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Plans for SHL Redevelopment Are Presented to Residents

by Thomas X. White

At back-to-back meetings held Wednesday and Thursday, February 2 and 3 at the Springhill Lake (SHL) Elementary School, representatives of the Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), owners and managers of the SHL rental apartment complex in west Greenbelt, provided preliminary overviews of their plans for the proposed redevelopment of their property.

At the Wednesday briefing a fairly large number of SHL residents attended along with members of the Greenbelt City Council, city administrative, recreation and planning staff and several key members of the SHL office and maintenance staff. On Thursday a much smaller audience included members of the city council, members of the city's Advisory Planning Board, city administrative and planning staff, Beltway Plaza representative Kap Kapistan and a small number of SHL residents and staff.

Both briefings followed the same format, including an introduction by David Douglas, senior vice president for AIMCO in the Washington area; a concept and design presentation by Susy Lee of the architectural and town planning firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company; and a question and answer period conducted by Douglas, Lee and Patti Shwayder, senior vice president of AIMCO from the firm's

headquarters in Denver.

AIMCO purchased the SHL complex nearly seven years ago. It is only one of over 1,500 rental apartment properties they own or manage in 47 states. Soon after purchasing the nearly 40-year old SHL complex, AIMCO began planning for a major renovation of the buildings to bring them up to present day standards.

As they got further into that process, AIMCO determined a few years ago that instead of renovation, they should consider a phased program of redevelopment for the property. Following two years of discussion with the Greenbelt City Council, county officials and after conducting an initial planning charrette last year, AIMCO came up with a very preliminary concept plan for the property's complete redevelopment.

Redevelopment Plan

The plan envisions a phased 8 to 10 year redevelopment program with a total cost of approximately \$750 million. It would be based on an urban village concept that would be transportation friendly, have a diverse product mix with different architectural looks among the structures and a more central neighborhood center adjacent to a new lake. "It should look like it has evolved over time, rather than like it was constructed all

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Greenbelt Station Owners Seek Re-approval of Plans

by James Giese

The owner-developers of the proposed Greenbelt Station are seeking reconsideration by the Prince George's Planning Board for the previously approved but court-reversed conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision for the proposed development. In a February 1 letter, Norman D. Rivera, attorney for the developers, argued that it was possible to reconsider these items if: "In furtherance of substantial public interest the Board finds that an error in reaching the original decision was caused by fraud, surprise, mistake, inadvertence or other good cause." For this project, to be built on the Greenbelt Metro Station property and adjacent property to the south on the east side of the CSX Railroad tracks, Rivera contended that there is legal authority for such reconsideration in the planning board rules and by a previous court decision which found that a reversal of a prior ruling is possible where there has been a "mistake, inadvertence or some change in fact of law."

Reversal

The approvals by the Planning Board and later by the Prince George's County Council of the conceptual site plan and the preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station were reversed upon appeal of the City of Greenbelt by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. That court reversed a decision of the lower Circuit Court for Prince George's County upholding the county actions. The Court of Special Appeals ruled that under its own law the county is required to make a finding that there are adequate roads to serve the new development either in place or set forth to be built in an officially approved plan. However, the approval for Metroland was contingent on such roads being in place at a later date. Most significantly needed to serve the property and not yet officially included within any plan are ramps to be built from the Capital Beltway I-95 to

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Comment Period Is Extended on ICC

The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have extended the period for public comment on the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) from February 15 to February 25. All comments must now be received by 5 p.m. on February 25 through the project website or by mail to the Study Group offices at the State Highway Administration's Baltimore headquarters. This is the second time the comment period has expanded.

"By extending the comment period once again to a full 95 days, the ICC Study Team has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to obtaining public input on the DEIS," said Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan. "This is more than double the amount of time required by law. To date, well over 1,000 comments have been received from interested citizens and organizations."

Secretary Flanagan added, "Granting this extension required us to balance our desire to maximize public input on the one hand and the cost of delay on the other hand. Considering the \$12.5 million cost of one month's delay in the project, further delay beyond February 25 would not be in the public interest."

Comments may be sent via email by accessing the ICC Study website at www.iccstudy.org and following the appropriate site links. The ICC Study Team can be reached by telephone at 1-866-462-0020. Public comments may be sent by letter to: State Highway Administration, Office of Preliminary Planning and Engineering, ICC Study Group, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-301, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Those who wish to review the DEIS and associated technical documents may visit one of the community based locations. For Greenbelters the closest site is at SHA's District Three Offices, 9200 Kenilworth Avenue at the intersection with Crescent Road.

For information or to request a CD-Rom of the DEIS, visit the website at www.iccstudy.org or call 1-866-462-0020.

What Goes On

Saturday, February 12

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

Monday, February 14

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

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 15

7:30 p.m., Board of Elections, Municipal Building



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Breakfast at Greenbelt Lake

by Bill Cornett

It has been a fixture in our lives ever since we moved to Lakeside Drive in November, the great blue heron that spends much of its time in the pond behind our house. He (or is it she?) has found that by standing on the rocks that form a cascade between the pond and the lake, he can handily pick off the snack-sized fish that sidle up to the little rapid. Whenever I peer out my kitchen window I find myself looking for him. Often I can tell he is there by the gaggle of humans gathered on the bridge to stare in hushed delight.

I had wondered why the bird hadn't migrated to warmer climes but Chandler Robbins, an ornithologist at the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge, set me straight on that subject. "Great blue herons will stay as long as there is any open water," he told me. "If the refuge freezes over, the ones we have here will simply go to parts of the Patuxent River that never freeze." He also told me that there is a good possibility that our resident heron doesn't nest around the lake. "They like to nest in colonies. There's a large breeding colony in Charles County and another

one in Talbot. Right now he probably spends the night in some nearby tree but in a month or so he'll be spending a great deal of time at his nesting colony."

The magnificent bird pretty much ignores the people who come to gawk at him, as long as they stay on their side of the fence. He'll sit and fish for hours before the crowd but he's decidedly camera shy. As soon as I take out my massive telephoto lens, he's usually off like a shot. But one very cold morning last week, as I was walking back from taking my kids to school, there he was, wading in the shallows between the sheets of ice, darting his long, sharp bill into the water and coming up with little pieces of wiggly silver that he gobbled down. I ran to get my camera and for once he didn't fly away. He sat for five minutes and I shot a number of frames, the best of which is hereby presented for your enjoyment.

This week, as the ice receded, I looked at the wispy oil slick that clung to the sides of the pond. We need to be careful, very careful. If the heron runs out of places to fly to, so will we.

Greenbelt Teens Present New Musical at GAC

Thirty local teenagers are hard at work mastering lines, songs and dances for the upcoming production of "The Joy Gods Return," a new show by Greenbelter Chris Cherry. The show brims with Broadway-style production numbers, which the young performers will present with enthusiasm and energy starting next week at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The uplifting power of Broadway is the theme of the show, which celebrates the return of joy to New York City. The central character is a young actress named Felicity whose fiancé, a composer, perished in the World Trade Center attack before his first show could be produced. A year later, as Felicity works to produce the show in his memory, she journeys from grief to joy

and finds herself surprised by the possibility of new love.

The show within the show is set in 1934, recalling another crisis that threatened to break the spirit of New York. In this inner show, a chorus line provides the prescription for remedying the Hooverville Blues by singing "what we need is a little less of Wall Street - and a little more of old Broadway."

As for the missing joy gods of the title, those "patron saints of pure enjoyment," the chorus asserts "tell FDR if it were up to me, we'd guarantee them full employment!" In the joint climax of the shows, the entire company sings a rousing finale "New York Is Alive." Greenbelter Annie Loutsch por-

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PHOTO BY CHRIS BUTCHER

Dayna Burrows rehearses “I’m Ready To Fly” with chorus girls Adrienne Peters, Erin Cocchiaro, Alex Butcher and Jenny Lindvall for the upcoming teen musical, “The Joy Gods Return,” to be performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center February 18 to 20, 25 and 26.

trays Felicity whose moving ballads include “One More Day” and “Life Goes On.” Cody Sanders, also of Greenbelt, plays the jaded newscaster whose life Felicity changes and who changes hers. Dayna Burrows doubles as Felicity’s friend Marla and the scheming goddess Aphrodite, while Mason Trappio is the bemused object of both characters’ affections.

Dina Goldberg-Strassler is a comically shrewish morning news anchor and Michael DiMarco is her harassed producer. Ian Brown-Gorrell and Michael Barnes share the role of Tom, the composer.

“The Joy Gods Return” is the fifth annual musical for young performers presented by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Arts Center. “I’ve worked with many of these young actors since they were in the fourth grade and it has been a privilege to watch their talents unfold and their confidence grow,” says Director Cherry.

He credits the success of the program to the dedication of the participants and their families, the support of the Recreation Department and the Arts Center and the recruitment of talented mentors such as Choreographer Laura Schandelmeier, Musical Director Stefan Brodd and Assistant Directors Madeline Bell and Jesse Goldberg-Strassler.

In addition, Greenbelt’s commitment to the arts and its cooperative tradition have helped the program grow over the years. “Cooperation is the hallmark of a musical theater production and the teamwork required is one of the best lessons it teaches,” notes Cherry. “What better place is there to practice cooperation than Greenbelt?”

“The Joy Gods Return” will run February 18 to 20, 25 and 26 at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. All performances are at 7 p.m. There is a fee. Previous youth productions have sold out, so patrons are advised to purchase advance tickets in person or by credit card over the phone from the Greenbelt Community Center business office, 15 Crescent Road between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for tickets and information is 301-397-2208.

— Greenbelt Recreation Department

Museum Presents Costume Exhibit

Even wealthy ladies in the early 19th century did not have extensive wardrobes and often cleverly improvised to change their look with a variety of accessories. “Building a Wardrobe,” an exhibit at the Riversdale House Museum, guides viewers through the mix-and-match concept of dressing well with recreated clothing made for federal-era living history interpretation.

The exhibit will be on display February 15 through April 15 and may be viewed Fridays and Sundays from noon to 3:30 p.m. There is a fee.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a workshop on constructing different styles of spencers (the abbreviated jackets fashionable in the era) using one basic pattern will be conducted March 9 at 7 p.m. There is a fee and advance registration is required.

For information and to register call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544.

Board of Education

The Policy and Planning Committee of the Prince George’s County Board of Education will meet in open session on Tuesday, February 15 at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Executive Room at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation. For additional information call 301-952-6118.

Basket Bingo

Friday, February 11
Doors open at 6 p.m.,
Games at 7 p.m.
American Legion
6900 Greenbelt Rd.



Tickets \$20
(\$17 in advance)
Call 301-982-2312
for advance tickets

To benefit Labor Day Festival

Democratic Club On “Sweethearts”

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Condominium Community Building. Each February the club honors community service by recognizing public servants who have distinguished themselves through an extraordinary commitment to serving citizens and strengthening community. This year the club also will honor an individual for extraordinary service to the Democratic Party.

The Roosevelt Democratic Club will honor Beverly Palau, Greenbelt’s Public Information and Communications Coordinator, as the 2005 Community Service Sweetheart. Heather Mizeur, who managed the Maryland campaign for Democratic Presidential candidate Senator John Kerry, has been selected as the Roosevelt Democratic Club’s Political Sweetheart for 2005. Both Beverly and Heather will speak and be honored at the meeting.

“The Roosevelt Democratic Club is especially privileged to honor Beverly Palau and Heather Mizeur. Beverly has done an outstanding job for the City of Greenbelt, managing the taping of city meetings and other community functions. She also does a great job working with ERHS interns. Heather made the critical difference in the 2004 Presidential campaign, providing the leadership needed for the overwhelming Democratic victory in Maryland,” according to Roosevelt Club President Bill Hunt. “Both Beverly and Heather are outstanding individuals and are excellent role models for all of us. In addition to her duties as a senior staff assistant to Senator John Kerry, Heather also is a member of the Takoma Park City Council,” Hunt added.

All concerned and interested citizens are invited to attend. 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. For more information or questions, call 301-982-0111.

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on Feb. 14
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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“I can’t figure out, Jim, why an email or a text message can’t replace chocolates and roses for Valentine’s Day.”

Workshop Offered On Schizophrenia

The Prince George’s County chapter of the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold a workshop on Thursday, February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. The speaker will be Terri Gray, of the University of Maryland Psychiatric Research Center. Her topic will be the First Episode Psychosis Clinic, which works with the first stage of schizophrenia. The workshop is free and refreshments will be served. For more information call 301-577-6026.

Model Airplane Ace To Speak at Museum

On Sunday, February 13 at 2 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum will host a presentation by Maynard Hill, a renowned model airplane expert. Hill will present a lecture about the conception, research and planning of the world’s first successful trans-Atlantic radio-controlled model airplane flight. A life-long aeromodel enthusiast, Hill holds 25 world records, has published 82 articles and won numerous awards for his pioneering work in model aeronautics. There is an admission fee. For information call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

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Community Events

Film, Military History: Topics to Explore

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Greenbelter Dr. Lawrence Suid on Friday, February 18. Suid will discuss his interviews with the "Gods" (the famous – people like John Wayne and Bob Hope) as well as lesser-known but important people. His presentation will recount his interviewing experiences writing about Hollywood and the military, Armed Forces Radio and Television and the image and reality of manned space flight.

For Hollywood and the military, the discussion will focus on John Wayne, Curtis LeMay, Otto Preminger, Stanley Kramer and several other filmmakers. For the history of Armed Forces Radio and Television, he will talk about Bob Hope, Curtis LeMay and other famous entertainers. For the image and reality of manned space flight, Suid will talk about interviews with six of the astronauts who walked on the moon and other NASA people.

Suid is both a film and military historian. His first book, "Guts & Glory" (Addison-Wesley, 1978), became the definitive study of the relationship between the film industry and the armed services. He is currently researching and writing the biography of Fred Zinnemann, director of "High Noon," "From Here to Eternity" and "A Man for All Seasons."

Suid has appeared on the History Channel, PBS, CNN, CBS's "Saturday Night with Connie Chung," ABC's "20/20" and the Evening News with Peter Jennings, Fox Cable Morning News, C-SPAN, Turner Classic Movies, networks in Germany and Korea and numerous radio programs. He has been selected for inclusion in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who in America."

Suid received his B.A. from Western Reserve University, an M.A. in Russian history from Duke University, an M.F.A. degree in film from Brandeis University and a Ph.D. in American studies from Case Western Reserve University.

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 and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

GHI Notes

February 15, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee, Board Room

February 16, 7:30 p.m., Architecture and Environment Committee, Board Room

February 16, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lunch Room

February 17, 6 p.m., Investment Committee, Board Room

February 17, 7 p.m., Finance Committee, Board Room.

Writers Group Meets

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group is scheduled for February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Open readings will be held. All interested writers are invited to participate.

Festival Committee Holds Basket Bingo

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold a basket bingo with door prizes, raffles and more on Friday, February 11 at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games begin at 7. Refreshments will be available. The fee is less when paid in advance. For information call 301-982-2312 or 301-910-0050.

Civil Liberties Film Shown on Sunday

The next Peace and Justice Coalition film in the Progressive Film Series will be "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties." It will be shown on Sunday, February 20 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. A panel discussion will follow, led by ACLU-National Capital Area director Johnny Barnes. Other panelists are Seyed Rizwan Mowlana, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Md. and Va.; a Greenbelt city official has also been invited.

This documentary film weaves legal and policy analysis with vignettes of true crimes perpetrated by law enforcement officials, high and low, authorized by the USA Patriot Act and related rules and orders to sidestep traditional constitutional protections. Their victims include peaceable Arab immigrants, "enemy combatants" of all ages and various nations locked up at Guantanamo Bay and American airport passengers, library patrons and nonviolent dissenters. To document the dual erosion of security and liberty, the national ACLU sponsored this award-winning film by Nonny de la Pena and executive producer Robert Greenwald.

While the film dramatizes the gravity of the nationwide threat to citizens' and immigrants' rights, the panelists will bring the issue closer home by relating how neighbors have been abused and how local activists and local government are trying to resist unconstitutional federal policies.

Learn more about how the defense of civil liberties is being mounted in Maryland and the Washington area at www.aclu-md.org and www.aclu-nca.org. For further information contact the Peace and Justice Coalition at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or at 301-577-2350.

GAIL Offers Talk On Senior Services

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will host a presentation on services offered for seniors in Prince George's County at Green Ridge House on Tuesday, February 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. The speaker, from the Prince George's County Area Agency on Aging, is Debra McBroom, who will present a general overview of programs available to senior residents of the county including the caregiver and nutrition programs, renter's rebates and others.

The lecture is free and will be taped for broadcast on Cable Channel 71. Those attending who are not Green Ridge House residents should RSVP to Belicia Swinson at 301-474-8000, ext. 2036.

Poetry Plus Meeting 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."

Mishkan Torah Forum on Taxation

There will be a discussion on the problems facing the State of Maryland's Legislature during the 2005 session regarding programs that the state wishes to fund and the means of raising those funds to support those programs. The problem raises many ethical questions. Those questions are the subject of a forum that will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The panel will consist of Anne Healey, state delegate from the 22nd District and the vice-chair of the House of Delegates' Ways and Means Committee; Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of Mishkan Torah; and Henry Bodgan, director of policy and public affairs for the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

The forum is open to the public. There is no admission fee.

Some of the questions that will be raised are: What does the Torah teach us about money? Whose money really is it that the State is spending? What does Judaism say about communal responsibility? How do social services in Maryland compare with other states? Is Maryland really a tax-and-spend state? How will our tax picture next year affect the public and private universities, counties, public schools and our children? Who pays taxes in Maryland and who does not pay taxes?

Tax Help for Seniors

"Tax Counseling for the Elderly," free help with income taxes for senior citizens, began 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 15, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime, newborns to 24 months with caregiver. Limited to 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 24 to 36 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Thursday, February 17, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

NCPA Honors Hoyer On Environment

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) was honored on February 2 by the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) as the recipient of their fourth "Friend of the National Parks" award. A strong supporter of the protection of the National Parks, Hoyer was awarded a tribute to his votes on park issues in the 108th Congress which upheld the standards and integrity of the National Park System.

Earlier this year, Hoyer was also recognized by the League of Conservation Voters, a national bipartisan organization devoted to educating citizens about the environmental voting records of federally elected officials. Hoyer received a score of 100 percent for his environmental voting record in the second session of the 108th Congress. The national average score for 2004 was 47 percent in the House, 46 percent in the Senate but 76 percent for House members from Maryland. "The health of our environment is a direct result of our commitment to its protection and preservation," said Hoyer.

Patuxent Refuge Offers Programs

The Patuxent Refuge will hold four programs in the coming week three of them at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197:

Saturday, February 12, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. – Discover the way the refuge provides habitat and manages for wildlife on 45-minute walking tours for anyone 12 years of age and over. No registration is necessary.

Sunday, February 13, 2 to 3 p.m. – "Whose Clues?" – an interactive session about the signs animals leave behind for children ages 5 through 7.

Monday, February 14, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. – "Nature Tots: Tweet, Tweet," for small children ages 3 to 4. Introduce preschoolers to the world of birds through songs, stories and crafts.

The program held at the North Tract on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32:

Saturday, February 19, 1 to 2 p.m. – "Beavers, Makers of the Marsh" for children 8 to 10. Learn how beavers survive and how they help other animals.

All programs are free but all participants must call 301-497-5887 in advance to register, unless otherwise noted.

Black Women Sought For Research Study

Michelle Harris, a doctoral student in the Nutrition Program of the University of Maryland, College Park, is looking for African-American women for a research study on diabetes. The study will help gain additional insight about African-American women's health.

"The purpose of this study is to examine the relationship between Type 2 diabetes and birthweight and current weight status in African-American women 38 to 57 years of age," said Harris, investigator for the study.

Previous studies have shown that being born small, in combination with obesity later in life, puts a person at an increased risk for developing chronic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes. However, African-American women, a population that is at high risk for developing this form of diabetes, were not the focus of prior research for this question.

Participants of this study should be between the ages of 38 and 57, born in the United States and should live or work in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. During the study, participants will have their blood pressure, body measurements and blood sugar levels taken. Participants will be asked to give a written consent for Harris to obtain their birth weight from official records. All of the information obtained in the study will remain private and confidential.

For more information about the study or to volunteer contact Michelle Harris by phone at 202-291-1798 or email her at bharris2@umd.edu.

Guarneri Rehearsal

Now in its 22nd year in residence at the University of Maryland School of Music, the Guarneri String Quartet continues its tradition of open rehearsals. This free event will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 5 p.m. in Room #1230 of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

The members of the Prince George's Choral Society will be serving our annual Italian dinner and serenading you with popular choral selections on Saturday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Md. Please come and enjoy the delicious dinner, lovely music and decadent desserts. For further information, please call Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532.



**Eleanor & Franklin
ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB**



*Honoring Our
Community and Political Sweethearts*

Beverly Palau, Community Sweetheart
Greenbelt's Public Information and Communications Coordinator

and

Heather Mizeur, Political Sweetheart
2004 Maryland Campaign Manager for Senator John Kerry

Friday, February 18, 2005, 7:30 p.m.
Terrace Room Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway at Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193)
Refreshments and Social after Meeting

Everyone is Welcome. Join Us!
For information call, 301-982-0111




Obituaries

Walter Earnest Zahm

Walter Earnest Zahm died Wednesday, December 15, 2004. He had been a resident of Greenbelt since 1991 and was active in the Moose Lodge, Prince George's Senior Club, the American Legion, Meals on Wheels and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. He was a member of Mowatt United Methodist Church.

Mr. Zahm was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in University Park, Md. A veteran, he served in Europe during World War II. He was employed by the Washington Gas Company for 32 years.

His wife, Evelyn Zahm, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughter Catherine Zahm and her husband Pete Dagata and his companion Christine Elliot.

The funeral service and reception were held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on December 20, 2004.



Presbyterians Offer Soup, Lectures

A Lenten Soup and Lecture Series will be held at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road on Wednesday evenings, February 16 through March 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to join in a light soup supper followed by a Bible lecture led by Dr. Frederick L. Ware, assistant professor of theology at Howard University.

The topic is "Turning the World Upside Down: Theological Reflections on Christian Morality in a Democratic Society." These values include life, freedom, justice, equality and community. Child care is provided.

Black History Month Activities

Happy Wanderers View Memorabilia

Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking Club for their 5K or 11K recreational walk on February 19 at the Vansville Neighborhood Recreation Center, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike. In conjunction with the black history program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, an African American memorabilia collection of blacks in history will feature U.S. stamps, baseball's Negro leaguers, black athletes on cereal boxes and blacks on U.S. currency and coins.

Start the walk between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and finish by 4 p.m.

For a brochure contact 301-572-5574 or 410-437-2164 by phone before 9 p.m. or email wahasse@ix.netcom.com. Sports information at the club's website at <http://www.ava.org/clubs/freestate>.

Salute to C. Young At Greenbelt Park

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 6565 Greenbelt Road.

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

Hear African Drums At P.G. Plaza

The Mall at Prince George's celebrates Black History Month with special community events to honor the rich cultural heritage of African Americans. On Saturdays in the month of February, a variety of local artists and performers will entertain and educate visitors as they demonstrate the rich culture of African American traditions.

"Black History Month is an opportunity for us to celebrate the diversity of our shoppers and community," said Henry Watford, general manager. "Our schedule of events is designed to educate the community and commemorate the unique history and culture of African Americans."

An African Dance Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Center Court. This high-spirited event will demonstrate traditional African dancing and drumming by renowned troupes including Drum Talk 39 Entertainment Dancers & Drummers, Fritete and KanKouran West African Dance Company.

Sing-a-long Concert At Berwyn Church

A free Black History Month sing-a-long concert will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m. in the Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road. Join in singing favorite spirituals and listening to African-American literature.

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Chapel Choral Service at Maryland

The University of Maryland Chapel Choir evening choral service will be held Sunday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel located on the College Park campus.

For more information contact Holly Ulmer, chaplain, 301-405-8450 or ulmer@umd.edu.

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.

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301-474-9410 www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt



Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm

Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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- The Holy Qur'an, 18:119

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Condolences to the family and friends of Walter Zahm who died December 15, 2004.

Congratulations to Hui K. Kim, who was named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester. Daughter of Key and Chong Kim, Hui, a graduate of ERHS, is majoring in chemistry in a program accredited by the American Chemical Society.

Robert I. Boyce, a student at ERHS, attended the Presidential Classroom's Law and Justice in a Democracy program from January 29 to February 5 in Washington, D.C. Presidential Classroom (PC) provides high school juniors and seniors access to the leaders who shape America's public policy. Participants explored the federal legal system and issues of freedom and order in a democratic society.

During the week-long program PC scholars interacted with Washington insiders including members of Congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, business leaders and journalists. They observed Congress in action, visited congressional offices and debated current issues with peers from the U.S. and abroad. They visited Arlington National Cemetery and area law firms and attended a seminar on the floor of the House of Representatives, a Supreme Court briefing and a student moot court.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to former Greenbelter Jeff Timbs, who suffered a stroke last week at his home in Alabama. Jeff is home now taking lots of medicine in an effort to remedy the bleeding. According to his mother, Diane Ronchi, who had stayed with Jeff and has now returned, all prayers, well wishes and cards are greatly appreciated.

Re-enactment At Marietta

Sixteenth-century Holy Roman Empire re-enactors will hold the Landsknecht Winter Camp on Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lower field of Marietta House Museum's grounds. This is a free event open to the public.

This living history encampment will demonstrate winter camp life, cooking, weaponry and military training of the period. Tours of Marietta House Museum are also available from noon to 4 p.m. for a fee.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, off of Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information call 301-464-5291 or 301-699-2544.

Kids' Valentine Art Program Offered

From 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, February 13, at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road, College Park there will be a children's art program. The program is suitable for children ages 3 to 12. It will feature Valentine's Day card making and other collage and mural designs. Although no one will be turned away, advance registration is requested. Call 301-927-3013 to register.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building - Council Room
February 14, 2005 – 8 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Greenbelt Highlight Video

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.)

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #1-05 (Reading Tutor Program)
- Advisory Planning Board, Report, #05-01 (Friends Community School DSP)
- Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2005-001 (Towing Regulations)

LEGISLATION

■ **OTHER BUSINESS**

Friends Community School – Detailed Site Plan

- Pending State/County Legislation
 - House Bill 272 (Special Taxing District Police & Fire)
 - House Bill 405 (DJS – Predelinquent Diversion Services)
 - PG 318 (Liquor Store Closing Times)
- Zipcar Update
- * Retiree Health Savings Plan
- * Renewal of City Liquor Licenses
- * Transfer of City Liquor Licenses
- * Appointments to Advisory Groups

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@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000:

Monday, February 14 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live on Channel 71).

Tuesday & Thursday, February 15 & 17: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Avoiding Falls,” **7:00pm** Springhill Lake Recreation presents “Father 2 Son,” **8:15pm** “Replay of City Council Meeting of 2/14.”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:

Wednesday & Friday, February 16 & 18: 7:00pm “Future View,” **7:30pm** Roosevelt Democratic Club **9:30pm** “Betty the Yeti.”

Meetings for February 14-18

Monday, February 14, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Greenbelt Community Center

Monday, February 14, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, February 15, 7:30pm, Board of Elections, Municipal Building

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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

YARD WASTE & REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGES

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Effective March 1, 2005, leaves and yard waste will no longer be collected in plastic bags.

Instead, these materials

MUST BE PLACED IN PAPER YARD BAGS OR YARD WASTE BINS.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Effective March 1, 2005, trash containers must be placed on the STREET SIDE FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND SERVICE SIDE FOR GHI RESIDENCES by 7AM on your collection day.

Containers must be placed on an all-weather surface and must be serviceable by an all-weather access route.

Every residential refuse collection customer should have received a flyer explaining these changes. (Flyers were mailed to single family residents with their January refuse bill and delivered door-to-door to GHI residents.) If you did not receive this flyer, please call Public Works at 301-474-8004.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005
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Attention Greenbelt Community Groups:

The City of Greenbelt offers in-kind services and financial assistance to Greenbelt community groups in support of the cultural, recreational and service opportunities which they provide for Greenbelt residents. New and existing organizations wishing to request support for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, are invited to contact Anne Marie Belton at 301-474-8000 or abelton@greenbeltmd.gov to request a Recognition Group Application (for in-kind support) or a Contribution Group Application (for in-kind and financial support). Applications are also available at the City of Greenbelt website: www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Certain eligibility restrictions apply: consult the Policy Information Sheet for Recognition and Contribution Groups, also available at the website, for further details. Completed applications are due February 24, 2005 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

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at once,” according to David Douglas.

According to the plan, the current number of housing units would increase from approximately 3,000 to about 4,900. The mix would include for-sale townhomes with parking garages and apartment condominiums; rental “six-pack” apartments (three-floor structures with two apartments on each floor); multi-story elevator apartment buildings with underground parking (either four or five stories); some “Texas Donut” style buildings (wrapped around parking structures) and some two-story buildings with the ground floor designed for commercial and the upper story designed for living space.

The plan also envisions considerable improvement and modifications to the current street and walkway system in SHL, with new medians included on some of the streets and a planned pedestrian/bikeway access to the Greenbelt Metro station.

It is clear that some aspects of the proposed concept will require further negotiation by AIMCO representatives with the Greenbelt City Council, Prince George’s County zoning and planning officials and the Prince George’s County Board of Education. Aside from the planning and zoning issues, AIMCO will need the agreement of the County Board of Education for its plan to replace the elementary school at its current location with a new school on a site adjacent to the Greenbelt Middle School.

AIMCO also seeks the City of Greenbelt’s agreement to move the city’s SHL Recreation Center from its current location on Cherrywood Lane to a new site near the schools on Breezewood Drive. In both instances, AIMCO would pay the costs for constructing the new elementary school and the new Greenbelt recreation center.

According to AIMCO’s concept plan, the existing sites for the elementary school and the recreation center would be used for a new lake anchoring the planned neighborhood center just to the south. A new swimming pool would also be constructed in the area near the new schools and recreation center.

Time-line

Recognizing the complexity of these negotiations, Douglas and Swayder made it clear during the question-and-answer periods at both meetings that they would not expect to break ground for at least two years on the proposed redevelopment. This time-line served to calm the many residents present at Wednesday evening’s briefing who had come to the meeting with a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty regarding the timing of the project.

The questions raised on Wednesday primarily reflected concerns of the many residents who came out on that very cold evening and wanted to learn as much as possible about the project. The questions came fast and furious and dealt mostly with basic economic issues that could affect them and their apartments.

“Would I be able to move into the new apartments?” “What would be the size of the new units?” “Would AIMCO help with any needed relocations?” “Would there be accommodation for residents on low or fixed incomes?” “For seniors and handi-



Representatives of Apartment Investment and Management Company and its architect-planners Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company presented this preliminary layout plan for a rebuilt Springhill Lake apartment development. They propose demolishing over a period of time the existing 2,899-unit apartment development as well as the Springhill Lake Elementary School and city-owned Springhill Lake Recreation Center and replacing them with 4,900 new apartments, an elementary school and recreation center. The new development is shown in bold print in the area which is now Springhill Lake (SHL). The interchange of the Capital Beltway I-95 and Kenilworth Avenue is to the right of SHL with the Golden Triangle Office Park across Kenilworth (lower right), Capital Office Park across I-95 (upper right), the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center to the south of SHL (lower left) and the A. H. Smith property and Greenbelt Metro Station, proposed for a multi-use, transit-oriented development to be called Greenbelt Station (to the left of SHL). The larger buildings, many surrounding courtyards (“Texas donuts”), are clustered along the west side of SHL (Cherrywood Lane), in the center (Springhill Lane) and in the northern (upper) part of the tract. The smallest buildings are six-unit, three-story buildings (“six-packs”). Townhouse-style buildings, some to be purchased instead of rented, are located along the southern side of the tract (Breezewood Drive). The existing Greenbelt Middle School on Edmonston Road is at the bottom of this plan and the proposed new elementary school, recreation center and swimming pool are at the opposite corner of the middle school property on the south side of Breezewood Drive.

capped?” “Would current residents be given any credit/reward for possible purchase of the new for-sale units?”

For most of these questions, AIMCO officials noted that it was too early in the planning stages to have answers. AIMCO noted that they have about five or six properties in the area and would be able to offer relocation at those facilities.

Since the project will be phased in, the plan for SHL will allow for residents to move temporarily to other units on site while the new units are being built. AIMCO also has an existing homebuyer reward program where a current SHL renter can build a rental payment record and receive a referral to mortgage lenders and in some cases be pre-qualified for home purchase when they decide to leave and purchase a home.

Douglas also made it clear that AIMCO’s corporate repertoire only includes rental properties. Their plan would be to sell the proposed townhouse and condominium sites to other builders who would develop and market those buildings.

AIMCO spokesmen also noted their commitment to low-income units but, again, could not know at this stage either the price ranges or the mix of units but will be evaluating this issue.

Audience Questions

Other questions brought up by current residents dealt with available playgrounds, building standards for the units, whether the new project would be gated, whether there would be better lighting for the walkways and better security. The response was that the completed project would be a “21st century showpiece.”

He also reassured residents that

AIMCO will be continuing its discussions with the city and county officials and that there will be a public process involved in the ongoing planning for the project.

Finally, SHL residents used the opportunity to raise some current maintenance issues with the senior AIMCO officials. Questions were raised regarding the extermination program, long times for response to service requests and, of course, snow-plow problems. For these and other issues the residents were invited to consult on particular items with the staff members in attendance.

Thursday Meeting

In contrast, the Thursday evening briefing was more planning oriented. Specific questions were raised by attendees regarding architectural standards, market viability of a new town center, the school and recreation center relocation issues and conformance with the Sectional Map Amendment for Greenbelt East. Other issues were access to the Metro station, a more unified approach for the adjacent Beltway Plaza property, provision of senior dedicated buildings and any consideration of so-called green architecture building concepts.

The AIMCO concept plan includes a regulatory plan for the various standards. There are thoroughfare standards for the streetscapes, urban design standards for the layout of the neighborhoods and architectural standards for building materials. At this stage of planning there has been no consideration of green architecture features but the representatives felt this was a good idea which they would evaluate.

AIMCO officials were sensitive to how the new development would fit in with the existing rear aspects of the Beltway Plaza.

See a Bit of Ireland On Stage at Goddard

by Kathie Jarva

Greenbelt residents Ron Wilder (production council) and Lynne Slater (set dresser) have behind-the-scenes roles in bringing the award-winning drama “Dancing at Lughnasa” to the stage in a MAD production opening February 11 at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center.

Greenbelters may remember Wilder as director of the Greenbelt Arts Center production “Music of the Night” in which Nina Harris performed. Harris, a former Greenbelt resident, plays Kate Mundy in the upcoming MAD production. MAD is the Goddard employees’ Music and Drama Productions, Inc., which has been producing dramas, comedies and musicals for over 30 years.

“Dancing at Lughnasa,” directed by former Greenbelt Erica Drezek, is an Irish play written by Brian Friel. The story takes place in Ireland where five unmarried sisters are living on a rugged farm outside of Ballybeg in the turbulent 1930s. The play deals with the tides of change in which the old world meets the new, the old versus the young and the familiar versus the different. Friel employs dancing and music, comedy and drama to explore themes of Irish identity, nostalgia, historical change and pagan ritual.

The show runs weekends from February 11 through February 26 with a cabaret prior to curtain each evening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and shown at the Goddard entrance on Good Luck Road in order to enter. For more information or to order tickets online go to <http://www.madtheater.org/> or call 240-475-8800 to order tickets by phone.

Hospital Holds Free Diabetic Foot Clinic

Doctors Community Hospital’s Rehabilitation Department will provide a free diabetic foot screening clinic for community residents on Thursday, February 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the hospital’s campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

The screening will include a foot assessment, an educational video on foot care and a question-and-answer session. The program will accommodate approximately 20 participants accepted by appointment only and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Diabetes is a lifelong disease that can have many effects on the feet including nerve damage, ulcers and sores, decreased blood flow and bone infection. Managing diabetes and having an annual foot screening can help prevent diabetic foot problems.

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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

January 28, in reference to a robbery reported December 21 in the 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane, warrants were obtained charging four Washington, D.C. men with two counts each of armed robbery, two counts each of first degree assault and use of a handgun during the commission of a felony. In this incident, two men exited a car in which there were other men, one armed with a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money from the victims. The car used in the incident was identified. It had been carjacked in Hyattsville and later was recovered at the University of Maryland.

Theft

February 2, Kenilworth Avenue and I-495. A nonresident woman was arrested and charged with theft after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen and also showed that the driver had open warrants with both the Prince George's County and the Charles County Sheriffs Departments. She was released on citation into the custody of the Department of Corrections for service of the warrants.

February 2, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with theft after police observed a vehicle being driven with a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the tag had been reported stolen. She was released on citation pending trial.

February 2, in reference to a stolen vehicle recovered January 3 in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, a resident

youth was petitioned for one count of theft.

Vandalism

February 1, 12:51 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was charged with malicious destruction after he allegedly vandalized walls and furniture at the school. He was released to his mother pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

February 1, 7:10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a vacant apartment. Graffiti was drawn on the walls and the carpeting was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

A 2004 Dodge Ram pickup was stolen from the 6300 block Ivy Lane.

Three vehicles were recovered by non-Greenbelt police with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Lane, 6300 Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents), 500 block Crescent Road, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 7300 block Sunrise Court, 7700 block Jacobs Drive and 7600 block Mandan Road.

The following are some other incidents handled by police during the last week for which no narratives were provided: two assaults (including one domestic assault), one drug incident, five shoplifting incidents, three emergency evaluations, one altered document uttering, one additional stolen vehicle and one additional vehicle recovery.

Guilty Verdict Found In Osbourne Case

Cornell W. McClure, 26, of Glenn Dale was convicted by U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow in the murder and kidnapping of Tessa Mae Osbourne after a six-day trial, according to "The Washington Post." The bench trial was held instead of a jury trial at McClure's option.

On May 1, 2001, after tricking Osbourne to get into an SUV, McClure and a friend drove Osbourne to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center where they shot her 11 times, Chasanow found. McClure was also found guilty of a weapons charge.

Since the first-degree murder occurred on federal land, McClure is eligible for capital punishment. Chasanow scheduled the penalty phase to begin February 9, which is estimated to last two weeks.

McClure's co-defendant, Rufus J. Millegan, Jr., 24, of Greenbelt, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murder in the case in February 2003 and was sentenced to life in prison.

Greenbelt Detective Is Commended

Greenbelt Detective Marie Triesky has received a letter of commendation from Captain Michael D. Craddock for her work in solving the rent scam that occurred in Springhill Lake and throughout the region. Craddock stated that the theft case "developed into the largest fraud case involving multiple victims that [the Greenbelt Police] Department has ever investigated."

The suspects, a male and female using the company name of Professional Sales Group, obtained apartments for low-income victims, took their money under the auspices of paying rent for them and did not pay the rent but rather kept the money.

"Your efforts resulted in the identification and indictment of the suspects who preyed on their victims . . ." Craddock said.

Art at Montpelier

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center will present exhibitions by three artists opening in February. Cut paper illustrations by the late artist and author of children's books, David Wisniewski, will run throughout the month in the main gallery. Wall assemblages by Janet Wheeler can be viewed in the Library Gallery through March 29. Paintings by Pinkie Strother appear in the Resident Artist Gallery throughout the month.

Opera Reading At U. of Md.

Students of the Maryland Opera Studio breathe life into new operas – transporting them from the page to the stage. Presented by the University of Maryland School of Music, this program is free. It will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the College Park campus.

GIVES Agenda Includes Seasonal Drop in Requests

by Virginia Beauchamp

At the next regular meeting of the board and associate members of GIVES (the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), the group will explore possible reasons for a dramatic drop in service requests over the recent holiday period. A similar drop in requests for the Greenbelt bus service occurred during the same time period as well.

The city's Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey will attend the meeting, which is open to all GIVES members. The meeting will take place at the Community Center on Friday, February 18 at 10 a.m.

In the GIVES program members call in requests for various kinds of assistance, such as grocery shopping, yard raking and especially transportation to and from medical appointments. Even mending clothing and replacing light bulbs may be needed services for some members. These services are paid back through in-kind services from other members, including telephone messaging.

GIVES operates Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. During these hours a vol-

unteer will be available in the office (the Senior Lounge of the Community Center), to take messages and carry out various recording tasks. The phone number is 301-507-6580. A phone answering machine records messages and service requests at other times.

Currently the following have been regularly scheduled to carry out office duties: Monday, Betty Maher; Tuesday, Jeane Bozzi; Wednesday, John Taylor; Thursday, Ruth Huggins and Friday, Pearl Siegel. Jeane Bozzi is acting manager of the office. Volunteers are being sought to serve as occasional substitutes – an important way to accrue service hours.

Recently board members have been exploring a means of commemorating the special services over the years of various GIVES members in the form of a plaque to be hung in the Senior Lounge. Award certificates would also be given to members recognized or to their family members in cases where the person honored is deceased.

The next quarterly meeting for GIVES members will take place on Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m.

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD). The report includes recent incidents, GVFD news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

From January 22 to February 4 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (Company 35) responded to a total of 68 fire engine and 61 ambulance calls. Those calls break down as follows: 17 reports of smoke or fire, 11 automatic fire alarms, eight gas leaks, 25 motor vehicle accidents and 40 medical calls.

Pedestrian Death

Around 7 p.m. on January 22 Engine 352 and Ambulance 359 from Greenbelt responded over snow-covered roads to a report of a pedestrian struck by an SUV on Greenbelt Road. Upon arrival it was determined that the victim had not survived his injuries. The driver of the SUV was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Engine 352 remained on the scene for over two hours to provide light for the accident investigation.

Beltsville Legion Fire

Shortly after 5 p.m. on January 23, Engine 352 along with GVFD's chief and assistant chief were among units responding to a report of fire at the Beltsville American Legion. Upon arrival, Greenbelt's chief was given command of the interior attack on the fire and the assistant chief was given responsibility for safety. The engine crew was first assigned to exterior operations to keep the fire from spreading and later helped look for hidden fire and hot spots.

NASA Fire

On the morning of January 25, Engine 352 and Chief 35 re-

sponded along with other area units to a reported building fire at NASA Goddard. The first units on the scene reported fire from the rear of Building 5. Greenbelt's crew helped extinguish the fire, which was primarily in the walls of the building. Chief 35 was in charge of operations. The fire took about two hours to fully extinguish and units were on the scene an additional hour for clean-up.

Beltsville Industrial Fire

On January 27, area units, including Engine 351, responded to a reported building fire in Beltsville on Corridor Road. The fire was located in an electrical room with some extension to the area below the roof. Greenbelt's crew split into two teams with one group manning an attack hose while the other assisted with ladders and ventilating the building. Units were on the scene for almost three hours before being released.

Volunteers Sought

The GVFD is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, emergency medical technician or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more, call the station at 301-345-7000, visit our website at www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to public-info@engine35.com or to 301-345-7000.

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

City Notes

Construction/Sediment Erosion Control staff issued a stop work order for a sediment control violation at Belle Point Office Park.

Animal Control staff removed a dead deer from Cherrywood Lane and responded to three cruelty complaints.

City planning staff reviewed environmental features of Greenbelt Station, reviewed the site/concept plan for the south core of Greenbelt Station, continued negotiations on an agreement with Greenbelt Station and met with a GHI resident who is the final recipient of the matching grant funds to construct a bathroom.

Planning staff updated demographic estimates for 2005.

Public Works

The streets crew transported equipment deposited at the Electronics Recycling to Baltimore for disposal.

The facilities maintenance crew inspected city street lights after dark, made a list of needed repairs and reported the problems to Pepco.

The horticulture crew assisted in the construction of the new greenhouse and the removal of the old "hoop" house.

The vehicle mechanics replaced the drive shaft u-joints in a truck, answered a call for road service on a truck and replaced a flat tire.

The refuse and recycling collection crews helped with electronics recycling on Saturday, January 29. Forty-three vehicles brought 5,342 pounds of materials for recycling.

Recreation Dept.

The Northway Fields Master Plan was finalized by the planning department and sent out to a number of possible vendors.

The Family Swim last Saturday evening was attended by 13 paid families along with passholder families. Approximately 60 individuals took part in the swim.

A Community Center leader resigned without notice. One center leader interview was conducted. There is currently one weekend shift position still open.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

at Doctors Community Hospital on Feb. 14

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Fire Club Holds First Local Council Fire

Members of Camp Fire USA's Greenbelt Starflight and Adventure Club recently held their first Council Fire. Ten of the club's youth members received awards for community service, learning about the environment, completing fine arts projects and for participation in club activities.

The Greenbelt Camp Fire Club is led by William Barnett and Eva Klaess Barnett, meeting weekly in space provided by the Greenbelt Community Church.

Present at the Council Fire was Anastasia Wroblewski, vice president for youth leadership. Wroblewski has been a member of Camp Fire for 10 years and shared her experience with the new members. She is currently a student at Bishop McNamara High School. Wroblewski encouraged the students to participate in the Council's Martin Luther King Days of Service Project that is currently under way and will be completed on Youth Service Day in April. Also visiting the club was Rosemary Pezzuto, executive director of the Patuxent Area Council.

Camp Fire USA serves nearly three quarters of a million children and youth nationally, including



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From left to right: Elias Scott-Childress, Council Executive Director Rosemary Pezzuto, Jeremy Daniel and Jessamyn Daniel lighting their WoHeLo candles at their first Council Fire.

2,500 children in the Washington, D.C. area. Camp Fire offers a broad array of coeducational, age-appropriate and all-inclusive developmental opportunities to children and youth from birth to 21 years of age. Camp Fire programs are family focused and outcome based. Through after-school programs that focus on social and academic development, community service and service-learning, camping and environmental education and youth-driven leadership experiences, Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.

For more information, call the Camp Fire office at 301-860-4923. To join the Greenbelt Camp Fire Club, call Eva Klaess Barnett at 301-982-6711.

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the property for traffic coming from and going to the east.

Instead of restarting from scratch, as city officials expected, Rivera is proposing reconsidering the previous approvals and amending them to correct the deficiency about building roads. He has proposed on behalf of the applicant to covenant the real estate of both the north (the property upon which the Greenbelt Metro Station and its parking facilities are built) and south (former A. H. Smith tract) cores to assure the construction of required off-site improvements. To that end he proposes that the applicant will convert the proposed development into a number of units and/or square footage of commercial development that will then be converted to a fee amount. Each parcel of land, he continues, will be allocated a certain fee structure based on the density assigned to that site. The result of this proposal will be, according to Rivera, that the fee will be assessed at the time of the approval of the conceptual site plan and the record plats will encumber the land with the fee. That will guarantee that the fee will be generated or that the improvements will be made prior to building permits being issued.

Funding

Rivera also proposes that the fees assessed for a parcel may be replaced with a surety at the applicant's choice such as a letter of credit, bond or other financing instrument which could include the sale of public bonds or a construction loan in which funds are dedicated to the im-

provements required.

Rivera concludes that: "The impact of the assessment of the entire property on a plat-by-plat basis will provide the guarantee for all road improvements for the critical intersections identified in the Conceptual Site Plan [CSP] approval. Therefore, it is our opinion that this assessment should more than address the APF [adequate public facilities] requirements for a Metro Planned [CSP]."

"In sum," he continues, "the legal effect of granting the reconsideration and revising the Board's decision in the CSP would allow the decision to be in conformance with the court's action and would also reinstate the preliminary plan approval." Rivera also told the planning board in his request, "We believe that this Council's intent was not to chill the development of a premier Metro Planned Community at the earliest possible stage in the development but to facilitate the development of these resources so that they could continue in the development process which includes Detailed Site Plan, Preliminary Plan and permitting."

Response

At this time the city has not formulated a response to this proposal and no action has been taken by the planning board. City officials had hoped that beginning a new process for the obtaining of approvals for this multi-use development of retail commercial, offices, hotels, apartments, condominiums and townhouses would result in a plan more to the city's liking. By lo-

cating shopping facilities at a distance from the Metro station and building more access roads to the property, officials felt that the development would become more oriented toward automobiles instead of toward public transportation. In planning for a major development at the Metro station, both city and county officials had initially sought a transit-oriented community. In the opinion of the Greenbelt City Council, the CSP previously approved by the county failed to meet that requirement. That contention, however, was not a basis for the city's appeal of the county's decision or for the court's reversal of the county's decision.

Marietta Offers Valentine Tours

Marietta House Museum will offer Sweetheart Tours on Sunday, February 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Join in a Valentine tour highlighting the couples of Marietta. The program includes light refreshments and two for one admission. For information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544.

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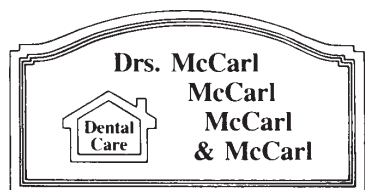
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- WebMan



For my Indian Princess
For everywhere we have been and everything we have done and for what we still will do
With all my love,
Bill

To my Baby Cakes, Angel Girl and Sugar Plum,
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You have my heart
You've been so much fun
From the very start
With joy and verve
So strong and smart
Happy Valentine's Day
To my little spark
Love from Mum

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Krissy and Allen,
I love you.

Puddin
You are the best thing that has ever happened to me.
I love you more and more each day.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Moo Moo

Mommo
We love you all the way to Russia,
To the moon and back.
Happy Valentine's Day
Love,
Your Sugar Meat and Dan the Man

But did you know that when it snowed
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Love, Mom

To Christo
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Will you be my Valentine?
Love,
Dude

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- S

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Bernie

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With love,
Mom & Dad
(Bill & Shobha)

Happy Valentine's Day to my husband, Bill
You're still the one!!
Love always,
Shobha

One thousand my little ponies wouldn't be nearly as fine
As just one sweet kiss from my dear Clementine.
Love,
Gracen

J, L, C,
You can't choose your family
But you can choose your friends
How lucky we got on both of these ends.
You're our brother and sister, uncle and aunt
Live without you?
Imagine it, we can't.
So please listen carefully and know that it's so -
Our hearts are yours always, wherever we go.
Love,
EGg

Doctor Martini is so dreamy
I wonder if he'll be mine?
Beck,
Will you be my Valentine?
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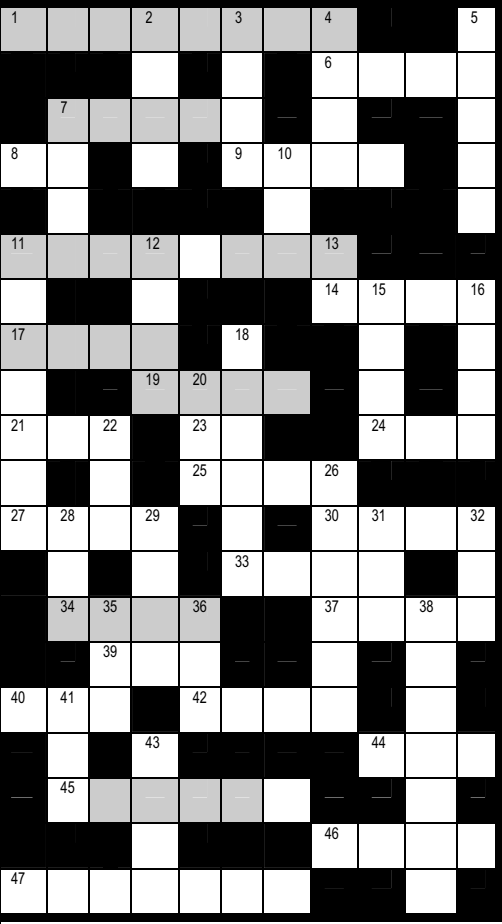
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A Valentine's Day Crossword To My Wife
Michelle,
When done, a special message will be found in the shaded boxes
Love, Tim

ACROSS

- Three words we love to hear
- Where two lovebirds might live?
- An eel that lives among reefs
- Half of baby's first word - says you
- Plays among the reeds
- Response to a polite gesture
- Knight's back-ups
- There is a way if one is present
- Part of never
- May follow night - not always
- He said he'll be "right here"
- Keeps things running smoothly
- Sunroof alternative
- Meander
- An affirming statement, briefly
- One who has love is this indeed
- To understand
- Not want to give away
- To be indebted
- I __ you, babe! - Sonny & Cher song
- Title
- Timid
- One ox short of a four-ox team?
- Promise me you'll __ forever
- Request with a certain ring to it

DOWN

- A word of action
- Toy on a string
- Golden rule says do this to others
- Vows are spoken to each
- 2 + 2 = this kind of problem
- Md. group makes beautiful music
- Makes a fine limo for a wedding
- Egyptian water source
- Where someone may climb to
- Opposite of "out of"
- I love you heart and ____
- Type of love delivered, rain or snow
- Doctor for puppy-love
- Most schools have one
- I sure am lucky you __ me
- Our love is as strong as a mighty __
- For me -- you're the cat's ____
- The start of many good books
- How maple syrup starts
- We "tied" one 23 years ago...(OK, so my spelling aint the greatest)
- We did this one beautiful Sept. day
- How often I am grateful you're mine
- Lennon's one true love
- You're my woman, I'm __ man

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