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City Council Approves Agreement For New Verizon Cable Franchise

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt residents should have more choices in cable television services by the end of the year. At its meeting on January 8 the city council unanimously passed an ordinance granting a non-exclusive cable television franchise to Verizon Maryland, Inc. The ordinance also approves a franchise agreement and authorizes Mayor Judith Davis to sign it on behalf of the city.

Service Described

Before the ordinance was submitted for second reading and adoption, the council meeting was interrupted in order to hold a public hearing on the topic. Several residents had questions about the service and two representatives from Verizon addressed the assembly.

Dick Beville of Verizon answered most of the questions, explaining the rate structure and describing the need for a set-top box for most users. Basic service for reception of local channels would be \$12.99 a month. Premier service, which includes many cable news and sports channels along with movies and family programming, among others, would

be \$42.99 per month. Starz and Encore movie channels, HBO and Cinemax would also be in additional packages as would some additional sports channels.

There are over 300 channels available altogether that are 100 percent digital, Beville said. There are also over 20 channels of high definition television available at this time. A package of Spanish language channels along with English language channels popular among Spanish-speaking people, according to a survey described by Beville, is another option at \$32.99.

Beville said a set-top box would be needed by just about everyone at this time, but he added that the television industry is currently catching up with built-in technology that would make the box unnecessary in the future. The boxes must be rented and the current fee is \$9.99 a month.

Some questions concerned compatibility of older equipment with the new digital technology provided through the fiber optic cable used by Verizon. Beville said the digital image will be converted to an analog image

where necessary and that existing in-house cable can be connected to the new lines at point of entry.

A wire center in Lanham is already up and running but has a small service area, said Beville. Most of Greenbelt will be served from a wire center to be built in Berwyn Heights which he said should be ready to serve by the end of this year.

Multi-family Residences

Verizon will need a right of entry permission from owners of apartments and other multi-family residences (including Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) to provide service to residents of those buildings. If such permission is not granted, residents could solicit landlords to provide it.

Competitive Service

Repeatedly, Beville commented that competition among cable service providers would be good for residents as it would make all companies vie for the consumer's business. He noted that Verizon customer satisfaction has been very high so far. He described the fiber optic system used as a very sophisticated service for the home and said Verizon could provide an integrated whole-house solution for technology services.

The agreement between Verizon and the city is only for cable television services but Verizon does offer bundles of service to include high-speed internet access and telephone services at a discount.

Staff Participation

City Manager Michael McLaughlin and both representatives from Verizon expressed appreciation and thanks to Beverly Palau, city communications coordinator, for her hard work in bringing about the agreement between Verizon and the city.

What Goes On

Saturday, January 13

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center

Monday, January 15

City and GHI offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 16

promptly at 10:30 a.m., Registration for Winter GED, Municipal Building. Classes begin Thursday, January 18. Also registration begins for residents for summer and spring camps.

Wednesday, January 17

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Pre-budget Briefing by City Manager, Community Center

See **BARC BIRDS**, page 6

AIMCO's Request for School Board Letter Approved, 7 to 2

by Alan Turnbull

The owners of the Springhill Lake (SHL) apartments, gained a promise from the Prince George's County Board of Education on Tuesday, January 9 for a letter of intent. AIMCO, Apartment Investment Management Company, the owner of the large apartment complex in Greenbelt West, sought a letter to indicate that the school board may be willing to give the site of SHL Elementary School to AIMCO, if numerous concerns are satisfactorily addressed. The school board's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee held the dinner-hour meeting in Upper Marlboro to hear AIMCO representatives summarize their plans to demolish and redevelop the entire SHL property in phases over the coming seven to 10 years. Central to those plans, as represented in AIMCO's conceptual site plan, is the acquisition and demolition of the current SHL Elementary School. The site of the present

school would be converted into a sizeable stormwater management pond with trails and other recreational features.

The City of Greenbelt has previously approved the preliminary plan of subdivision for the redevelopment of SHL contingent on 35 conditions. One of those conditions requires definitive agreements of the issues of location and capacity of schools in Greenbelt West. The planning board had requested that AIMCO obtain a letter from the school board agreeing to make the present school site available to AIMCO and establishing how and where replacement schools would be located. Until these issues are settled to the city's satisfaction, the number of new housing units may not exceed the current number – 2,899. AIMCO's plans are to build 5,800 housing units.

AIMCO explained to the CIP

See **AIMCO**, page 6

Public Hearing

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the Greenbelt West schools issue on Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, immediately prior to a budget meeting already scheduled there for 7 p.m.

Local Birder Shares News Of Annual Count at BARC

by Donald Comis

Just how many birds are there at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center?

On New Year's Day many volunteers woke up early to find answers as part of the National Audubon Society's 107th Christmas bird count.

Three Greenbelters – Michele Touchet, Pete Blank and I – were among 11 volunteers counting birds at the eastern part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC-East).

Our answer to how many birds at BARC: At least 16,471 be-

longing to 67 species.

Of course, that figure is just a fraction of the actual numbers of birds. The BARC birders, working mostly in pairs, used a new checklist with 92 species that have been seen in the area over the years, including seven species of woodpeckers, 14 species of ducks and the Tundra Swan.

The checklist does not include all species known to be in the area. For example, it did not have the Northern Shoveler duck, of which we saw three.

Despite heavy rain in the morning, the entire "Bowie Circle" – a circular survey area including BARC-East – recorded 86 species, an average count, rain or shine. Between December 14 and January 5, tens of thousands of volunteers counted birds nationwide in over 2,000 such circles.

As an ultra-beginner, I teamed up with Pete, a newcomer to Greenbelt. He has 20 years of birding experience and is working on a doctoral degree in ecology, focused on birds, at the University of Maryland. My main contribution was writing down his counts. Once I spotted a bird about the same time as he did but guessed it wrongly as a peregrine falcon when it was a much smaller bird of prey, a kestrel.



The Coopers Hawk is one of 16,471 birds counted at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on New Year's Day. This photo was taken in Baltimore by Calvert County photographer/birder Jim Stasz.

"Worst Nightmare" Becomes Story with Happy Ending

by Sue Krofchik

It is every parent's worst nightmare. "I got a call at 2 a.m. and was told my son is in the operating room and not expected to make it. Come to Philadelphia," said Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, Jr., of the McCarl Dental Group, whose family has practiced dentistry in Greenbelt continuously since 1937.

Drew McCarl, 21 years old, is alive, however, and now at home recuperating and still has both legs after an accident in which his left leg was impaled on a wrought iron fence topped with spikes that severed the left femoral artery.

While visiting LaSalle University in Philadelphia last December 1 to attend a dance with friends and upon returning to the residence of his date and her friends, it was discovered the coeds had forgotten the key to the gated fence around the residence. McCarl offered to climb over the wrought iron fence to get access to the gate from the other side. That's when the accident happened.

Just as unexpectedly came the answer to every parent's prayer. Everyone and everything needed to save McCarl's life just happened to be there at the right time and right place.

A pre-med student just happened to be near the accident

scene and applied direct pressure to try to stop the blood flow from the pumping artery. Albert Einstein Trauma Center just happened to be only six blocks away. "He was basically dead on arrival. He had no vital signs," said McCarl, Jr. But a vascular surgeon from the University of Pennsylvania just happened to be at the trauma center and helped the in-house trauma team stop the hemorrhage, transfuse 15 units of blood and restore vital signs.

Eighteen hours later, after emergency surgery and stabilization at Albert Einstein Medical Center, McCarl was med-evac air-lifted to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. There he underwent eight surgeries over a 34-day period. During this admission he survived severe infections, life-threatening fevers up to 105.7 degrees and surgery to remove a pulmonary embolism, a blood clot in the lungs.

McCarl is now at home recuperating and undergoing physical therapy. He has progressed to using a walker six weeks earlier than expected. "First he wasn't expected to live, then they thought he would lose his left leg and then his left foot. But he's alive and he has his leg and his foot," said a grateful and happy father, McCarl, Jr.

Letters

THANKS, Continued

In addition to the many organizations mentioned in last week's News Review, the Recreation Department would like to extend special thanks and recognition to Greenbelt's vital community-run arts organizations: Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and the Greenbelt Arts Center, which were integral participants in Greenbelt New Year 2007. GAVA has been a part of the New Year celebration from its very first year.

For the last six years, GAVA and GATE have co-produced the animation program presented at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, another generous supporter of the event. GATE also supported the Greenbelt Sages interviews at the event. As in past years, FONDCA sponsored the popular music presentations at the New Deal Café, which this year featured Elegant and the Alex Martin Trio. The Greenbelt Arts Center generously opened its doors to host the Camp Cabaret performance as well as the preceding week of camp.

The work of all these community-run arts organizations keeps the arts flourishing in Greenbelt, which is cause for celebration not just on New Year's Eve but every day of the year.

Chris Cherry
Department of Recreation

Value of Skate Park?

I am a 14-year-old resident of Greenbelt and I have been living in Greenbelt all my life. The reason I am writing this letter is to express my opinion about the new skate park.

The skate park is going to be used by only a few residents and the rest will be nonresidents. This seems to be a lot of money to spend on such a small group. The location of the skate park is too close to a day care, playground and Camp Pine Tree. It is so close to the sidewalk used to go to and from the parking lot to the Youth Center small children or even adults may get hurt.

Who is going to protect the park from graffiti or vandalism? Is this going to cost the taxpayers another full time employee; is there a chance the city might get sued if someone gets hurt?

I think the skate park is going to be a lot of money for very little benefit.

Devin Gibson

Turn Out Needed

Please join us for the school hearing next Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The CIP committee of our newly-elected school board heard from the Springhill Lake developer, AIMCO, last Tuesday, with no one else permitted to speak. They made a decision the same night to provide the requested letter. Next week they will hold a hearing for the public! They need to hear from us before they make their decisions.

We need lots of people to fill the large auditorium. Our community is concerned about the board listening to the public in addition to the developers. We are concerned about the planning and funding for good schools when the developer doubles the number of housing units. We are concerned about preserving mature trees, putting in sidewalks for walkers and capping capacities to create better learning environments.

Please tell them you care, by showing up to be counted.

David Lange

Send us your letters to express your thoughts, views, thanks or distress. Chances are there is someone else who cares about your opinion.

Corrections

In a front page article on the Greenbelt Police obtaining CALEA Accreditation last week we incorrectly identified CALEA review team leader Bradley Bloom, chief of the Hinsdale, Ill., police department. And names continued to be a problem when we incorrectly identified Captain Craddock, whose first name is, of course, Michael. Our apologies.

Hope is just around the corner.



See our ad on page 4.

E&FDR Dems Club Programs for 2007

by Pat Unger

Members and friends of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club may attend the Annual 22nd District Legislative Night in Annapolis on Monday, January 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Miller Senate Office Building, at the invitation of Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross.

A charter bus will leave the Greenbelt Library parking lot (11 Crescent Road) at 5 p.m. and return at 10 p.m. There is a modest fee for the round trip. Reservations must be made by calling club President Ed Terry at 301-386-0762.

The evening will include a light buffet, social hour and time to visit the Senate or House chambers for the opening of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day session.

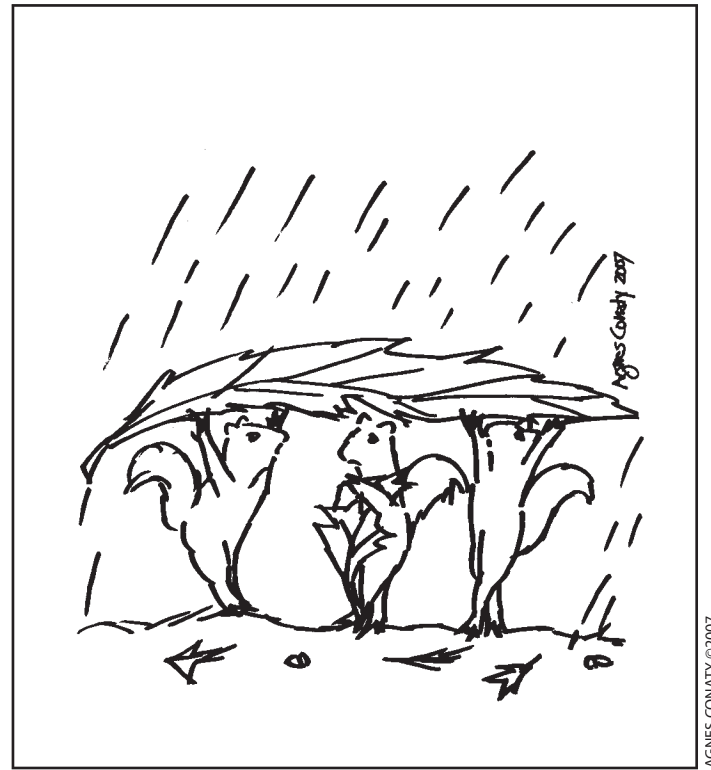
This trip will replace the usual club business meeting held on the third Friday of the month. February's meeting on Friday, February 16 will feature Annual Greenbelt Sweetheart Tarek Bolden of the Planning Department, who will discuss aspects of development of Greenbelt West.

Programs for the future include a Dinner/Theater Night Out on Friday, March 16 starting at 6 p.m. at the Beijing Restaurant and continuing at 8 p.m. with the show at the Greenbelt Center for the Arts. Tickets will be available soon.

On April 20 the speaker will be a Democratic Party leader; for May 18 the Annual Legislative Session Review by the senator and delegates named above, plus County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. The traditional reunion picnic will take place on June 9 at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway from 4 to 7 p.m.

Logistics are presently being worked out for the club to participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3 with the Funnel Cake Fundraiser. For further information call Membership Chair Bob Doyle at 301-441-2585 after February 1.

Grin Belt



"Wouldn't it have been better if they had held the Town Hall Meeting when it was 70 degrees outside?"

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Heard a Good Story Lately?

The News Review is looking for a few good stories. If readers know of something noteworthy done by anyone in their Greenbelt family or by a Greenbelt organization, we'd love to hear about it. Readers can write up the news and email it to newsreview@greenbelt.com or send a stamped letter to the News Review at Suite 100, 15 Crescent Road. Don't fret over writing quality – our editors love to make words shine.

For those who shun the written word, there's another alternative – call us at 301-474-4131 and leave a message. We'll be sure to return the call.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Enjoy Swimming?! The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's Winter – Spring training season for summer swimmers* runs from January 16 to May 6

Walk-in registration will be held on January 9 & 10, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by January 16!

Swimmers practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:55 to 5:55 p.m. and Sunday mornings. Developmental Swimmers meet Sunday mornings.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

Registration questions? Call Joan Dunham, 301-474-4722

*Note the training season session is open to swimmers who plan to swim with the team for the 2007 Summer season.

Community Events

Rogers to Address ERHS PTSA Meeting

At the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) meeting to be held Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the school media center, Greenbelt Police Officer John Rogers will discuss topics related to teens and the law.

Topics will include driving, work, drinking, truancy, curfew, health issues and the student privacy act. Rogers will also explain the role of police officers at ERHS.

ERHS Principal Sylvester Conyers will provide an update on school issues.

At the Library

Adults
Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m., adult book discussion. A librarian leads a discussion of Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex."

Storytimes
Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, 15 children.

Thursday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Friends of Center To Meet Tuesday

Friends of the Roosevelt Center, a citizens group to improve and enhance Greenbelt's historic town center, will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. For information call 240-432-2489.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club is off to a great start for 2007, our 50th Anniversary year. I'm sure everyone wants to be an active part of this. The first step is to see dues are paid. Plans for the Gala 50th Anniversary luncheon are well underway but dues must be paid before April 18 if you want to attend. If you have questions about membership call Rose Remenick at 301-474-7087.

The club was saddened by the death of Joe Rimar, a long time member. He'll always be remembered for his sense of humor and his poems. His poems were always from the heart and understood and enjoyed by all. He was our "Poet Laureate" and his poetry will always live on. Thank you, "Uncle Joe."

Our condolences and love to Ellie and all of the family.

Hearing Held Here On School Budget

Local citizens will find it convenient to attend the January 17 public budget meeting of the Prince George's County Board of Education. The meeting will take place in Greenbelt at 7 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

According to the weekly calendar, such budget public hearings offer an opportunity for families of school-age children and other members of the community to share their input on budget priorities for the next school year.

For further information call 301-952-6780 or check www.pgps.org.

Explore Bel Canto Art and Music

On Friday, January 19 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by John Cahill as he takes participants on an exploration of the art of bel canto ("beautiful song or singing") – a method of singing taught by the Italian masters of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. Musical examples will be given through video excerpts from operas by the great 19th century composers of bel canto, chiefly Rossini, Donizetti and Bellini.

Three other composers will be highlighted, including a surprise composer of opera from the 18th century.

Cahill has both B.A. and M.A. degrees and has been teaching a variety of courses in adult continuing education programs in several county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland, including the SAGE program for Prince George's Community College. Some of the courses he has taught include ancient and Biblical Greek, classical and ecclesiastical Latin, classical mythology in the arts, Latin and Greek etymology, ancient Greek civilization and opera.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This program will be held in the senior classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

New Deal Café Annual Meeting

The annual New Deal Café membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner in the Café at 5 p.m. On the agenda is the election to fill three seats on the Café board of directors.

Café co-op members in good standing are eligible to vote. Those who have been members for at least six months are eligible to stand for election. Board of directors members serve as representatives of the membership by providing stewardship and direction and as business managers by dealing with maintenance and development of the Café.

For more information call Lori Martin at 301-345-9476.

GIVES-AARP Safe Driver Class in Feb.

On the afternoons of Tuesday, February 6 and Wednesday, February 7 GIVES will sponsor a local presentation of the AARP Driver Safety Program. Certified Presenter Robert Doyle of Greenbelt will give the eight-hour course over two days from 1 to 5 p.m. each day in Room 202 at the Community Center. The cost is \$10. Pre-registration is required.

The AARP 55 Alive/Driver Safety Program is a classroom refresher course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. On completing the course, participants may qualify for an automobile insurance premium reduction or discount.

Call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 to register with name and telephone number.



Greenbelt's Business

Leadership Changes At Ed Systems FCU

President/CEO Ronit Monzon has retired from Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (FCU) after 13 years of service. His replacement is former Executive Vice President/COO, Chris Conway, who has been named president/CEO of the Greenbelt-based credit union.

Conway has served as the COO of the credit union for eight years and has over 15 years of experience at education-based credit unions. He is an active participant in the credit union community, having served as a director of the Maryland & DC Credit Union Association and the Suburban Chapter of that association.

Educational Systems FCU serves the education communities of five counties in Maryland.



Chris Conway

Royal Travel Ordered To Repay Consumers

The Maryland Attorney General's Office announced that the Consumer Protection Division has issued a final order requiring the seller of a bus trip package to pay restitution of more than \$30,000 and to pay penalties of \$36,000.

Terrance Hawkins of Temple Hills, who trades as Royal Travel Group and Royal Stages, Inc. collected deposits from consumers for a bus trip package that included tickets to the Oprah Winfrey Show, hotel reservations, casino rebates and bus transportation to Chicago and Detroit. Although Hawkins cancelled the trip, he failed to refund the money he collected from consumers.

Most of the 96 consumers who lost deposits were from Prince George's County. Hawkins advertised some of his trips in the Greenbelt News Review.

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 30 and 31, 2007


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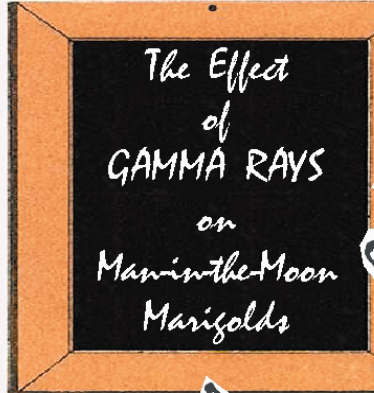
Open Registration begins: February 9
for the 2007-2008 school year



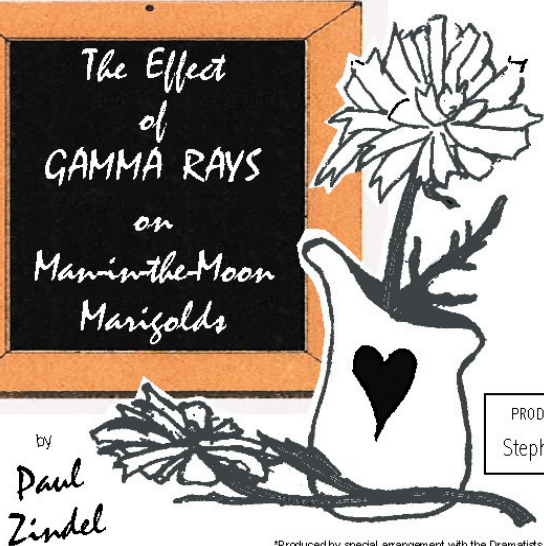
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Friday & Saturday
January 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27; February 2 & 3 @ 8 pm
Sunday January 21 & 28 @ 2 pm
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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN. 12

Final Week – Ends Thursday

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Friday
*4:20, 7:45

Saturday – Sunday
*1, *4:20, 7:45

Monday - Thursday
*4:20, 7:35

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Week of January 12

FRI. – SUN.

Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)
1, 4, 6:45, 10:20

Night at the Museum, PG (!)
12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Happily N'Ever After, PG (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50

Primeval, R (!)
12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Freedom Writers, PG-13 (!)
1, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50

Pursuit of Happyness, PG-13 (!)
1, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50

Code Name: The Cleaner, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 3:45, 6:30, 9:50

Black Christmas, R (!)
10:20

MON.

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TUES. – THUR.

Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)
5, 7:40

Night at the Museum, PG (!)
5:10, 7:40

Happily N'Ever After, PG (!)
5:20

Primeval, R (!)
5:10, 7:40

Freedom Writers, PG-13 (!)
4:45, 7:50

Pursuit of Happyness, PG-13 (!)
4:45, 7:50

Code Name: The Cleaner, PG-13 (!)
5:20, 7:30

Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)
4:45, 7:50

Black Christmas, R (!)
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Our condolences to Roland Forbes, leader of the International Folk Dancing class, on the death of his wife Theresa on January 7, 2007.

We were fascinated to read the Washington Post Metro article "Chasing the Heat" last week on those who follow night-time accidents, fires and events we all read about and see on the news the next day. Included, with photo, was Greenbelter Jim Davis who has more than once provided the News Review with amazing photos taken on those – and other – forays. Most recently, Davis was on the spot to record the rescue of a worker partway through the roof at Springhill Lake and before that an intact fire truck on its side at the B-W Parkway-Greenbelt Road overpass. Called a "buff" in the Post article, Davis spends 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. nightly in pursuit of these stories and photo opportunities, which he sells to media outlets without teams at the scenes, which of course cannot be known in advance.




Congratulations to News Review staffer Eileen Farnham, who welcomes great-granddaughter Kyra Talise,

born January 3, 2007, in Durbanville, South Africa, to Lise Marie Holtzapfel and grandson Johnathan Viruet. Also overjoyed is new grandmom Cydney Melecio of Ridge Road.

Our belated congratulations to the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's Lady Raiders Cheerleaders who placed first with squads in both Divisions AA and A. The Greenbelt teams became county champions on November 5 at the Prince George's County Cheerleading Competition at the University of Maryland Cole Field House. Karla Grant and Miriam McCaula coach the teams and Catina Gibbs serves as Commissioner.

Best wishes to Drew McCarl as he continues recovery from the near-fatal accident described in the article on page 1.

Bon voyage to Alex Barnes and Brianne Boylan who have embarked on a three-year stint with the Peace Corps in Niger.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"When all mankind shall receive the same opportunity of education and the equality of men and women be realized, the foundations of war will be utterly destroyed."
– Abdu'l-Bahá

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MVA Closed for Holiday on Jan. 15

All Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration full service and express offices and all vehicle emissions stations will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Online registration renewals and other time saving eMVA options remain available on www.marylandmva.com. For details call 1-800-950-1MVA (1682).

Sabbath Potluck Dinner, Speaker

At 6 p.m. on Friday evening, January 12 Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee will host a potluck vegetarian dinner at Mishkan Torah. All dishes brought into the synagogue must conform to parvre or dairy kosher rules.

During Friday evening services (Erev Shabbat) there will be a discussion led by William Taylor, Esq., of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The subject of the discussion will be the ramifications of the recent case brought before the United States Supreme Court regarding the school system in Seattle, Wash., where the transfer of students from one school to another within the system for specific curricula may cause the increase in student racial segregation. This decision might affect the magnet programs in Prince George's County Public Schools depending upon how the U.S. Supreme Court decides the Seattle case. Erev Shabbat Services begin at 8 p.m. and are open to the public.

For information call Mishkan Torah's office 301 474-4223.

Synagogue to Offer Mental Health Topic

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will offer a program on mental illness at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 21. Chana Mason, a psychiatric nurse, will speak on "Demystifying Mental Illness" and address such topics as taking the fear out of mental illness, common diagnoses, knowing when to seek help and supporting family and friends. There will be time for questions.

This free program is open to the public. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Build a Bird Feeder At Youth Center

Celebrate National Wild Bird Feeder month by making a bird feeder using pinecones and peanut butter. This free program is for those aged 6 to 12 and will be held at the College Park Youth Service Center, 4912 Nantucket Road, College Park on Friday, January 19 from 3 to 4 p.m.

For information call 301-345-4425; TTY 301-445-4512.

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– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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County Champs Among Us



The Boys and Girls Greenbelt U12 Girls were the Fall 2006 County Champions: Back row from left to right: Catherine Francoeur, Screen Sumner, Danielle Sherman, Jessica Wilson, Priyanka Jayanti, Laura Kelley, Charlotte Francoeur, Neil McConlogue, Russia Tatum and Angelica Grant. Front row: Rachel Dwivedi, Claire Morse, Phoebe McFarb and Anna Flynn.

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Bible Study & Worship

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10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

January 14 Sermon: Hello David

Pastor Lou Redd
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NAMI Sponsors Public Workshop

On Thursday, January 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Prince George's Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will present a workshop, "The Role of the Core Service Agency."

The speaker will be Eugenia Greenhood of the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Mental Health Authority Division. Greenhood will discuss the role and responsibilities of the county's core service agency in funding and providing mental health services to residents. She will outline available resources and some of the major initiatives in effect at the agency.

This free workshop will take place at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. For information call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026.

City Recognized For Its Budget

City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin once again has been presented with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award this time for Greenbelt's budget presentation for fiscal year 2006-2007, its most recent budget. This annual recognition is made by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

According to the GFOA, the award represents a significant achievement for the city. The award reflects the efforts of the city's council and staff toward meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Prince George's Chapter will sponsor a regular monthly family support group on Monday, January 15 from 10 a.m. to noon also at the Hanco Building in New Carrollton. This group shares experiences and challenges while doing mailings and other volunteer tasks. For information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

Folk Dancing Classes Cancelled

Due to the death of Theresa Forbes, wife of International Folk Dancing Class leader Roland Forbes, the 8 p.m. Friday night International Folk Dancing classes will be cancelled for the rest of the winter.



City Information

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT DANCE CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER START NEXT WEEK! REGISTER NOW AT THE YOUTH CENTER OR COMMUNITY CENTER

GREENBELT DANCE STUDIO with Samantha Fitschen

Course	Ages	Course #		Time	Wks.	Dates	R/NR
Creative Movement	Parent/Child Age 2	124200-1	M	10-10:30am	7	1/22-3/12	28/32
Creative Movement	Ages 3, 4	124200-2A	M	12:30-1pm	7	1/22-3/12	28/32
Creative Movement	Ages 3,4	124200-2B	W	12:30-1pm	9	1/17-3/14	36/40
Creative Movement	Age 5	124200-3	Th	4:30-5:15pm	9	1/18-3/15	45/50
Jazz-Beginning	Ages 6-9	134204-1	M	4:30-5:15pm	7	1/22-3/12	35/40
Jazz-Beginning	Ages 10-13	134204-2	M	5:15-6:15pm	7	1/22-3/12	49/56
Jazz-Beginning	Ages 14-17	144204-1	M	6:15-7:15pm	7	1/22-3/12	49/56
Jazz-Beginning	Adult	164204-1	Th	8:00-9:00pm	9	1/18-3/15	90/95
Music Theater Dance-Beginning	Ages 6-9	134207-1	Tu	4:30-5:15pm	9	1/17-3/14	45/50
Music Theater Dance-Beginning	Ages 10-13	134207-2	Tu	5:15-6:00pm	9	1/17-3/14	45/50
Ballet-Beginning	Ages 6-9	134201-1	W	4:30-5:15pm	9	1/17-3/14	45/50
Ballet-Beginning	Ages 10-13	134201-2	W	5:15-6:00pm	9	1/17-3/14	45/50
Goddess Dance	Women only	164220-1	Sa	9:00-9:45am	9	1/20-3/17	72/80
Goddess Dance	Women only	164220	W	8:15-9:00pm	9	1/17-3/14	72/80

MAD HOT BALLROOM with Frank Solomon

Merenque/Quick-step	Ages 16-Adult	154203-1	M	7:30-8:30pm	10	1/15-3/19	55/65
Int'l. Arg. Tango/Int'l. Rumba	Ages 16-Adult	154203-2	M	8:30-9:30pm	10	1/15-3/19	55/65

For class descriptions and registration forms, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov and download the Greenbelt Recreation Brochure link on the left.

For more information about Greenbelt Dance Studio, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/dance
For more information about Mad Hot Ballroom, e-mail instructor Frank Solomon at f50solomon@yahoo.com

Greenbelt Community Center: (301) 397-2208

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee

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

Meetings for January 15-19

Wednesday, January 17, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session re: Pre-Budget Briefing – City Manager, Community Center

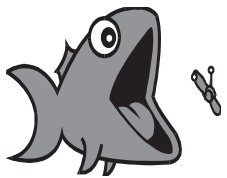
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

WINTER RECREATION CLASSES

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Registration: Tuesday, January 16th beginning promptly at 10:30am!!!

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25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770
Info: Judy Hering, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or E-mail jhering@greenbeltmd.gov
ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY (i.e. driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE WEEK OF 1/16

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, 1/19

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, January 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center
For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

FIT & FUN AEROBICS CLASSES START JANUARY 17

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Jeremiah Voigt Is Honored As Fire Officer of the Year

by Barbara Hopkins

One of the Greenbelt City Council's first orders of business in 2007 was to present Sergeant Jeremiah Voigt with a plaque proclaiming him Fire Officer of the Year – 2006. The proclamation was announced last November 3 at the 18th Annual Public Safety Awards banquet held by American Legion Post 136.

At the banquet, Post 136, in conjunction with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and the Greenbelt Police Department, honored the men and women of the two depart-

ments. The plaque was not ready at that time and so the presentation was delayed until the city council met on January 8.

The proclamation states that Voigt has been a top runner for the previous three years, with a total of 2,389 runs during the period from 2003 through 2005. His dedication as a volunteer has been demonstrated by often changing his personal plans to assure adequate staffing at the Greenbelt station. Voigt has served the department since 2002.



Greenbelt City Council presents Sergeant Jeremiah Voigt with a plaque awarded him as Fire Officer of the Year for 2006.

Abbey Crowley Is Honored For School Board Service

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt resident Abby Crowley was recognized by the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on January 8 for her service to the city and to Prince George's County as an appointed member of the county school board from 2002 to 2006. As a token of appreciation council presented Crowley with a small replica of the Mother and Child statue that graces the square at Roosevelt Center.

Crowley said she took pride in being a resident of Greenbelt and expressed appreciation for the level of support the city and its staff gave the schools, adding that it was no coincidence that Greenbelt has among the best schools in the county.

Though she has a full-time job and family responsibilities, Crowley said she intends to stay involved with the school system.

She is particularly concerned about truancy and overcrowding in the schools, she told council in her remarks. She encouraged Greenbelt to plan carefully on Springhill Lake. A renovated middle school and a new elementary school will not be adequate, in her opinion.

Crowley said she will stay involved on the truancy task force and Mayor Judith Davis invited her to return to council as appropriate with a report on the task force findings.

Crowley will soon participate in the Principal for a Day program, from which she was previously barred by her membership on the school board.

Jose Morales, also a member of the appointed school board from 2002 to 2006, was honored at the December city council meeting.



Former Prince George's County School Board member and Greenbelt resident Abby Crowley receives a replica of the Mother and Child statue from Greenbelt City Council in acknowledgment of her service to the city and county. – photos by Beverly Palau

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Committee that a letter of intent was needed to avoid delaying the implementation of the company's full plans. The CIP committee, by a 7 to 2 vote, instructed school board staff to draft a letter in time for AIMCO's use at a scheduled Planning Board meeting on Thursday, January 11. (According to the city planning staff, the Prince George's County Planning Board staff will recommend continuance or disapproval of AIMCO's preliminary plan of subdivision at Thursday's meeting.)

A school system's design cost estimate was presented by Roosevelt Brown, school board staff, which was summarized as follows:

The enclosed design cost estimate is for the alternative school project proposed by AIMCO for the existing Greenbelt Middle School and the replacement elementary school, known as the Greenbelt Educational Complex.

The original commitment in contributions to be made by AIMCO, in the form of surcharge fees to assist the Board of Education, was \$20,000,000. However, the revised design cost estimate by the school board's staff now totals a capital improvement cost of almost \$129,000,000.

The eventual letter of intent, however, may satisfy neither AIMCO nor the County Planning Board. Numerous caveats are expected, especially since some board members were already offering justifications of their votes even before the room had cleared. The specific text of the letter is not yet available but committee members emphasized both during the meeting and afterward that the letter would protect the public's interest and hold open the option of withdrawing its statement of intent.

Greenbelt City Councilmember Rodney Roberts was visibly agitated at several points and spoke out to assert that statements were being made "that are not true."

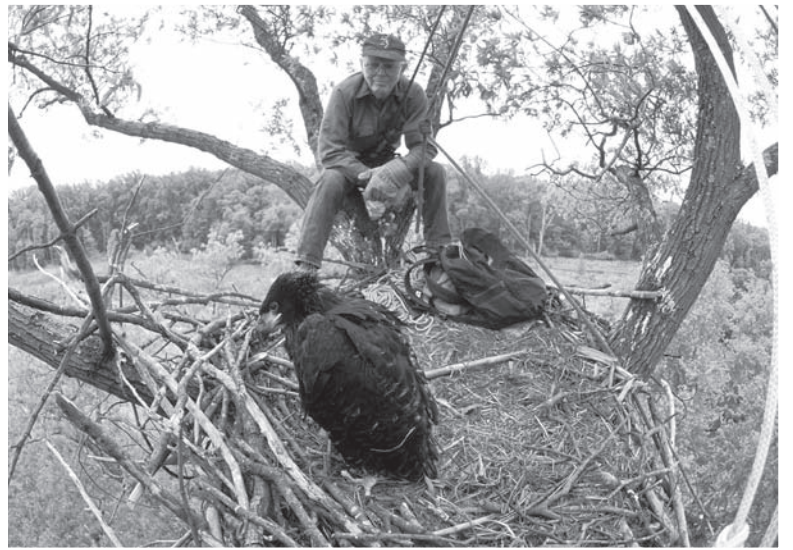
The relative open and closed nature of the meeting, in fact, was a subtext running throughout the evening. Public notice of the meeting had indicated that the committee would meet in open session but that there would be no accommodation for public input. Participants learned after the meeting that AIMCO representative Andre Gingles sought as late as a few hours prior to the meeting to have the committee move into executive session on the grounds that confidential materials needed to be presented.

Ultimately the AIMCO presentation and questions from school board members were held in open session; however, when the time came for deliberation on the question of providing a letter, the school board's attorney said that since this is "an acquisition issue" the members could take it up behind closed doors. About 30 minutes later the members emerged, reconvened and voted to instruct staff to draft a letter.

Greenbelt's District 1 representative, Rosalind Johnson, voted with the majority. Only board members Donna Hathaway Beck and Heather Iliff opposed the measure.

Also present at the meeting from Greenbelt were Terri Hruby, city planner; Kap Kapistan, Beltway Plaza; Oretha Bridgwaters, acting Region II assistant superintendent; Linda Sherwood, SHL Elementary School principal; and several Greenbelt residents.

BARC BIRDS continued from page 1



Biologist Elwood "Woody" Martin of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Patuxent Wildlife Research Center rests before banding an eaglet in nest near bridge on Research Road. – photo by Stephen Ausmus, USDA Agricultural Research Service photographer

I try to learn something each time. This time Pete tried to teach me how to estimate a flock of hundreds of birds in flight, like those that contributed to the total of 4,298 starlings, 2,368 pigeons and 2,052 Canada geese. If those numbers are not surprising, how about 1,605 crows, 1,054 red-winged blackbirds or 552 ring-billed gulls?

Not picturesque enough? How about the five American pipits, two goldeneye ducks, two bald eagles or the 16 other birds of prey that represent five other species, including three sharp-shinned hawks, one kestrel and one Cooper's hawk that were seen on the count? Or a Great Horned Owl?

Pete's careful ears and eyes are sensitive to more of nature than just birds. He heard a fox bark and later spotted a fox on the run, presumably a different one. Similarly, Dave Mozurkewich, an experienced birder, spotted rose hips to munch on.

Pete and I spent from about 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., finishing the day with Dave by watching a beautiful sunset at the bridge on Research Road.

As we watched while ducks swam, geese flew and birds sang – with an eagle's nest hidden nearby – Dave estimated that a person could come to this spot at sunrise on a good day in spring and see up to about 60 species of birds. Not to mention the beautiful landscape, vegetation and other wildlife including turtles, beavers and foxes.

Pete said it best at that point – sometimes in our effort to count as many birds as possible, we forget to just enjoy the sunset. I might add: Or to stop and smell the roses. I think we'd all agree.

If you agree, I'd suggest volunteering for the next BARC bird count on Sunday, January 21. For more information contact Paul Jung at 301-262-7531, BARC leader Ed Clark at Clarke@ars.usda.gov or Don Comis at DonaldComis@msn.com, phone 301-345-5408. Even those who feel they know "diddley squat" about birds are welcome. They will be paired with experienced birders, who will appreciate the company. Some extra binoculars are available.

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Police Blotter

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Robberies

December 29, 7:11 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, two Greenbelt youths, aged 12 and 14 years, were arrested for attempted robbery. A food delivery person entered an apartment building to make a delivery. Once inside, he was approached by four people, one armed with a handgun, who demanded the food. One punched the delivery person, who yelled; the suspects then fled the area on foot. Police observed two youths running from the area. They were detained and as a result of investigation they were arrested. Both youths were released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. Investigation is continuing as to the identity of the other suspects.

December 31, 2:48 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a woman reported that she was waiting at a bus stop when she was approached by a man who asked the woman if he could use her cell phone. He displayed a handgun, demanded her cell phone, jewelry and money, then fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male with short brown hair, brown eyes and light skin, wearing a gray coat with fur around the hood.

Assault

December 21, 7:15 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was in the courtyard of an apartment building when he was approached by five people. One of the people asked

the man for the time. Another punched him in the face several times and all fled on foot. The suspects are described as a black male wearing a black jacket and blue jeans, a black male wearing dark clothing, and three black males wearing black jackets. The victim declined treatment for facial injuries.

Drug Arrests

December 29, 6:27 a.m., Breezewood Court and Edmonston Terrace, police responded to a report of a suspicious person knocking on apartment doors. The nonresident man was located and recognized as having been previously banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was arrested and found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected crack cocaine and paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine. He was charged with possession and trespass and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 1, 8:24 p.m., Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. After police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

December 26, 8:52 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown person(s) broke out the bedroom

window of a residence.

December 27, 8:04 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) broke out the sliding glass door of a residence.

December 31, 1:56 p.m., unit block Maplewood Court, unknown person(s) broke out the rear sliding glass door of a residence.

January 2, 2:14 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) broke out the sliding glass door of a residence.

Theft

December 23, Beltway Plaza, three nonresident youths were arrested for various charges including motor vehicle theft, theft, unauthorized use, malicious destruction, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen and a high-risk stop was initiated. As police attempted to take the suspects into custody, the driver exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the area on foot but was apprehended with the assistance of a K-9 and handler. Two youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system. The other youths were transported to Boy's Village in Cheltenham pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gray 2006 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Mary-

land tags 3CBR94 from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a green 1997 Honda Accord 4-door from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (later recovered); a 1990 Buick LeSabre 4-door from Beltway Plaza (later recovered); a 2004 Chrysler Sebring 4-door from the 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive; a black 1997 Cadillac STS, Maryland tags 5CCKE62 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; a dark green Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 810M336 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 2004 GMC Yukon GL from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a gold 1988 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 4CBA20 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; and a

2000 Plymouth Neon 4-door from the 9100 block Springhill Lane (later recovered).

Ten vehicles were recovered, four by Greenbelt police with no arrests made and six by outside departments with a juvenile arrest made in one recovery. In addition one set of stolen tags was recovered with no arrest made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 6300 block Greenbelt Road, 10 Court Southway, Greenway Center, 7600 block Hanover Parkway and 7200 block Mandan Road.

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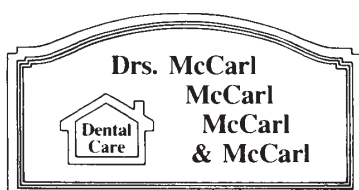


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LOST and FOUND

FOUND – “Kathryn” pin on Ridge Road. Call 301-345-5384 to claim.

LOST – In the Greenbelt Theater or Roosevelt Center on Friday, December 29: Nikon Coolpix 3100 digital camera with a blue case. Jeff, 202-966-5304.

REAL ESTATE – RENTAL

BEDROOM FOR RENT – \$200, 1/10/07. 301-474-1207

REAL ESTATE – SALE

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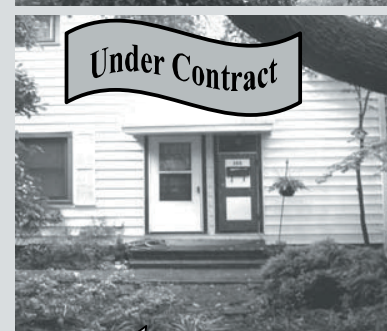
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Saturday Night Ice		8:00-10:00pm
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Adults	Residents	Non Residents
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DJ Teen Night	\$6.00 admission includes DJ and Skate rental.	
DJ Teen Night	\$3.00 w/ Xtreme Teen Membership includes Skate rental.	
Family Session	up to four children free with a paying Mom or Dad, does not include Skate rental.	
Birthday Party Package	Saturday 1:30PM – 3:30pm OR 8:00pm – 10:00pm	
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 (Never known to fail)**
 Oh, most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Divine Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (Make Request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin pray with us who have recourse to thee (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. Publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. - AH



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Brick Townhome - Library End Of Town
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 This 2 bedroom townhome has a storage room addition on the front and living room addition overlooking the backyard. Very nice! \$189,900

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Brick Townhome on Corner Lot
 A private garden is included that wraps around the side of the home. Just steps from Roosevelt Center. Very well maintained! \$253,900 U.C.

1 Bedroom Upper Level
 This home has an updated kitchen and bathroom & fresh paint. There's also a separate laundry room with full-sized washer and dryer. \$116,000

Frame Townhome on Corner Lot
 This 2 bedroom townhome has a large yard with rail fencing and storage shed. Wide floorplan with remodeled kitchen & bath. Value! \$189,900


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Take a short drive to Temple Hills



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Next on our tour is a charming condo nestled into the Huntley Square community in Temple Hills. Easy on and off from 495, yet it feels like a rural area. Two bedrooms, one bath. Sunken tub, new appliances, coveted top floor end unit.



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"Gee, thanks Mary!"



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