website ([www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org)) or by calling their toll-free line (1-800-462-0020).

For Greenbelt residents interested in this latest reincarnation of the ICC (the facility having been rejected at least three times over the past 40 years), there will be a lot of information to review between now and the hearings. The ICC Study Team and state and federal regulatory agencies are encouraging public comment on the project.

### Public Comments

Input for the public hearing can be provided in a number of ways: written comments provided by letter (mail) or through the project's website, private testimony to court reporters at the hearings or public testimony in the auditorium at the hearings. Statements and exhibits to be included in the public hearing transcript must be received by February 1, 2005, submitted to Wesley Mitchell, Mail Stop C-301, Project Planning Division, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

### City Council

It is expected that the Greenbelt City Council will consider the DEIS hearings and continue to testify strongly against the ICC as have former councils over the past decades. A significant issue for Greenbelt is that an ICC facility terminating in the I-95 or Muirkirk Road area will probably connect to a proposed MD 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) extension, if built. Such a connection is expected to increase traffic through Greenbelt.

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Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected strongly to this reallocation. He said the city should move forward with the recreation center project because AIMCO's plans are indefinite at this time.

Other councilmembers supported the idea of reallocating the funds. They noted that at this time council would only be exploring with the state delegation the possibility of a change in focus for the funds. It was suggested that it is premature for the city to plan expansion of the recreation center at Springhill Lake at this time with renovation of the complex under consideration by AIMCO. When the legislative priority list was subjected to a vote, Roberts was the sole dissenter.

### Other Priorities

Other state issues to be discussed at the legislative dinner are planning and zoning authority for municipalities, protection of municipal funding sources and support for legislation which would limit the power of judges to reduce sentences.

County issues on the list include the amendment of the County Woodlands Ordinance to decrease allowed mitigation of woodlands, replacing mitigation with increased preservation.

Listed topics involving both the state and the county are renovation of Greenbelt Middle School, city opposition to the Intercounty Connector coupled with support for an inner-Beltway Purple Line and opposition to an additional Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Metro station.

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The program requires that an advisory board review and make non-binding recommendations on the use of the grant. Both the police department and the LLEBG Advisory Board recommend the funds be used toward the purchase of a trailer to serve as a mobile classroom at the firearms range to replace one so deteriorated that the department considers it dangerous to use. The recommendation includes reprogramming last year's funds of \$25,563 to this same project to cover the cost.

Last year's funds had been designated for in-car video cameras in four or five police cruisers. However, the police department now considers replacement of the trailer to be the higher priority. Captain Daniel O'Neil, of the Greenbelt Police Department, told council there are too many open, on-going technology projects in the department to add installation and implementation of the video cameras in patrol cars at this time. To do so would seriously tax technology staff, he said, and there were fears that the video camera technology would become outdated before the program could be implemented.

Phil Nichols of the LLEBG Advisory Board was present and told council the board had voted unanimously for using the funds as the police department proposed, even though members also supported the video cameras. It was reported that one member of the board had voted with reservations over concerns about not installing the video cameras in police cruisers and because the person considered the proposal a

"borderline" legitimate use for the funds. However the police department had verified with the grant administrator that since the trailer would not be on permanent footers nor have plumbing it did meet the program's criteria to be considered equipment. The program precludes use of funds for real estate or construction of new facilities.

### Approval

When the item came up later in council's agenda for the evening, councilmembers expressed concerns about giving up the in-car video cameras and asked questions about the status of the lap-top computers for police officer use. O'Neil said the department is still not where it would like to be with the use of the lap-top computers, but that the situation is "very improved." He favored the purchase of the trailer instead of the video cameras, he said, because of the dire state of the existing old trailer and because of insufficient technology resources, as previously explained.

Several councilmembers had concerns that the block grant funds may not be available when the city is ready to address the video camera project. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he supports the purchase of the trailer even though he is in favor of having the cameras. He said if grant funds are not available for the cameras, the city will have to use its own funds.

After discussion, Councilmember Edward Putens' motion to approve the recommendation to purchase the new trailer was passed unanimously.



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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.

Because of the two-day city Thanksgiving holiday, this report is for the extended period of November 23 to December 3.

## Attempted Robbery

November 26, Cash Depot, 5510 Cherrywood Lane, 10:21 a.m., a cashier told police that a man entered the business, approached the cashier and announced a robbery. When the victim did not respond, the man produced a handgun and pointed it at a customer. The cashier then set off an alarm causing the man to flee. He was last seen on foot on Cherrywood Lane walking toward Breezewood Drive. The man is described as black, 5'9" to 6'2", 220 to 250 pounds with black hair and brown eyes and wearing a black jacket with cream-colored stripes and black pants.

## Burglary

6000 block Springhill Drive, November 25, 9:40 p.m. An ex-boyfriend allegedly forced his way into a woman's apartment and then fled the scene in a vehicle which was abandoned a short time later in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane. The vehicle had front end damage, blood inside and identification belonging to the suspect. Later a nonresident man was located in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace suffering from facial injuries sustained in the accident, arrested and charged with burglary and auto theft. A computer check revealed that the suspect also had an open warrant with the Montgomery County Police Department. The suspect was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

100 block of Lakeside Drive, November 23 and November 28, residents reported that unknown person(s) gained entry to their premises. In the first incident, entry was gained by removing the screen to a bathroom window. Money was taken. In the second, entry was made by forcing open a rear sliding glass door. Jewelry was taken.

7600 block of Ora Glen Drive, November 24, 7:47 a.m. a commercial burglary was reported. No other information was provided.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, November 24, 8:29 a.m., a commercial burglary was reported. No other information was provided.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, November 29, 9:35 a.m., unknown person(s) attempted to enter the residence by removing a window screen. The complainant heard sounds at her window while sleeping and then heard people leaving the area.

Beltway Plaza, November 30, 11:50 p.m., a commercial burglary was reported. No other information was provided.

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9000 block Breezewood Terrace, December 2, 1:34 a.m., it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Money was taken.

## Gun Possession

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 30, 9:30 a.m., school administrators observed two young men attempting to enter a back door. They were told to leave school property but returned a short time later and entered a vehicle in the parking lot. A school resource officer stopped the vehicle and a computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. The passenger was found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. Located in the vehicle were two handguns. A nonresident man, 18, and 16-year-old youth of unknown address were arrested and charged with transporting a handgun and possession of a deadly weapon on school grounds. The youth was also charged with possession of marijuana. Both were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner.

## Driving Arrests

Area of Hanover Drive and Hanover Parkway, November 26, 1:49 p.m., two resident men were arrested for driving while impaired and driving under the influence following a traffic accident. One was arrested after he attempted to flee the scene on foot but was apprehended nearby after he was identified as being the original driver of one of the vehicles involved in the accident. The other was arrested after he got into the driver's seat of a car

and attempted to drive away. Both suspects were released pending trial.

As a result of traffic stops in five separate incidents during this period, five men, two from Greenbelt, were arrested. Two were for driving while impaired and driving while under the influence, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and two for possession of marijuana.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following auto thefts were reported during the period: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, Nov. 23, a 1998 Cadillac Seville recovered by county police in Laurel on Nov. 26; 7700 block Hanover Parkway, Nov. 25, a black 2000 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, MD LNX422; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, Nov. 27, a 1996 Dodge Intrepid recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police in Washington and 400 block Ridge Road, Nov. 28, a 2000 Honda Civic recovered the next day by Bladensburg Police.

As a result of traffic stops, two men were arrested for driving vehicles bearing tags stolen in other jurisdictions. One vehicle reported stolen by another jurisdiction was recovered in Greenbelt without arrests being made.

Attempted auto thefts occurred at the Beltway Plaza and the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. Thefts from autos occurred at Beltway Plaza (3 incidents), 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace (2 incidents), 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block of Edmonston Terrace, 7900 block of Mandan Road and 7 court Laurel Hill Road.

## Tinsley Arrested In Houston

Kevin Maurice Tinsley, wanted suspect in the fatal stabbing of Doreen Michelle McClendon of the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, was arrested in Houston, Texas by the US Marshal's Service on December 3, five days after the November 28 incident, according to Greenbelt police. Tinsley was tracked to Houston, arriving on a Greyhound bus on December 1. When this information became known, a team consisting of marshals and members of the Houston Police Department was formed. An intensive search of the downtown Houston area led to a local homeless shelter where Tinsley was arrested without incident, police said. Tinsley is to be extradited to Prince George's County but still remained in custody in Houston as of December 6.

Responding to a complaint, police found McClendon on the hallway floor of her apartment building with multiple stab wound injuries. She was pronounced dead at Prince George's Hospital.

The mother of four, McClendon had an allegedly tumultuous relationship with Tinsley, her live-in boyfriend. Greenbelt police have charged him with first degree murder, first degree assault, armed robbery, armed carjacking, theft and the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.

A December 4 story by Avis Thomas Lester in the Washington Post reported that McClendon had sought a protective order against Tinsley the day before her death. A court commissioner had denied the request ruling that she had not provided enough evidence that abuse had occurred or been threatened. After locking herself and her children in the apartment all night, she ventured out to get coins for the laundry. Moments later, her daughter heard screams, Lester reported. McClendon was able to identify her assailant to both her mother and Greenbelt police before dying in surgery, according to Lester.

Funeral services for McClendon were held December 3.

## City Council Recognizes "Recycle Right" Winners



Winners of Greenbelt's "Recycle Right" contest, L to R: Cindy Murray, Public Works Dept.; Councilmembers Leta Mach and Edward Putens; Alan Gerring of Mathew Street; Mayor Judith Davis; Jerry Bonnell of Lakeside Drive; Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts; and Neal Barnett, chair of the Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee. Winners not present for the awards ceremony are: Steven and Theresa Henderson, Wayne Strittmatter, Letty Bonnell, Cheryl Gerring and Ann Sacclaris.

## I-95 to Honor Wounded Veterans

The State of Maryland has formally designated Interstate 95 as the "Purple Heart Trail" to recognize all United States military personnel killed or wounded in action. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, a national wounded veteran's advocacy group, is recognizing the sacrifices of Purple Heart recipients by establishing a Purple Heart

Trail in each state throughout the country. Maryland is the seventh state to do so, following Virginia, California, Nevada, Kansas, Arizona and New Mexico.

As part of the dedication, four new signs were unveiled at four rest areas: I-95 Laurel (both directions), the Maryland House in Harford County and the Chesapeake House in Cecil County.

## Technology Com. Meets December 13

The technology committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Monday, December 13 at 5 p.m. in the Board Executive Room, Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will no public participation.

## New Bus Stop Is Hard to See In Dark

The city has built a new bus stop several yards up Cherrywood Lane from the old shelter. The new stop is sometimes difficult to see after dark or during rain. People waiting for the bus outside of Giant in Beltway Plaza should be sure they are at the new stop. It has a protective shelter with a place to sit. Buses no longer stop at the original shelter.

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hot chocolate to the celebrants. More and more people crowded the lawn when soon after 7 p.m. Santa Claus made his appearance to the cheers of parents and their children. It all concluded when organizers got the crowd to count down to the lighting of the festival tree.

Revelers cheered the lighting of the new 15-foot evergreen, which was planted two years ago. Afterward, there was Christmas music by a children's choir from St. Hugh's School and an a capella group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Terry Hamilton, who watched as Santa was giving out candy canes to his two kids and all the other children, was amazed by the turnout. "Last year there was about half the number of people that are here tonight," said Hamilton. Weather was a problem last year, according to Nancy Wilmont of the Recreation Department, as sleet and rain kept residents at home. "Overall, I think about 600 people came to the ceremony this year and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves," said Wilmont.

The art and craft fair, also in its 33rd year, allowed Greenbelters to look at and purchase various items by local artists. About 40 exhibitors had tables displaying work that was individually hand crafted. Frederick resident Rick Keeney had a stand of birdhouses that he made from tin and barn wood. Each birdhouse took between 30 minutes and 60 minutes to complete. Each house was unique in appearance from the clocks, lights and grapevines used

to decorate them.

People could also buy pictures from the Greenbelt Photo Club, which showed work taken by amateur photographers. There were photos of flowers, forest scenes and wildlife from lions to seals. At another table Diona Green, who owns a scented candle business, let customers take a whiff of different aromas in each jar like peppermint and strawberry. Besides candles, other popular items for sale included homemade jewelry, skin lotion and herbal stress relief products.

Mary Gawlik and Gene Sickle of the Greenbelt Pottery Guild have been regular participants at the fair and have used the proceeds from sales to buy equipment and services for the guild. "This fair has always been the perfect venue to show wonderful crafts and also get others to support the program," Gawlick says. The group raises money to support functions like ceramics classes for those who want to learn the art.

Children could also take part in the craft making. There were workshops for ages 6 to 10 on Saturday and Sunday where kids learned to make puppets, paper decorations and decorative Christmas wreaths. Nicole DeWald, arts assistant at the Center, coordinated the event along with Barbara Davis and John Norden of the art department. "We had a good mix of new and old artists and I've gotten comments from people that they were pleased with the overall exhibition of the show," said DeWald.



**Above, Dave Munson and Ellen Jay entertain the crowd with their French horns.**

Photos by Jon Gardner

**Below, Thelma Forte of Beltsville helps Barbara Turnbull, age 6.**



**Above, Julia Cheng (right), helps Angela Zhao in drop-in art room.**

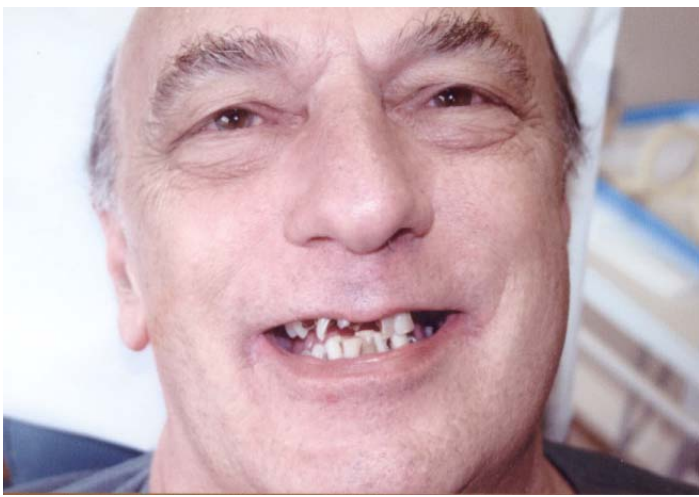


**At left, Chef Lou presides over the kitchen, which raised funds for the Greenbelt Arts Center.**



**Above, David Gardner, age 6.**

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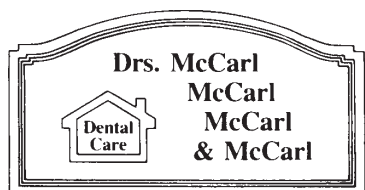
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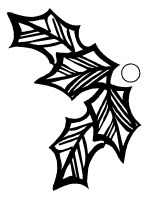
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# Holiday Activities



## Festival of Lights

On Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to noon there will be activities at the Youth Center for children pre-school and up. Santa will visit and all children will receive a picture with Santa. Free.

On Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. a Holiday Lights Concert will be presented by the Concert Band at the Community Center, playing a selection of seasonal favorites.

### Greenbriar Events

A children's breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. Enjoy carols and hot chocolate at the 7 p.m. Greenbelt East tree lighting on Sunday, December 12 at the Greenbriar Community Center.

### Museum

"Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era" is ongoing at the Greenbelt Museum exhibit space in the Community Center. The historic house museum will be decorated for the holidays. Tours are offered every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

### Art Exhibition

"A Gaze Met and Unmet: Photography by Harold Anderson" will be on view December 11 through January 8 at the Community Center Art Gallery.

## Greenbriar Toy Drive

Greenbriar is helping Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lions Club in their 13th annual effort to collect over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to families, orphanages, churches and hospitals for children who would not ordinarily receive a gift during the holiday season. New toys will be collected in the management office until Friday, December 17.

## Behnke Hosts Woodturners

The Chesapeake Woodturners will appear at Behnke's in Beltsville this weekend, December 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Holiday Gifts At Museum Shop

Greenbelt items – such as T-shirts, tote bags, afghans, ornaments, books, Cat's Meows and holiday cards – make great holiday gifts. The Greenbelt Museum will make these items available at a reduced rate on Saturday, Dec. 11 and 18 at the Greenbelt Co-op from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 19 at the Museum from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Vatican Art Display At Creche Exhibit

Three treasures from the Vatican museums are among the more than 150 nativities from around the world that will distinguish the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center's fourth annual international creche exhibit: "Joy to the World." The exhibit runs through January 10.

The Vatican pieces include: "Adoration by the Shepherds," an oil painting on canvas from the Murillo School; "Nativity," a gilded bronze by Cecco Bonanotte; and "Maternity," a painting on cloth from Japan. Also featured in the creche exhibit are nativities from the collection of James and Emilia Govan and many new nativities. New to the exhibit this year are numerous nativities from the collection of Laura Kirkconnell.

Admission to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center is by donation. For group information, call 202-635-5475. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Parking is free. For more information call 202-635-5400 or visit <http://www.jp2cc.org>. The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center is located at 3900 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington, D.C., near Catholic University.

## Winter Festivities At Watkins Park

On Saturday, December 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. enjoy a winter wonderland at Watkins Nature Center and Old Maryland Farm located at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. There is a fee.

Families are invited to gather for holiday fun and festivities. Activities at Watkins Nature Center include: seasonal decorations, puppet show, live animal chats, holiday crafts and Santa's arrival at 4 p.m. Activities at Old Maryland Farm include: hot apple cider, outdoor holiday decorations, framed picture with a farm animal for a fee, holiday drawing and Santa's arrival in a llama drawn cart at 3 p.m. Hayrides will be provided between the two facilities. To make reservations or for information call 301-218-6702, TTY 301-218-6768.

## Behnke Collects "Toys for Tots"

Contributions to the annual "Toys for Tot's" campaign sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps may be dropped off at the Beltsville Behnke Nursery. Unwrapped toys, new and in original packaging, may be left during Behnke business hours through December 15. For more information call 301-937-1100 or visit [www.behnkes.com](http://www.behnkes.com).

### Safety Tip

## Fresh Tree Guide

The city's Public Safety Advisory Committee makes the following suggestions on how to keep the holidays safe for those choosing a fresh cut tree.

The key is to start with a tree that is fresh because a fresh tree will stay green and moist longer and is less likely to ignite. To judge a tree's freshness note the color. A fresh tree is very green. The needles are hard to pull off the branches and bend but do not break when bent between the fingers. The tree can also be held upright and the trunk banged on the ground. If a large number of needles fall off or if the trunk is dry instead of sticky with resin, the tree is probably not fresh.

Once up and decorated, keep water in the stand to keep the tree from drying out.

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**When:** Saturday December 11 at 8 PM with Lost Cause  
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**Where:** Greenbelt Arts Center  
123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

**Tickets:** \$10 per person

**Reservations:** 301-441-8770

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