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Speakers Inside and Out Rally Arguments in Opposition to ICC

by Thomas X. White

Saturday, January 29 was the final public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC). The hearing at the James Blake High School on Norwood Road in Silver Spring was a snow make-up day for a hearing originally slated for January 22.

Just before the public hearing, the Save our Communities organization sponsored another alternatives rally outside the high school. Nearly 200 citizens braved the cold weather to register opposition to the proposed highway. The message from the speakers at the rally was "there are cheaper, more effective alternatives to building a \$3 billion proposed Intercounty Connector."

Audubon Naturalist Society Campaign Director Brian Henry cited a recent report from the Coalition for Smarter Growth which showed a range of realistic, more effective and cheaper alternatives to the ICC. "It is incred-

ible that the state has failed to study these clearly viable alternatives, which reduce driving and shorten the time we spend in our cars, create less air pollution and improve our communities' access to jobs, parks and other amenities," Henry said.

Michael Replogle, transportation director at Environmental Defense, said, "There are much more effective ways to address suburban traffic problems than the ICC. Toll-managed lanes, smart growth and better transit can bring expanded travel choices and congestion relief to the area while preserving budget money for schools and other public needs."

Montgomery County Councilmember Phil Andrews spoke about the need to hold the state accountable for its failure to properly administer the ICC study. "This study is an abdication of responsibility by the State Highway Administration. They failed to properly consider any alterna-

tives other than a highway and the legally required 'No Build' option."

Brian Henry closed the rally, urging citizens to contact their state legislators, urging them to reject the Ehrlich Administration's efforts to borrow \$1 billion to fund the ICC – instead, to push for a wider range of transportation solutions across the state, including transit investment, improving existing roads and making sure we plan development better to shorten commutes and reduce time stuck in traffic."

Main Event

Inside James Blake High school the temperature was a little warmer. Of about 130 speakers signed up to speak, well over half had braved the cold weather to present testimony on the proposed project when the public hearing portion of the agenda began promptly at 11 a.m. Of the approximately 71 speakers, only

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State Legislation and Grants Considered by City Council

by Barbara Hopkins

At its January 24 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council considered proposals for grants funding for Greenbelt CARES and new city entrance signs, support for marketing assistance for Roosevelt Center merchants and state legislation relating to municipal planning authority and hybrid vehicle use of HOV lanes.

The Strengthening Families Program was initiated by Greenbelt CARES in FY2004 with funding from the county's Liveable Communities program. To continue the program during the 2005-06 school year, the city will request \$20,000 additional funding. The program is designed to increase parenting skills, child behavior and family functioning for participants residing in Greenbelt's Springhill Lake neighborhood.

The request for funds was one

of several agreed upon by the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on January 24. The county had requested submission of projects for funding consideration at a recent meeting with municipality representatives. Although county staff reported there currently are no funds dedicated to Liveable Communities projects, the expectation remains that some funds could be identified to support municipal projects to improve the quality of life through one of the county executive's favored programs.

Council also agreed to seek \$6,500 to supplement grant funds hoped to be received from Volunteer Maryland to support a paid CARES volunteer coordinator to organize and revitalize volunteer services and programs in the city.

In addition, \$20,000 will be

requested to construct four signs at the entrance to the city. Design work has already been done and city staff will install the completed signs.

Council also agreed with staff's recommendation to submit the Commercial Area Revitalization Effort to provide expert assistance in promoting and marketing businesses to proprietors in Roosevelt Center. This project does not require funding but will be submitted for a commitment of resources and expertise from the county Redevelopment Authority.

State Legislation

Delegate Pauline Menes has introduced a revised bill to increase the planning and zoning authority for certain municipalities. The new bill, MC/PG 118-05, includes two amendments proposed to a similar bill by Delegate Anthony Brown that failed last year. One amendment removes authority for approving a conceptual site plan. The second amendment gives exceptions to detailed site plan approval.

City councilmembers, along with city staff, expressed disappointment with the weakened bill but considered that nothing would be gained by failing to support it. The City of Bowie has gone on record in support of the bill and Greenbelt's failure to support it might undercut

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Two New Police Officers Take Oath of Office



Mayor Judith Davis administers the oath of office to Joshua Caless (left) and Ryan Peck, the latest additions to Greenbelt's police force.

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt has welcomed two new officers to its police force, bringing the total number of uniformed officers to 54. Chief James Craze introduced the new officers to the Greenbelt City Council at the council meeting on January 24.

Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to Joshua Caless and Ryan Peck as family members and others looked on.

Caless resides in Waldorf with his wife but told councilmembers he went to kindergarten in Greenbelt. He expects to graduate next month from the Prince George's Municipal Police Academy at Prince George's Community College. Caless has experience in the military reserves and as a security officer. He is fluent in Spanish, which he learned as a missionary in Bogotá, Colombia. He also speaks some Portuguese.

A current resident of Greenbelt, Peck has served in the Navy and as part of a law enforcement team in Iraq. He was a network engineer before deciding he wanted "something a bit more fulfilling" and enrolled in the Police Academy of the University of Maryland. He will graduate in June.

Green Infrastructure Plan Called a Critical First Step

by Barbara Hopkins

Prince George's County's Preliminary Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan has been called by the City of Greenbelt "a critical first step" for preserving the county's significant environmental resources. The mayor has sent the city's letter of support and some recommended improvements to the plan in a letter to Samuel H. Dean, chair of the county council.

Council viewed a presentation by Carolyn Watson from the Environmental Planning Section of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at its regular meeting on January 24.

Plan Overview

The purpose of the 20-year Green Infrastructure Plan, possibly the first of its kind in the country, is to preserve, protect, enhance and/or restore significant environmental ecosystems in the county while respecting the development patterns contained in the 2002 General Plan.

Watson's presentation reviewed the development of the preliminary plan, citing the vari-

ous occasions for obtaining public input and the need to balance competing needs. The mapping process was outlined and the various network components were described. The plan refers to three tiers: a rural tier, a developing tier and a developed tier. Greenbelt is in the developed tier.

To be included in the network an area of countywide environmental significance must meet requirements in size, connectivity and contiguity, Watson said. In the rural and developing tiers a minimum width of 200 feet is required for an area to be considered of countywide significance. The plan defines no minimum width for areas in the developed tier. There must be no gap over 600 feet between one included area and another to meet the criterion for connectivity. Contiguous sites are those adjacent to downstream corridors, open bodies of water or designated open space of adjacent jurisdictions.

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What Goes On

Sunday, February 6

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, February 7

8 p.m., Council Worksession with PG County Economic Development Corporation (stakeholder), Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 9

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center

Thursday, February 10

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

Letters

At ERHS Music Theater: "Once Upon a Mattress"

by Miki Haber

THANKS

Thank you all so much.

It is with a heavy heart that I write to thank all of you who have expressed your sympathies for the untimely passing of my brother, Neil Thomas Prendable.

Neil was taken away from us on Saturday, January 22, 2005. The following day my husband Craig and I were to celebrate our first wedding anniversary.

I would like to thank the following people, in no specific order: Neil's employer and co-workers at Metro; Pastor Dave McNeilly of Riverdale Presbyterian Church; my neighbor Donna for the chicken soup while I have been trying to recuperate from my influenza-type illness over the past two weeks; Neil's friends who have shown us so much support and strength while going through this grieving process with us; Officer Scott Kaiser of the Greenbelt Police Department; my employer and co-workers at Hartel, Kane; my husband for all the phone calls he made for me and his constant love and support; and everyone who has called, sent flowers and condolence cards. Your support and comforting words have really helped our family through this most difficult time.

I had just spoken with Neil a few hours before he left on his ill-fated trip to the grocery store and he was very happy with the direction his life was going and looked forward to the future. Little did any of us know where that future was heading.

Our family is still in shock and disbelief at what happened that snowy night, as you may all well understand. It's going to take some time for us to put the pieces back together but with your kindness and support I think we'll eventually make it through.

Thank you again for everything and please say a prayer for my brother. We miss you, Neil! We love you!

Patti Henderson
for the Prendable family

Greenbelt Is Great

I'd like to thank Peter Brady of the 60 Court Crescent Road area for the help he gave me on January 23. My vehicle was hit by a pick-up truck whose driver had lost control on a snowy part of Route 1. Peter Brady pulled over, calmed me down and allowed me to wait in his heated vehicle for over a half hour until the police arrived. I'd just like to say again, thank you so much for taking the time. People like you are few and far between.

Alice Mahar

The students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School are performing the 1959 Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress" by Mary Rodgers, Marshall Barer and Jay Thompson. The show, which was first performed at the Phoenix Theater in New York City, is based on the classic tale of "The Princess and the Pea." A princess comes to a kingdom to get married to a prince but the queen, who is overprotective of her son, gives the princess a test to determine if she is good enough for her son. The test is to see if the princess is sensitive enough to feel a pea under 20 mattresses.

Greenbelters Ethan Cowan and Michaela Haber are in the ensemble and senior Pat Hindsley narrates the story as the minstrel. The princess Winnifred

is played by Colleen Arnold of Laurel, and the prince is played by Gabe Marwell of University Park. Erin Winker of Beltsville and Andrew Exner of Laurel play Lady Larken and Sir Harry, the couple whose story keeps the audience on their feet throughout the play. The controlling queen is played by Laura Genson of Bowie. Other students from Greenbelt are Ariela Haber, Zohar Gitlis and Zachary Yokel, who are in the pit orchestra as well as Stephanie Holland and James Bonnell on the tech crew.

The play is showing on February 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the ERHS auditorium. There is a fee. To get tickets early call 301-513-5400, ext. 2313. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the night of the performance.

Principals Receive Emergency Training

Aided by federal grant funding, the Prince George's County Public School system has rolled out a new systemic emergency response and crisis intervention training program for all principals and their staffs. The first of five training sessions was held at county police headquarters to ensure schools and emergency responders have the same expectations during a crisis.

Funded by a \$529,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, a staff development program has been created by the schools' Department of Security Services. This training is designed to address a "Code Red, Lock-Down" situation such as where there is an active shooter in a school.

Using a train-the-trainer strategy, principals and their emergency response coordinators will attend training sessions and return to their schools. Each emergency response coordinator will implement staff training sessions at their school. Schools will also receive radios, bull horns and training materials to improve communication during a lock-down situation. The training covers police response, fire/EMS response and recovery/mental health resources.

Dome of St. Peter's On Display in D.C.

Michelangelo's original model of the dome of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome will be on exhibit at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., through May 31. The exhibit includes more than 140 original architectural drawings and other artifacts on loan from the Vatican.

The exhibit, "Creating St. Peter's: Architectural Treasures of the Vatican," traces the design, construction and evolution of St. Peter's Basilica and tells the story of the generations of artists and popes who left their mark on it.

The exhibit is on loan from the Fabbrica di San Pietro in Vaticano, the Vatican office that maintains and preserves St. Peter's Basilica.

Admission to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center is by donation. For group information, call 202-635-5475. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Parking is free. For more information, call 202-635-5400 or visit <http://www.jp2cc.org>.

Deadline for

LOVE NOTES

is February 8 at 10 p.m.
See ad on page 10 for details.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 10, 2005

GHI Board Room

7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items

- Member Request for Fence Exception – 56K Crescent
- Member Request for Glass Block Porch Enclosure Exception – 8A Ridge
- Pet Rules Change
- Yard Line Committee Report
- Landscape Maintenance Contract – 1st Reading
- 2005 Community Beautification Program Guidelines
- Appoint NCBA Delegate
- Resolution to Change Banks to Community Association Banc
- A&E Report to Board on Rules Clarification – CLEAR Project

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Community Events

“Ice Raiders” Hit Ice Twice More

The ERHS “Ice Raiders” hockey team will complete its scheduled season with two Friday games in February. The team is currently 9-1 in Maryland Scholastic Hockey League competition.

The remaining games of the season are: February 4 at 5:15 p.m. against the Old Mill High School team at Wells Ice Arena in College Park and on February 11 at 5:45 p.m. against Severna Park High School at Benfield Pines Ice Arena (off Interstate 97, on the west side). Admission is open to the public and free of charge.

Explore Soldiering In the Revolution

Dena Greenstein and Jean Vincent from the National Archives will give a presentation at the next Explorations Unlimited Friday, February 11 at 1 p.m. Their presentation will explore the often difficult life of a steadfast Connecticut Yankee, Simon Fobes, through his Revolutionary War pension application and 19th-century census records. He studied the written orders of Commander-in-Chief General George Washington and wondered if the colonists’ struggle for independence could ultimately succeed.

Participants will have the opportunity to examine facsimiles of primary sources saved by the government and to analyze and interpret the documents. These sources include the pension file of Simon Fobes and records from the orderly books issued at Valley Forge. The presenters will also give a brief introduction to the National Archives.

Dena Greenstein has been a volunteer docent at the National Archives for 12 years. A former president of the National Archives Volunteer Organization, she has written for the Docent Journal and presented at the National Docent Symposium. Jean Vincent taught high school social studies for several years in Missouri before coming to Maryland in 1996. She began volunteering at the National Archives in 2000, beginning as a staff aide in military records. Last year, she began to serve as a docent as well.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend; questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Park Holds Black History Program

Greenbelt Park celebrates Black History Month with a salute to Charles Young. Join a park ranger and discover the inspiring story of Charles Young, the first African American to serve as a park superintendent.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m.

Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6555 Greenbelt Road.

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

Golden Age Club

by Florence Holly

The meeting was opened by Ellie Rimar, vice president, because the president, Betty Maher, is ill with pneumonia.

Micki Weidenfeld, program chairman, opened the program with an “Open Mike” in which we discussed “Why I came to live in Greenbelt.” Many spoke of their experience, some coming as early as 1941, 1943, 1949 up until now. (Some are still coming to settle here.) All said they were so happy to find a nice new home because housing was hard to find and many had young children who needed space to run and play.

On February 9, we are having a speaker from “The Red Hat Society.” Do come out and learn about this interesting group.

We invite more pinochle players to join us. Play time is every Wednesday, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Mamas and Papas Hold Potluck

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will have a playgroup and potluck on Wednesday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Meet other local parents for fellowship and support while babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers play. Contact Anne Gardner at annegard@smart.net or 301-220-1721.

Rid Greenbelt Park Of Invasive Plants

Help remove invasive plants from Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 5. This is a hands-on nature activity for all ages. Dress warmly and bring gloves and water. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the park’s website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

GHI Notes

February 7 – Pre-purchase Orientation – 7:15 p.m.

February 8 – Marketing Committee – 7 p.m.

February 9 – Woodlands Committee – 7 p.m.

February 10 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are in the Board Room.

GIAC to Hold Board Meeting

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. New and old members are invited to attend and new ideas are welcome. Further details about the cooperative can be found at www.greenbelt.com/giac.

Two Star Parties

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party this Saturday, February 5. This event will take place at the Wolfe Fields on Northway extended. It begins at 5:30 p.m. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects.

A second star party will occur on Saturday, February 12. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, a star party will be cancelled without further notice.

Goddard Lectures “Eyes on the Sky”

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center invites the public to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world’s leading scientists. These lectures “Eyes on the Sky – Peeking into the Universe’s Past, Fathoming the Future” are open to the public but are geared toward the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. from February 10 through May 12 at NASA Goddard’s Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information on “Eyes on the Sky” or to register for an event, visit <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/eyeonthesky/> or call 301-286-8102.

The first lecture, on February 10, features scientist Mike Turner of the University of Chicago and the National Science Foundation, who will present “Beyond Einstein: Eleven Science Questions for the New Century.”

Feb. Café Show Is Phelps’ “Portraits”

The New Deal Café’s art show for the month of February is “Portraits in the Family” by Harriette Phelps. The artist’s reception will be Monday, February 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. The public is invited. It is an exhibit of pastel and oil works done in figure and portrait painting classes taken at the University of the District of Columbia and adds works from the long history of portraiture in Phelps’ family.

Her great-great grandfather, James Barton Longacre (1794-1879), drew many famous Americans from life such as Andrew Jackson (1830) and Daniel Webster (1829) exhibited here and helped engrave the popular four-volume National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans published in 1834. His son, the Reverend Andrew Longacre (1831-1906), enjoyed painting watercolors, including a portrait here of his daughter, Lydia Eastwick Longacre (1877-1951). Lydia, a great-aunt, was a professional portrait artist and pastel and oil portraits of her father (around 1880) are also in this show.

Phelps says, “I stand in awe of my ancestors’ talents and timidly add my own pastel of my sister, Sarah Elizabeth (Longacre) Frost. I think this exhibit reflects the changing times and importance of portrait painting that continues over several generations both before and after the introduction of photography. I enjoy portrait painting as I think it can reflect impressions of people in addition to likeness. I hope to do more.”

GEAC Re-elects Officers for 2005

At the January 6 Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting the following were re-elected as officers for the 2005 year: Sheldon Goldberg, chairperson; Dorothy Pyles, vice chairperson; Judith Thompson, secretary and Charlene MacAdams, treasurer.

Legion to Host Oratorical Contest

The Greenbelt American Legion is hosting its National High School Oratorical Contest on Sunday, February 6 (Superbowl Sunday) at 1 p.m.

Once the winner is declared, the annual Tootsie Roll Bowl Game Ball presentation will kick-off honoring the families of Ignatius Nwachukwu, Joseph Hanyok and Richard Pilski, three Knights of Columbus members who died last year. A Tootsie Roll Award will be given to the Labukas family.

Four speakers from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will compete in the Oratorical Contest with a chance to receive \$200 from the Knights and \$200 from the American Legion Post 136.

Mayor Judith Davis is planning to attend and will be one of the judges.

The doors are open to everyone but high school students and faculty are especially encouraged to attend.

Giant Celebrates Black History Month

In conjunction with Black History Month, Giant Food LLC will celebrate African American heritage in its stores as well as at the company’s corporate offices and distribution centers throughout February.

Giant will publish its 13th annual “Profiles in Excellence” brochure recounting African American heritage. Giant distributes the brochures free in its stores and also provides free copies to schools and community organizations. The brochures teach children and adults about the contributions that African Americans have made to this country.

Giant commissioned Tashana McPherson, a senior at the Maryland Institute College of Art, to draw interpretive illustrations of this year’s honorees profiled in the 2005 edition of “Profiles in Excellence.”

Giant has planned several other events to recognize Black History Month. Speakers and artists at corporate offices and distribution centers will discuss topics specific to black history and share African American culture. In addition, Giant’s corporate diversity staff is available to speak at community organizations celebrating Black History Month. For more information on Giant’s Speakers Bureau call 301-341-4710.

Poetry Plus Meeting On Saturday, Feb. 12

“Poetry Plus,” a monthly gathering for poetry readings and discussion, is scheduled for Saturday, February 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Greenbelt Library. All are welcome and invited to bring copies of their own or others’ favorite poems.

This month’s topic is “Love, Friendship.”

Tax Help for Seniors

“Tax Counseling for the Elderly,” free help with income taxes for senior citizens, will begin Tuesday, February 8 in the Greenbelt Library. This program will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 14.

To be eligible for the program, a couple’s income should be no more than \$45,000, a single person’s no more than \$25,000.

People are asked to bring all of their tax information, tax forms and a copy of last year’s tax return to the program.

To make an appointment call Collington Life Care Community at 301-541-5031.

At the Library

Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime, newborns to 24 months with caregiver. Limited to 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 14 to 36 months with caregiver, limit 15.

4 p.m. – Bookids Book Discussion, ages 8 to 12. Nikki Grimes’ “Talkin’ About Bessie.”

Thursday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

Hospital and Lions Hold Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions Club in partnership with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 14 on the hospital’s campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.


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. Every two seconds someone in this country needs a blood transfusion. A single donation can help save up to three lives.

It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can give. Join in a day of giving. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.

Tax Law Changes On NARFE Program

Northern Prince George’s County NARFE Chapter 1122 will meet at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6106 Princess Garden Parkway at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9.

Morton Tuckman, a chapter member and financial adviser, will talk on tax law changes in 2004. Members are urged to attend and the public is invited. For information call 301-572-5362.



February 4 & 5 @ 7:30
February 10, 11 & 12 @ 7:30

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301-513-5400 x 2313

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Tickets available at the door

Obituaries

Marca E. Kerr

Former Greenbelter Marca Elizabeth Kerr, 86, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, a resident of Cedar Lane Senior Citizens Apartments, Leonardtown, Md., died on Sunday, January 23, 2005, at the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown. She formerly lived at 3 Forestway.

Born on July 18, 1918, in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Luther Greaver and Ida Elizabeth Greaver (Sirles). She was a graduate of Eastern High School, Washington, D.C., and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kerr worked for a time at Dr. Til Bergemann's office. She was an active member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and had been a member of the PTA and Sodality there.

She is survived by her husband, Emory Russell Kerr of Leonardtown, formerly of Greenbelt, a Life Member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, whom she married on April 18, 1942; a son, Michael R. Kerr and his wife Linda, also formerly of Greenbelt, currently of Great Mills, Md.; a grandson, David Polikoff and his wife Cindy and a great-granddaughter, Anya Elizabeth Polikoff.

The family received friends on Friday, January 28, 2005, from 10 until 11 a.m. in the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., in Leonardtown. A funeral service was conducted afterward in the chapel. The Reverend Maurice O'Connell conducted the service.

Interment followed at the St. Michael's Catholic Church Cemetery in Ridge, Md.

Neil T. Prendable

Neil T. Prendable, 48, of Lakecrest Drive was tragically killed on January 22, 2005, at 7:20 p.m. when the driver of an SUV lost control of his vehicle on snowy Greenbelt Road and struck him as he was walking home from the Safeway. It is believed that he died instantly from his injuries.

Mr. Prendable was a longtime resident of Greenbelt. He worked several years at NASA and was currently employed at Metro for almost five years as an electrical technician. He would have celebrated his 49th birthday on March 2.

Mr. Prendable is survived by his mother Ruth Prendable of Lanham; four brothers - Greg of Glenn Dale, Mark, Owen recently relocated to Colorado Springs and Jack of Riverdale; four sisters - Jody Edwards, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Kathy Walter, Germantown; Laura Kight, Alexandria, Va.; and Patti Henderson of Greenbelt; and three nephews - Jamie Prendable, Christopher and Anthony Walter.

A memorial service is planned for the near future.



Pancake Supper At Comm. Church

Greenbelt Community Church will hold its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 pm. The supper will be held in the Social Hall of the church (located at Crescent Road and Hillside Road) and will feature pancakes, sausage, baked apples, beverages and a good time.

A traditional feast before Lent, a Shrove ("to confess") Tuesday dinner reminds people of the essential sweetness of life even as they prepare to face life's shadows. The supper is open to the public. There is no charge but all free-will offerings will help to support the church's Help By Phone program which runs eight food pantries, a clothing bank and provides prescription medicines and transportation to medical appointments in Prince George's County.

Call 301-474-6171 for more information.

Northwestern H.S. Plans 50th Reunion

Northwestern High School classes of 1954, 1955 and 1956 are planning a 50-year reunion on June 17, 18 and 19 at the Radisson Hotel in Annapolis. During the 1950s Northwestern was the high school that Greenbelters attended. Contact Barbara Torbert at 301-927-6029 or torbao@hotmail.com for further information.



Our sympathy to Patti and Craig Henderson, the family and friends of Patti's brother, Greenbelter Neil Prendable, who died when he was struck in the snow walking home from the Safeway on January 22, 2005.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Marca Elizabeth Kerr, formerly of Forestway.

Congratulations to Darryl Stevens on winning a Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship. Stevens is pursuing a B.S. in information systems at Penn State and expects to graduate in May. Xerox scholarship awardees receive \$1,000 toward college tuition costs.

Congratulations also to Amber Usilton, who was named to the dean's list for the fall semester 2004 at Northeastern University in Boston.

Carly Rose Geiger, granddaughter of Mary and Al Geiger of Lakeside Drive and a sixth grader at Plum Point Middle School in Huntingtown, Md. was the winner of the 2005 "Read and Hit a Home Run" Reading Program poster design contest for Southern Maryland. The program is sponsored by Educational Systems Federal Credit Union and the Bowie Baysox Baseball Club.

Carly's design was selected from among more than 18,000 entries and will be the center of the 2,500 Reading Program posters to be displayed in schools throughout Southern Maryland. She received a prize pack from the Baysox that includes throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at Maryland Reading Night on April 16.

Get well wishes to Betty Maher, president of the Golden Age Club, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Flu Shots Available At Doctors Hospital

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Within the network there are three defined categories of areas. Regulated areas are those such as wetlands, streams and 100-year flood plains that have environmentally sensitive features already regulated during the development process. Evaluation areas are those such as unique habitats that are not regulated but are environmentally sensitive. Network gaps are areas that are critical in connecting the other two types.

Measurable Objectives

The plan contains a number of measurable objectives. Some of these raised red flags for council. Mayor Judith Davis complained about the objective to have 75 percent of the green infrastructure network still meet the standards of countywide significance in 2025. She said if 25 percent of the network is allowed to disappear in 20 years, eventually it could all disappear. Watson explained this is not a land acquisition program but the plan is intended to guide development and see that it is done sensitively with a recognition of these green, open spaces as an amenity to be valued. Councilmember Rodney Roberts called such areas "a necessity" for quality of life, not an amenity.

Watson said municipalities can create local green infrastructure plans and it is the intent of the county plan to respect these during the development review process. Davis took issue with the term, "respect," saying she would rather the local plans be "honored." Councilmember Leta Mach suggested the county encourage municipalities to create these plans and offer workshops on how to go about it for those localities that do not have a planning department. Davis broadened this suggestion to include unincorporated areas such as Beltsville and Glenn Dale.

Watson cited studies showing that the quality of water in county streams and other waterways is not good. An objective of the Green Infrastructure Plan is to improve the quality of waterways by one grade by the year 2025. Several councilmembers said this goal was not ambitious enough and the city has requested the level be raised by two grades instead.

Stream habitat improvement by one rating by 2025 is another listed objective of the plan as is calling for 50 percent of off-site forest mitigation acreage to be targeted to improving water quality. The plan says all forest mitigation acreage should be located either within the green infrastructure network or adjacent to streams. Watson said the county plans to create a catalogue of priority mitigation sites where 100 percent of off-site mitigation would occur. Some areas could be restored through this process, she said.

Other measurable objectives include 90 percent of land purchased for environmental preservation using public funds should be located within the network and 100 percent of impacts to regulated areas should be unavoidable, except where development is targeted.

Staff Analysis

City planning staff is familiar with the plan and considers that most of the city's major environmental areas are identified in the county plan but suggested council submit maps showing certain

sites as evaluation areas due to the small scale of the map portions of the plan. These sites are Schrom Hills Park, "Buddy" Attick Park, North Preserve, South Preserve, state-owned property along Cherrywood Lane and GHI woodlands. Other sites of local interest, such as Boxwood and the Sunrise property, could become part of Greenbelt's local green infrastructure plan. City planner Terri Hruby suggested that the Forest Preserve Task Force could begin the process of developing such a plan.

Staff noted that the plan gives special countywide significance to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and Greenbelt Park and council agreed to express its appreciation in written comments.

While some of the implementation strategies of the plan are consistent with the environmental objectives of the city, according to planning staff analysis, there is some concern, echoed by councilmembers at the meeting, that the plan favors development in the developed tier at a sacrifice to the environment that is not acceptable in the other tiers. The plan does not weaken existing environmental regulations in the developed tier but it does recommend greater impact to regulated areas in this tier than in the others. Councilmembers expressed concerns that the plan expects citizens in the developed tier to tolerate a lower quality of life than those residing in the other tiers. Davis had concerns that the county was listening more to the developers than to communities and citizens. She is on the Developed Tier Standards Subcommittee to work for improvement in this area. Council agreed to ask that all environmental resources in the county be held to the same standard for protection and enhancement no matter where they are located.

Staff recommended council also advocate for municipal input throughout the plan's implementation and "the need to provide opportunities for local environmental issues, policies and initiatives to be addressed." It is anticipated that municipalities and the public will have additional opportunities for input during the implementation phase, which will involve legislation.

Council voted unanimously to submit the recommendations of city planning staff along with the suggestions made at the meeting by councilmembers.

Public Comment

The public comment period for the county plan ends on February 10. The Preliminary Green Infrastructure Plan is available online at www.mncppc.org/html/press26.htm. A reference copy of the 15-page public information booklet on the plan is available at the Hyattsville branch of the county library.

Writing Workshop Held by ACE Club

Twenty-two seventh and eighth grade students attended a Creative Writing Workshop hosted by the ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Middle School on January 12. There were interactive writing exercises as well as lecture and discussion. The workshop was held to encourage students to enter this year's ACE Reading Club Youth Writing Contest. The workshop generated ideas for future writing projects.



City Information

Meetings for February 7-10

Monday, February 7, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session w/PG County Economic Development Corp., Municipal Building.

Wednesday, February 9, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Community Center

- I Call to Order
- II Approval of Agenda
- III Detailed Site Plan – Friends Community School
- IV Adjourn

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AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, February 6, from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

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2-4pm ART EXHIBIT/RECEPTION Don't miss the new exhibit at the Municipal Center, "Cafe Ole: Watercolors" by Shayna Sara Skolnik. Artist reception will be held from 2-4. Exhibit runs through February 28th.

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three spoke in favor of the ICC.

One of those noted he was relying upon the will of the voters in the last gubernatorial election, where Ehrlich made the ICC a prominent part of his campaign program. Another proponent, representing the Baltimore-Washington International Airport Business Partnership, Inc., expressed that organization's support for the ICC because they see it as a vehicle for creation of up to 150,000 jobs within a 45-minute commute of the airport. It also will provide improved access to the airport for travelers, he said. The other proponent echoed previous testimony that the highway had been on the drawing boards for nearly five decades and that it was time to build it.

The only elected official who came out this cold Saturday was Prince George's County Council Member Tom Dernoga. Dernoga expressed his great disappointment with the ICC DEIS process. The DEIS was released just in advance of the 2004 holiday season, he complained, and interested citizens had enormous difficulty obtaining access to the voluminous document (1,500+ pages). Even those who could download it had little time to analyze and evaluate its contents. Dernoga reiterated his request that the time for public comment be extended beyond the February 15 closing date and that additional public hearings be scheduled in the Laurel area of Prince George's County where the impact is the greatest. He reminded state officials present that he could assist in reserving the Laurel High School for additional hearings.

Dernoga also noted the Prince George's County Council's vote opposing the ICC through its unanimous approval of Resolution 32-203 and, for the record, noted that the state had ignored the land use decisions of the county council by relying upon the 1990 Sub-Regional Plan for Northern Prince George's County that had been released just before the earlier ICC DEIS had rejected the facility.

He noted that the ICC alignments in Prince George's County are now contrary to the General Plan for the county and that the state's review of the actual land use and transportation plans for the county were "not very expert." Dernoga also commented that the ICC alignments will critically impact water quality in the area and could have a deleterious effect on drinking water sources, comments that were echoed by many of the speakers who followed.

Neighbor Speakers

With the hearing location at James Blake High School, the majority of citizens and groups speaking against the ICC were from the north Silver Spring and Burtonsville area. Many spoke because they had homes or businesses either in the highway's path or in a community where the proposed alignments would come very close or, in some cases according to testimony, would be dissected by the proposed facility.

However, a number of speakers came from far and wide to speak out against the state's plans. They came from Upper Marlboro, Gaithersburg, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., Washington Grove, Olney, Potomac, Cabin John, Bethesda, Greenbelt,

Laurel and Rockville.

No matter where they came from, the opponents of the ICC struck common themes as they personalized their opposition. Most mentioned the fact that the DEIS failed to evaluate other alternatives such as transportation management solutions, public transit and the alternatives outlined in the ICC Performance and Alternatives Report prepared by the members of the Save our Communities organization released on January 18. Again, probably due to the location of this hearing, many opponents raised concern regarding the potential for the proposed northern alignment of the ICC to expose regional drinking water sources to serious risks from contamination and hazardous material spills.

The watershed for the Rocky Gorge reservoir would be greatly impacted from the construction of the Corridor 2 alignment. The reservoir provides daily drinking water for over 500,000 Montgomery and Prince George's County residents and represents emergency back-up for 1.5 million bi-county residents. It is officially categorized by the State of Maryland as in need of both restoration and special protection.

Environmental Impacts

Beyond the issue of reservoir impacts, several speakers raised, in general, issues concerning water quality impacts of constructing the highway across so many critical stream valleys such as the Northwest Branch, Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch. Others focused attention on the impacts that the ICC would have on the fragile health of the Chesapeake Bay. Still others focused on air quality impacts and associated health risks; noise impacts; loss of nearly 800 acres of forestland; impact on existing cemeteries, some historic, including an Indian burial ground site; and increase in sprawl. The fact that major beneficiaries of the highway were developers, especially the proposed Konterra project in the Virginia Manor Road and Muirkirk Road area south of Laurel, was cited by several speakers, including Dernoga.

Some speakers were evidently well prepared and focused their remarks to impact the hearing record most effectively. These speakers were able to double their allowed time by having another speaker cede time to them.

Greg Smith of Takoma Park cited three studies in the past eight years that all have recommended rejection of the ICC. One study cited was a Montgomery County Transportation Planning Report that he asserted was ignored by the drafters of

the DEIS. Smith quoted a saying of an unnamed French philosopher: "Nothing is more dangerous than an idea when it is the only one you have."

Robert Ferraro, representing the Eyes of Paint Branch (and joined by others), aimed his attack on the state's DEIS process as a perversion. He decried it as a colossal waste of public funds. Ferraro noted that the proposed highway "would cut a 500-foot swath through the heart and lungs of a fragile ecosystem."

Steve Rothstein took aim at the DEIS treatment of wetland impacts. Seeming to direct his remarks directly at the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the audience, he cited specific portions of the DEIS that, in his view, were deficient in how secondary impacts were treated.

Daryl Paunil of Silver Spring used his six minutes to outline specific health risks posed by the proposed highway, utilizing professional quality placards with the help of an assistant. Again Paunil directed his remarks to the federal officials in the audience.

A speaker from Washington, D.C., had a fair amount of bad things to say about the DEIS study's deficiencies relating to "induced travel demand," "mobility" and the models used in the DEIS. He appeared to be an expert in the area and characterized the DEIS effort as laughable. He said it would not pass muster and noted that potential air quality impacts from the highway were "punted off as covered by the (federal air quality) conformity process."

An interesting tack was taken by Mary Rooker of Takoma Park who testified about "A dear old friend (who) has been suffering from bad health for many years and could not be here today (to testify). Her name is Chessie Bay."

Another creative speaker, Jerry Heupel, used his entire three minutes by adroitly posing rhetorical questions guaranteeing a "no" response and coaxing a long litany of "No ICC" out of a willing audience.

The list of available speakers was exhausted by about 3:30 p.m. At the request of some in the audience, it was agreed to keep the record open until 5 p.m. With the completion of the public hearings, interested citizens have until February 15 to submit written comments for the record.

The ICC saga may next be taken up by the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis, mainly regarding the funding alternatives and the possible need for the SHA to request additional funding for the proposed facility.

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Bowie's position. Delegate Tawanna Gaines has told city staff that she believes there is support for the current bill and that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission may withdraw the opposition it has held to previous versions of the legislation.

Council voted to support House Bill 34 which will allow Inherently Low Emission Vehicles (ILEV) and qualified hybrids to use HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) lanes on highways even when the driver is alone in the vehicle. Qualified hybrids are those that meet all

applicable registration requirements and current exhaust standards and run on both gas/diesel fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system.

This bill, sponsored by Gaines, is intended to provide incentives for purchasing these low-emission vehicles in the interest of improved air quality.

(Carpoolers in Virginia, which has a similar law, have complained that allowing single-occupant ILEV and hybrids to use HOV lanes has created the very traffic problems the HOV lanes were meant to alleviate, according to recent media reports.)

Marimba Concert

On Monday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. UM faculty member Rebecca Kite on marimba with guest artist Orlando Cotto will perform music inspired by jazz, tango, classical guitar and lute. Presented by the UM School of Music, this free concert will be held in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Review Performing Arts with Pat Graney

Explore the creative process with choreographer Pat Graney before her company performs on Friday, February 11. "Take Five" is an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts. This free program will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Poetry Reading In College Park

The College Park Arts Exchange presents "The Maryland Poets" from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, February 7 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

Join in an evening of poetry readings from poets of the City of College Park at the University of Maryland: Michael Collier, former poet laureate of the State of Maryland; Reed Whittemore, former poet laureate of Maryland and former poetry consultant to the Library of Congress; Chris Aubry, City of College Park; Grigsby Hubbard, City of College Park; and Elizabeth Arnold, University of Maryland.

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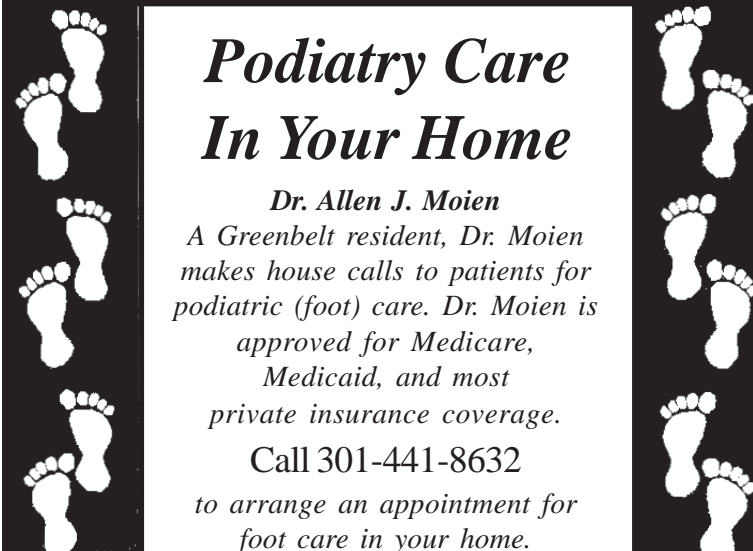
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Attempted Abduction

January 27, 8:05 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a woman reported that she was walking in the courtyard area at approximately 7 a.m. when she was approached by a man who attempted to strike up a conversation with her. After she walked away from the man, he ran up to her, grabbed her by the shoulder and stated, "You better come with me or you will die today." The woman struggled to get away from the man. When two people came running toward them to assist the woman, the man fled the scene, getting on a Metrobus. No reason was given for the delay in reporting the incident. The suspect is described as a black male in his mid-twenties, 5'10", 180 pounds with black hair, wearing a black hooded jacket, black jeans and a black backpack.

Assault

January 24, 9:10 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot and was walking to a residence when he was approached by another man, who punched him in the face and may have kicked him as he was on the ground. The suspect fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, 17 to 21 years of age with a thin build and black hair, wearing a black three-quarter length down-type jacket with a hood, gray sweat pants and black boots or tennis shoes. The victim was treated on the scene for facial cuts and a possible broken nose.

January 26, 10:43 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a teacher at the school reported that she was in the process of dismissing students from her class when a student, a resident youth, ran out of the class out of turn, knocking her to the ground. The teacher later transported herself to a hospital for treatment of head, neck and shoulder injuries. The youth was suspended and a petition was filed for fourth degree sex offense, second degree assault and disruption of school activities.

January 27, in reference to an assault reported on October 9 in the 7600 block of Hanover Parkway, a criminal summons has been obtained charging a non-resident man with second degree assault.

Sex Offense

January 26, 9:12 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a 13-year-old nonresident youth has been petitioned for a fourth degree sex offense, second degree assault and disruption of school activities after he allegedly grabbed a female student, kissed her, pulled her into a stairwell and attempted to fondle her. The youth has been suspended pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

DWI

January 20, 10:45 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and I-495, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, reckless driving and negligent driving. Police observed the man driving a vehicle north in the southbound lanes of Kenilworth Avenue, almost striking the officer's vehicle. He was released on citations pending trial.

January 21, 1:35 a.m., Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Drugs

January 26, 12:18 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, police stopped a vehicle for registration violation and a computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The next day a criminal summons was obtained charging a resident woman with possession of marijuana.

Theft

January 24, Greenbelt Road and Southway, a resident man, the driver, was arrested and charged with theft and driving while suspended. Another man, a passenger, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. A computer check also revealed the passenger had an open arrest warrant with the Montgomery County Police. Both were arrested. The passenger was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana. The driver was released on citations pending trial. The passenger was released on citation to the sheriff's department for service of the warrant.

January 26, 3:15 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman of no fixed address was arrested and charged with theft and resisting arrest. She had allegedly walked out of the Beijing Restaurant without paying the bill. The woman was located and advised that she was under arrest. She then resisted attempts by police to handcuff her and had to be forcibly placed into custody. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

January 24, 4:02 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that an unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing out a bedroom window. Two DVD players, DVDs,

video tapes and jewelry were taken.

January 27, 10:25 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vandalism

January 27, 9:39 a.m., Greenbelt Public Works facility, it was reported that an unknown person(s) shot out a window and a light.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a 1997 Honda Accord 4-door from the 6200 block Springhill Court and a 1993 Jeep Cherokee from the 8100 block Bird Lane.

Five vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrests made and four by other police departments with one arrest made in one recovery and four arrests in another recovery.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenway Center (2 incidents), 9 court Ridge Road, 1 court Plateau Place, Roosevelt Center, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (2 incidents), 9100 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza Mall.

Volunteer Frog Counters Sought



The National Park Service is seeking volunteers to assist in the seventh annual frog monitoring count at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. The annual frog count is part of a 10-year count study of male frogs at the park to determine water quality. Frogs are used as a multiple warning system of changes in the park's ecosystem and serve as a basic food for most of the wetland animals in the park.

Training will be provided to adult volunteers and school groups to recognize the species by the male mating calls and the study protocol. Volunteers are needed February through August to spend a quiet half hour a month in the park during morning hours. For more information, contact the park directly at 202-426-6905 or email Park Ranger Kate_Bucco@nps.gov to volunteer.

City Notes

Code enforcement staff checked one possibly improperly registered vehicle and one possibly unlicensed daycare, both on Megan Lane.

Construction/sediment erosion control staff inspected the tree save area at the Smith Ewing-US Postal Service construction site.

Animal control continued work on Pet Expo planning and is still caring for one cat in custody.

Thirteen commercial false alarms were received. Of those, four invoices were issued, one recertification was issued and one new alarm user letter was generated. Ten residential false alarms were received. Of those, one invoice was issued, one recertification was issued and four warnings were generated.

Staff met with two electricians regarding new electrical service for the animal control facility.

Staff had numerous discussions with residents of Greenbelt Lake Village regarding building maintenance complaints.

Public Works

Crews were called in early Saturday morning January 22 and worked through the day salting, plowing and clearing roads and sidewalks as the snow fell. Work continued through Tuesday to push the snow back toward the curbs on streets and open access to city buildings and facilities.

The streets crew salted and plowed snow and repaired snow removal equipment. The crew received delivery of 100 tons of road salt and repaired potholes throughout the city. They also installed a temporary access road to the new animal shelter site north of the police station.

The facilities maintenance crew continued work on the window project in the municipal building and met with the carpenters who took measurements for making the window trim.

The parks crew continued building the new greenhouse.

Refuse and recycling collected 13.29 tons of paper and co-mingled recyclable materials and 27.31 tons of refuse and transported all to the proper disposal sites.

Community Center

The Community Center has formed a staff committee for the 10th anniversary of the facility. Planning is in the early stages. Staff went to a high school in New Castle, Delaware to research stage padding for the gym stage.

Spring Break Camps Offered

Spring Day Camps for boys and girls ages 5 to 12 are offered by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, northern area. All residents of Prince George's County are eligible for this program.

The camps will take place Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1 to coincide with spring vacation for Prince George's County Public Schools. Camps will be conducted at most northern area community centers from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. dependent on sufficient registration. Extended care is available and costs vary at each location.

Registrations are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with limited space available. To register, visit the local northern area community center and set up a SMARTlink family account or call 301-445-4500 for more information or TTY 301-445-4512.

To sign up for classes and activities go to SMARTlink at <http://www.pgparcs.com> or call 301-583-BOOK.

School Board Master Plan Meeting

The Master Plan Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Monday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in the Board Executive Room at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

The committee will discuss benchmark performance data. Public participation will be welcome and all stakeholder groups are encouraged to attend.

Open School Board Meeting on Feb. 7

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Monday, February 7 at 5 p.m. in the Board Executive Room at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

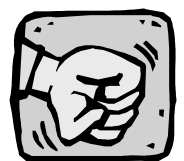
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Home Health Visits Planned By BSU Nursing Students

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt citizens may be eligible for free home nursing visits in a program soon to be implemented. The Greenbelt City Council in their meeting of January 24 authorized City Manager Michael McLaughlin to sign an agreement between the city and Bowie State University that would bring master's level nursing students from the school's visiting nurse program to Greenbelt residents for certain kinds of medical care. The students would be supervised by a professor from the program.

Services offered in the home without charge would include nursing intake and assessment, assistance with bathing, management of medications, monitoring of vital signs, help with testing blood glucose levels, advocacy with health care practitioners and health education. The program is limited to 24 senior or disabled

adult residents who would be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, according to Christal Parker Batey, the city's community resource advocate. Each participant could receive up to 12 free nursing visits.

Batey reported that as of February 1, 16 people have already been selected for the first phase of the program. Eligible parties should call her or Belicia Swinson at 301-474-8000 to apply. A waiting list will be created in hopes that the program will continue past the first period. Batey said the program will begin February 14.

The program was developed between Bowie State and Batey after staff from the school program learned about the city's assistance in living program on the city website. Batey said the program would continue if this trial project is successful.

Astronomy Lessons from Hogwarts

On Friday, February 11 the Howard B. Owens Science Center presents "Lessons from the Astronomy Tower." Harry Potter, Hermione and Ron have been studying astronomy at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. References from the Hogwart's class described in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter



books have been enhanced with the intent to teach all prospective students in the astronomy tower (the planetarium dome). Doors open at 7 p.m.

for special pre-program activities and other tastes from Hogwarts. There is a fee.

For information call 301-918-8750 during school hours.

Greenbelt Display Now at FDR Memorial

by Katie Scott-Childress

Visitors to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be able to learn about Greenbelt through a Greenbelt Museum mini-exhibit installed on February 2. The display came as a result of the museum contacting the memorial's gift shop last fall to discuss the possibility of providing visitors to the memorial with brochures about Greenbelt's history. The gift shop manager, Deborah Riley, liked the museum's brochures and set them out in the gift shop. Over the past months visitors have picked up nearly 2,000 Greenbelt Museum brochures.

The gift shop manager secured a meeting between the museum and park ranger Robert Rybolt. Rybolt worked on getting a Greenbelt display approved for the room adjacent to the gift shop, which contains a display about FDR as well as a replica of his wheelchair.

While awaiting approval from the Park Service, an employee from NASA Goddard's library contacted the Greenbelt Museum and requested a short-term exhibit about Greenbelt. So the panels created for the FDR Memorial went on display from early December to mid-January in the NASA library and many NASA employees learned about the unique history of the town in

which they work.

The exhibit includes a large panel that details Greenbelt's origins as a New Deal model community and describes the Roosevelts' involvement with Greenbelt. Another panel promotes the museum's current exhibit in the Community Center, while historic photographs and government propaganda posters for Greenbelt surround the panels. The museum's new colorful brochure is offered along with a copy of the book, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town," which is available for visitors to peruse.

The exhibit will remain on display at the FDR Memorial until September 2005.



Park Ranger Robert Rybolt looks over the Greenbelt exhibit at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Nearly 2,000 museum brochures have been picked up.

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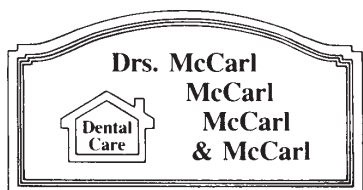
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Local Doctor Teaches Health Care to Students

by Jim Lara

When Greenbelt neurologist William Leahy conducted research on the county's elderly population, he learned that 25 to 60 percent of those aged 65 and older have some sort of impairment. This fact led to questions he had regarding the state of the health care industry.

At the same time Leahy wondered about the younger generation and their limited employment opportunities. His solution to both issues was to start a health aide training program where students could help look after elderly patients.

Dr. Leahy, whose expertise involves treating those affected with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, felt that services used to care for older patients were no longer readily available. Hospitals can no longer care for people on a long-term basis, assisted living centers are costly and nursing homes are overcrowded. Dr. Leahy believes most of the care people will receive will take place at home. But the question remains: Who will provide that care?

Leahy worried that the educational system was not providing the vocational training or employment opportunities students needed after graduating from high school. In addition, some students cannot meet the rising costs of college and cannot pursue their career dreams.

As a result, Dr. Leahy wanted to fill two generational needs — young people's need for employment and the need of elderly people for assistance.

Leahy spent six months researching the home care industry, to discover if there were programs taking high school students and training them to be health aides. At the time there weren't any, so he worked intensively to develop a curriculum that met the educational requirements needed for a student to be a certified health aide.

Eight years ago Leahy finally brought a health training program to Bladensburg High School. There he was able to recruit 18 seniors who lacked the economic resources to go to college. The course runs one semester long from September to De-



Dr. Leahy is surrounded by a group of his happy students.

ember during the school year. It is usually held after school and is designed for students in their junior or senior year.

The students take 60 hours in lecture material and 40 hours in practical training. That means students will get to work with patients at a hospital or nursing home under supervision.

ERHS Participants

This year 10 students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) have taken part in the program. They applied for it earlier in the year after submitting an essay, letter of recommendation and a school transcript and then undergoing an interview.

"Over the years I've learned that students want to go into nursing, physical therapy or anything in health care and what we do is give that background information so they can pursue these opportunities," said Dr. Leahy.

ERHS has provided the space for classroom teaching and Doctor's Hospital has allowed their facilities to be used for on-site training. Rhonda Proctor, 16, is a junior at ERHS and is involved with the program this year.

"I've always been interested in health and thought this could be a stepping stone for me to get into the medical field," said Proctor. She also has an aunt who was a nurse, which has helped Proctor have a little more experience working with patients during the practice sessions.

Lauren Foreman, 17, an ERHS senior, heard about the program through her teacher. So far she says the course has been great, especially under Leahy's instruction because he has provided a relaxed atmosphere for everyone to learn. Foreman said it was hard at first because the time commitment for the program meant that she had to drop basketball. But she thinks it's been worth it. "It's been a good experience that hopefully can point me toward being a forensic nurse examiner," Foreman says.

The program costs \$1,000 but is free to students because most funds are donated. Private donors and sponsors like McDonald's and Fannie Mae have given money to help pay for textbooks, operating expenses and exams. Leahy says that the course has been such a success that he is talking with a pharmaceutical company about making it a regional program.

Leahy praises each student's self-motivation to succeed and also their parents' support. "I hope that the students gain confidence in learning new skills and being part of a team taking care of others."

Deadline for
LOVE NOTES

is February 8 at 10 p.m.
See ad on page 10 for details

Race in America Lecture Draws Full Audience

by Virginia Beauchamp

"Nostalgia is history without pain," said Dr. Thomas Cripps, in a lecture sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum on Tuesday evening, January 25. What Cripps would be presenting, he said, was not nostalgia. He would be talking about depictions of race in America during the period of World War II. He guaranteed some pain.

The lecture, which was funded by the Maryland Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. It drew a full audience, extra seats having to be set up to accommodate all who came to hear him.

A retired professor from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Cripps introduced himself as the child of parents who met in a German (and German-speaking) orphanage in Baltimore. Not until World War I, when German was outlawed, did his parents learn to speak English, he said.

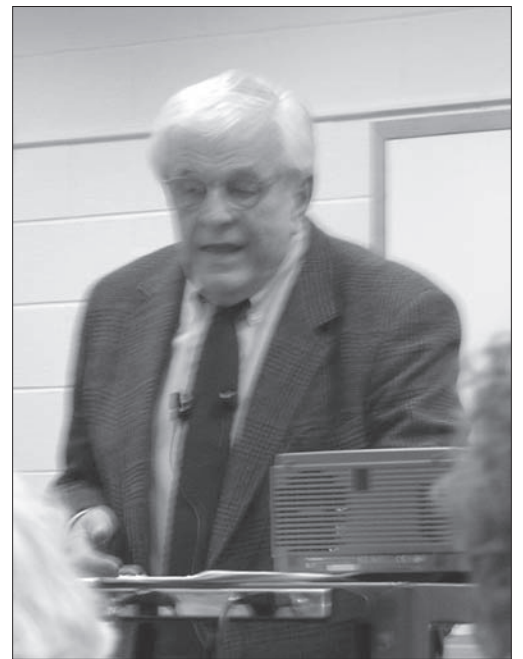
Cripps himself, who received three degrees from the University of Maryland, is a specialist in film history. He has published several books on black film including "Slow Fade to Black: The Negro in American Film, 1900-1942" and "Making Movies Black: the Hollywood Message Movie from World War II to the Civil Rights Era."

His presentation here was informal and conversational as he led his listeners through several brief film examples of racial or gender bias or downright propaganda. At the mild end, for example, was a Ford motor car commercial in which the mother within an active family was virtually invisible. Cripps followed up this sequence with a Nazi film so painful in its analogy of Jews to rats that audience members begged him to turn it off.

From these negative examples Cripps went on to show the newsreel film of Marian Anderson's 1939 concert before thousands as she stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The venue had been arranged by Eleanor Roosevelt and Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes when the DAR forbade Anderson, a black woman, to sing in their nearby concert hall.

Positive Views

Although racism persisted throughout the war years, Cripps



Dr. Thomas Cripps engages the audience in a lively lecture on race and film during World War II that took place at the Greenbelt Museum on January 25.

showed how individual actions and governmental policies worked against such views. Executive Order 8802, for example, established the Fair Employment Act. Later the Atlantic charter calling for the creation of the United Nations spoke for the self-determination of all peoples. Winston Churchill, correctly, Cripps said, described the charter as foretelling the end of the British empire.

In some measure World War II was thus a double victory, Cripps said — a victory over foreign fascism and a victory as well over domestic racism.

Nevertheless, Hollywood had certain guidelines about race mixing, such that white actors were cast in Negro roles if the script called for personal relationships between black and white, for example, in the film "Pinky" with Jeanne Crain in the crossover role. Or the script might be rewritten recasting significant black roles as white.

Prominent figures of the time took surprising positions during this period, Cripps said. Presidential candidate Wendell Wilkie, who ran against Franklin Roosevelt, served as counsel to the NAACP and producer Darrell Zanuck took leadership through his films in showing racial positives.

One film, "The Negro Soldier," appeared free of charge, Cripps said, in some 13,000 theaters. It includes a sequence with prize fighter Joe Louis and was shown to the troops and made available to every school that asked for it.

A lively question and answer period followed Cripps' main presentation. Although he offered several times to wind things up, those in attendance asked for more and a time or two Cripps obliged.

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