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Glendening Updates City Council On Five Transportation Projects

by Virginia Beauchamp

Since becoming Prince Georges County Executive, Parris Glendening has met with the Greenbelt City Council on a regular basis at least every two years. Such a planned work session occurred recently on December 2. He was accompanied by staff members Frank Derro, transportation planner, and Lyle Fowlkes, municipal liaison, who passed out packets of information concerning issues that had been identified as impacting on Greenbelt or involving Greenbelt-county relations.

At the top of the list of mutual concerns was the issue of transportation in the greater Greenbelt area. Using an area Master Plan map, Derro began by describing several funded construction projects, either about to begin or currently underway.

Beltway Widening

Beginning in March 1992 and expected to be completed by autumn of the following year will be the widening of the Capital

Beltway by an extra lane on each side between U.S. 1 and New Hampshire Avenue. Included in this project will be modifications to the U.S. 1/Beltway interchange, expected to relieve congestion and improve driver operation and safety on the Beltway and in particular to prepare for the larger volume of traffic that will be generated when the Greenbelt Metro station opens.

Derro indicated that this project will be part of a larger plan by the State of Maryland to add extra lanes to the Capital Beltway from Central Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue.

Parkway Interchange

Greenbelters are already fully aware of the reconstruction of the Greenbelt Road/Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange. By moving the northbound exit ramp at Greenbelt Road further east, its present connection with the exit lanes from Greenway Center will be eliminated, forming instead what is called split T's. Currently the flow of traffic in two directions off the Parkway and out of the shopping center causes hazardous backups on to the Parkway.

Since this new exit ramp will be moved closer to the Greenbriar development's tennis courts and swimming pool, council member Thomas X. White stressed the need for reforestation as a buffer once the construction is complete. Glendening responded that tree planting would be a priority.

White also wondered how the realignment of the exit ramp would improve traffic on Greenbelt Road. With so many north-south cuts in the short distance between Hanover Parkway and the Parkway, each with a traffic light, he suggested that even heavier backups could occur than at present. In response, Derro, half-laughing, said that White "was underestimating the power of the computer" in controlling traffic lights.

Minor improvements will also be made at the Hanover Parkway/Greenbelt Road interchange, providing an additional left-turn lane from Hanover Parkway on to Greenbelt Road. The entire Parkway reconstruction project is expected to be completed by spring 1994—possibly before.

Calvert Road Relocation

A new roadway is under construction providing an important east-west crossing replacing Calvert Road from Kenilworth Avenue to U.S. 1 at Campus Drive, the north gate of the University of Maryland campus. This improvement will cross over the CSX railroad tracks and Metro, providing access to both the College Park Metro station and industrial development on the east side of the tracks.

White questioned whether this proposed realignment to the north end of the campus would fill the needs of area commuters. It would make no sense, he suggested, to drive to the north end of campus and then to turn south on U.S. 1.

Derro agreed, as did Glendening, who lives in the University. See ROADS, page 13

Town Meeting Set On New School

Newly elected chairman of the Prince Georges County Board of Education, Suzanne M. Plogman, has scheduled a town meeting on Tues, Dec. 17, in the Council Room at the Municipal Building. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Homeowners with property adjoining the construction site are invited to attend, in addition to any other interested community members.

Project Manager Dave Riffle of the Robert J. Henley Construction Company in Gaithersburg and R. C. Garcia of the architectural firm SHWC Inc. of Reston, Va. will be in attendance at the meeting to answer questions regarding the construction of the new Greenbelt Elementary School.

Festival Filled With Fun, Crafts and Claus for Kids

by Pat Scully

The Festival of Lights continues this week with an accent on children, music and the arts.

The Greenbelt Arts Center offers three Christmas plays, "Dust of the Road," "Long Christmas Dinner" and an original version of "Gift of the Magi" Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. (See review.) Call 441-1033 or 441-8770. Donations will be accepted.

Claus and Crafts

The Youth Center will host an important visitor Saturday morning, December 14 from 10 a.m. until noon. Santa Claus and his helpers will make their annual stop to hear what the good little girls and boys of Greenbelt (and is there any other kind in Greenbelt) want for Christmas. Parents should bring a blank VHS videotape to have their child's visit recorded.

Then, from noon to 2 p.m., 3- to 5-year-olds can enjoy a holiday lunch and craftmaking at the Youth Center. Pre-registration is required at the Youth Center business office by December 11. There is a fee for this new event.

Music

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County, under the direction of John Del-

Homme, will perform their traditional holiday concert Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Winterfest

Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge will host its Winterfest on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be Trim the Tree, Smile with Santa and a Mitten Tree with mittens and scarfs donated to the Needy Kids, Inc. Refreshments will include party platters, pizzas, sodas and more. Space is limited; call 474-4555.

A Children's holiday workshop will be held Saturday, December 21 at the Youth Center for those 6 to 12 years old, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The children will make cookies, ornaments and gifts. There is a fee; call 474-6878 for registration information.

Council, Executive Discuss Storm Drainage Problems

by Virginia Beauchamp

On an evening when rain had been pouring down all day and was still coming down in sheets, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld's comments to the rest of council and county executive Parris Glendening took on a particular poignancy in regard to the Lakewood Subdivision's long-standing storm drainage problem. "We started working on this three years ago," Weidenfeld said. Describing the residents as "outraged" that the problem was still unsolved, he stressed how "people actually are suffering."

Glendening, who was meeting with council over all issues that involved city-county coordination, said he had to agree. The real problem, he said, was that so many agencies were involved. "It should be a minor project; coordination is the real problem." Glendening promised to meet with the heads of the various departments involved. "We'll take care of it, if they have to dig it themselves," he said.

History

The saga of the Lakewood drainage problem is actually older than three years. It began, in fact, in 1984 when the city asked the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to correct problems in the subdivision that were thought to have resulted from inadequate storm drainage. The estimated cost for the solution was something over \$16,000.

Unfortunately, since the problem involved drainage only, with no road improvements, it could not be dealt with under the agency guidelines. In the following year, however, after the county had assumed stormwater authority, the city again urged action to correct the problem, arguing that an inadequate mu-

nicipal drain system and the county's approval of home construction in drainage swales should force the county to assume responsibility.

A cost estimate requested by Glendening for a pipe system that would not be environmentally disruptive came to \$74,000. In September, 1987 the county in fact committed \$100,000 for a corrective action project and a year later (September 1988) the Watershed Protection Branch (WPB) of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) began preliminary planning.

In April, 1989 the WPB proposed that the city carry out both the design and construction of the project, since the county, with other projects in the way, could not foresee construction until 1991. Under this plan, the county would reimburse the city for the construction phase of the work. The city, however, held out for reimbursement for the design phase as well, which would cost \$52,000.

When WPB objected, because only \$100,000 had been committed for the project as a whole, the city appealed to DER, which agreed to pay up to 10 per cent. See DRAINAGE, page 11

Council Ends Year Negative To Liquor License at Plaza

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council breezed through a light agenda at its last regular meeting of the year on December 3. The members briefly discussed a liquor license application for Beltway Plaza, took positions on state and federal budget issues, approved a rental policy for the indoor pool and received a letter regarding the proposed light on Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive.

But first Mayor Gil Weidenfeld swore in the newest member of the city's police force, Derek Washington. Officer Washington has already completed training at the State Police Academy and can assume his duties without delay.

Beltway Plaza

Pool may have spelled trouble for River City, but it is a billiards parlor that is stirring opposition among council members and police. Champion Billiards Cafe is seeking to transfer a beer and wine license to a new establishment to be located on the upper level of Beltway Plaza, where a food court was once planned. The establishment would be open 24 hours a day and serve beer and wine from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

In a written report Police Chief James Craze warned that the proposed establishment could increase the problems of disorderly conduct, gambling and assaults at the shopping center. City Manager Daniel Hobbs pointed out in his written comments that there is no shortage of establishments with liquor li-

censes in the area of the Plaza and that parking and traffic problems could increase if the billiard hall receives the license.

Council granted attorney Linda Carter's request that the issue be deferred until the next council meeting while her firm works to resolve fire code issues. However, council members Antoinette Bram, Rodney Roberts and Edward Putens told Carter that they opposed the liquor license application. Roberts said he had no problems with a billiards parlor, but saw no need for someone sitting in such an establishment drinking beer at 6 a.m.

Frankfort Drive

O. James Lighthizer, Maryland Secretary of Transportation, wrote to the city confirming the State Highway Administration's (SHA) offer to install a traffic signal, to be operated by school crossing guards, at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive. Citing unspecified safety concerns, he reiterated the SHA's position that this light can only be installed if the median is closed at the intersection.

See COUNCIL, page 11

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

Fred Rosenthal, owner/manager of Jaspers did it again for the senior citizens of Greenbelt. He provided a lovely setting for a Thanksgiving turkey luncheon with all the trimmings; a live band set the mood while we ate.

A big hurrah for the boys and girls who volunteered their services to wait on tables, etc. They were very helpful, efficient, and pleasant.

Our Richard Castaldi and wife Ann, helped with the door prizes and you could see they enjoyed doing it. All in all, food, music and atmosphere were very enjoyable. So thanks again and hopefully we will all meet again next year.

Martha Kaufman

Misplaced Focus

This last week's festival of war is not what I had in mind when I suggested that the News Review cover local reactions to outside issues. Coverage of "Where were you when... was raped?" would be in better taste. These articles leave out most of Greenbelt by asking where they were years before they were born, except for those that will treat it like they do the Civil War, re-righting it until they figure out how it could have been won by their side.

I would prefer that you ask questions such as "Where were you when Homer Smith of LaSalle County, Illinois brought in the bumper crop of wheat and corn that sent his son to college?"

Douglas L. Love

We Apologise

To Anonymous Neighbor:

We received your letter voicing your objections to us not cleaning up after our dog. We'd like to apologize to you for that. Sometimes it's easy to forget how unpleasant it is for others, until the matter is brought strongly to our attention, as you did. In the future when we walk our dogs, we will be prepared to remove their droppings from common areas.

We would like to add that we have seen other dog-owning neighbors walking their pets in the same area. In all fairness, I hope that you communicated your concerns to them.

Linda Hyman

Readers Recall Pearl Harbor Day

To the Editor:

In December 1941 I was in my junior year at Brooklyn College, now part of the Universities of the City of New York. I had the radio on, and I was listening to the Giant-Dodger football game. Suddenly the program was interrupted with the announcement that the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbor. At first it had no meaning to me, because I did not know where Pearl Harbor was. I thought it was in some Asian country. But a little later where there was some statement about the Japanese declaring war, I knew it was more serious.

The next day I went to school as usual, traveling about an hour and a half by subway. I remember that all of the newspapers had huge headlines about the attack. At that time upper classmen had most of their classes from 8 a.m. till noon, so I was in school early in the day. No work was done in any of the classes, and discussions centered around the attack and what it meant to us. After a few classes, an announcement came that classes were cancelled for the rest of the day. We were also told that they were putting loudspeakers on the quadrangle, and that if the students would gather there they would be able to hear President Roosevelt's speech to Congress. I remember standing in the quadrangle, feeling a little chilly, along with most of the student body listening to the President ask Congress for a declaration of war.

There were quite a number of changes after that. For one I was not able to do as much studying on that long ride. There was a partial blackout in New York, which meant that the bulbs in the subway trains were partially painted, so that the light was reflected up. This meant that the light was almost too dim to read by.

Since you were not subject to the draft until you were 21, not many students were called up. However, some of the faculty were, and a large number of students either volunteered or went into special military programs, and they disappeared from campus.

The summer of 1942 I turned 21 and was classified IA, which meant that I would be drafted very soon. I decided that rather than start my senior year, and be called up in the middle of the term, I would volunteer. I tried the Navy programs, but could not pass the eye examinations.

I finally went down to the army recruitment center in New York, and signed up. This was September just before the start of the semester. I went through the physical and was sworn in. To my surprise, I was told that they were putting me on inactive reserve, and that I was to go back to school and they would call me up when they needed me. This I did, and it wasn't till I had enough time in to get my degree that I was called to active duty, and sent to a camp in Texas for training and I was told special assignment. Unfortunately when I finished my training, they changed their mind and I was sent to an infantry regiment as a rifleman.

Harvey Geller

To the Editor:

Dec. 7, 1941 — at that time I lived in Long Island. That Sunday I was watching the old Brooklyn Dodgers play the New York Giants at the polo grounds in NYC. I was 17 years old. The Dodgers beat the Giants in an upset. Players like Ace Parker, Tuffy Lemons, Pug Mandes and Lenny Esmont, in 1942 joined the Navy for four years in the South Pacific on the destroyer CDD 598 Bancroft. I have lived in the Greenbelt area for 34 years.

Jim Brady

Call for Volunteers

Details on these and other volunteer positions can be obtained by contacting the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 301-779-9444.

Answering Service

Volunteers are needed by the Prince George's County Red Cross to handle emergency phone messages concerning military personnel and their families. This service is done from your home and requires just a few hours on week nights or weekends. Volunteers must be able to communicate with people in a stressful situation, have empathy for others, and be a good listener, helpful and understanding.

Seniors Aide

Vocational Services, Inc. needs volunteers to assist the seniors program staff with community outings, Hygiene Day, music, exercise, cooking, arts and crafts and other activities.

Flexible weekday hours are available. Vocational Services, Inc. is a non profit agency serving developmentally disabled adults.

Cut Down on Holiday Waste

(Reprinted with permission of the Appalachia Mountain Club and the author, Lisa Capone, with added information about Greenbelt by Deb Henson)

Even the most committed environmentalists become careless during the holiday season, digging into party fare with throwaway tableware, chopping down healthy trees for decorations and then tossing them out with the trash three weeks later, accumulating bag after bag in a single trip to the shopping mall, and after it's all over, discarding mountains of single-use wrapping paper.

Holiday traditions are difficult to shake, and unfortunately for the planet, many of this season's customs are pretty wasteful. Why not employ the three R's—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle—to make Christmas more earth-friendly this year?

Wasteful Habits

Wasteful habits during the holiday season bring into focus a problem that goes on throughout the year. Americans annually generate 160 million tons of trash—enough to fill the New Orleans Superdome from top to bottom, twice a day, every day of the year. That's the bad news. The good news is that, with just a few lifestyle changes, most of that trash can be recycled into new products. That's good for the environment because recycling saves natural resources, conserves energy and reduces the need for landfills and incinerators.

Recycling is something everyone can do. And, once you start, you'll soon find yourself casting a critical eye on virtually everything you routinely tossed in the garbage pail. The holiday season is a great time to start recycling at home, since you're bound to have more food and beverage containers to discard. Try these tips for reducing seasonal trash.

Buy a Live Tree

Buy a live Christmas tree and plant it after the holidays. You'll help the environment in several ways: trees absorb carbon dioxide and therefore reduce the greenhouse effect; there'll be no tree to throw away; and local wildlife will gain additional shelter. GHI members should check with GHI before planting trees in yards. In fact, GHI is anxious to accept live trees for planting in common areas—give GHI a call. If you do buy a cut tree, the City of Greenbelt recycles Christmas trees into mulch. Please watch the News Review just before and after Christmas for the tree drop-off locations and dates. The mulch is available

for Greenbelt residents free at the Northway fields.

Keep a fork, knife, spoon and ceramic cup in your desk so you won't have to use throwaway plastic at all those office parties.

Buy Recycled Paper

Buy recycled wrapping paper and greeting cards. If you aren't purchasing recycled goods, you're not really recycling. Unless we create a market for recycled materials, all we've got are lots of neatly-sorted piles of trash. If you shop at a mall, take a bag for your first purchase and use it for everything else you buy that day.

Open gifts carefully, saving wrapping paper, bows and ribbons for next year. Of course you can't expect the youngsters to possess this kind of self-control amid such excitement! Cut the fronts off of greeting cards you receive and save them for decorating presents next year.

Deluge of Catalogs

The deluge of holiday catalogs arriving daily in your mailbox can also be cut up for gift decorations. If you buy a gift from a boutique or gift shop with a decorative bag, consider leaving the present in the bag and adding a bow. If you knit or crochet holiday gifts, save leftover yarn to decorate packages. Other recycled wrappings include children's drawings taped together, Sunday newspaper comics and brown paper bags tied up with brightly colored bows. If you buy gifts while traveling, wrap them in newspapers from the places where you bought them.

During the holidays and throughout the year, Greenbelt recycles by sorting recyclables and purchasing recycled goods. On the recyclables side, Greenbelt residents are encouraged to use their yellow bins for recycling glass, PET and HDPE numbers 1 and 2 plastics, aluminum cans and newspapers.



DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION OF LARGE APPLIANCES

Because of the Christmas Holiday, Special Trash collection of LARGE APPLIANCES, such as stoves, refrigerators, etc., will be done on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18. If you have items to be picked up, please call the Public Works Office at 474-8004 by noon on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 TO REQUEST A PICK UP.



CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Digital Oscilloscope/Engine Analyzer/Fuel Injection Package

The City of Greenbelt is seeking bids to furnish, install and train personnel in the operation and maintenance of A Digital Oscilloscope/Engine Analyzer/Fuel Injection Package.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Purchasing Officer at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 7, 1992, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

For information please call the Purchasing Officer at (301) 474-8052.

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Evergreen Plant Hike

Join a Park Ranger for a one mile hike in Greenbelt Park to view the many evergreen plants, shrubs and trees. Meet at the Dogwood nature trail parking area at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.

For more information call 344-3948 or 344-3944.

Adopt a Highway

by Emory Harman
On Saturday, December 14 the Greenbelt Lions will perform their last trash pick up of the year on Kenilworth Avenue. The community service project, which is of a continuing nature, is performed by the Lions four times a year. Cast-offs along the sides of Kenilworth Avenue from the Beltway to Cherrywood Lane are collected and bagged for removal by the State Highway Commission.

The Lions hope to set an example for residents and transients to take pride in their community.

Folk Songs, Comedy At Cafe Tzedakah

On Saturday, December 14, at 8 p.m., CAFE TZEDAKAH at Mishkan Torah will present an evening of music featuring the folk-singing and humor of Doug Mishkan and autoharpist Josh Blinder.

This is the coffeehouse as people remember they were— atmosphere, cider, cheese crackers, teas, and fellowship. Admission price will be a non-perishable food item. Donations will also be accepted (not required) for the evening's beneficiary, National Jewish AIDS Project.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For further information call Robert Goldberg-Strassler (301) 345-8755, reservations are suggested.

Gray Panthers Hold Reception

A "Welcome to Gray Panthers" reception will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Green Ridge House. A short video presentation will be followed by light refreshments. The public is invited to attend. For other information call Janet Parker at 474-6668.

County Police Host Children's Dinner

The Prince Georges County Police Department in partnership with a number of civic organizations are planning a Christmas for deserving children on December 14 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. About 500 elementary school children will be involved. It will be the eighth year for the party. Volunteers are needed, however, to help with the party.

Those who want to help financially can send a check payable to the Prince Georges County Police Community Christmas Party Fund, 6700 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Md. 20737.

Tour the Green Belt

The Committee to Save the Green Belt is sponsoring tours of the "Green Belt" each Saturday at noon. They meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments are provided. Call 474-4863 for information.

Toy Collection Drive

More than 300 Prince Georges County Girl Scout troops launched a new toy collection drive to benefit some special county children in homeless shelters, transitional housing, and foster homes. The program, which continues through Dec. 14, is being done in cooperation with the Prince Georges County Department of Social Services.

Residents of Prince Georges County are invited to bring a new toy donation to the Prince Georges Department of Social Services located at 6111 Ager Road in Hyattsville on Dec. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

Botanic Conservatory Hosts Holiday Show

A free festive holiday show opened at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory on Dec. 10 and will run through Sunday, Jan. 5. The Conservatory is located on Maryland Avenue and First Street, SW, near the U.S. Capitol.

The show hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. except for the week of Dec. 16-20 when it closes at 5 p.m.

Brilliant poinsettias of all types and sizes adorn the galleries and orangery. The conservatory is also decorated with holiday flower arrangements, baskets, and wreaths. The theme of the show, "Whistle Stop Holidays," represents American holiday traditions during the period of the grand era of the great trains. For additional information call (202) 225-7099.

Admission is free.

GHI Notes

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, December 19 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are welcome to attend.

Offices will close at noon on Friday, December 20 for the annual GHI office Christmas Party.

Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas.

See 'A Spotless Rose' At Methodist Church

"A Spotless Rose," a dramatization, will be presented at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road on Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. This program is a unique expression of the events leading up to the birth of Christ.

Learn About Bird Feeding Behavior

Come learn about the different types of birds that feed in Greenbelt Park. Bird behavior and different bird feeders will be discussed while observing birds at a working bird feeding station. Meet at the entrance to the campground at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 14.

For more information call 344-3948 or 344-3944.

Fun at Goddard

Space Basics, a video in easy to understand language about the basics of space, will be shown on Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Space Flight Visitor Center.

On Sunday, December 15 there will be a walking tour starting at 11 a.m. Public tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All tours begin at the information desk in the Visitor Center.

At the Library

On Thursday, December 19 at 11 a.m. Drop-in Storytime will be held for ages 3-5.

Food for Needy

Food for Greenbelt Needy is off to a successful start. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items can be dropped off in collection boxes in the front of the Co-op grocery store. The Legion of Mary, a group of children from St. Hugh's School, have picked up and sorted over 700 cans from these boxes. The food is distributed by all members of the Greenbelt clergy to local, needy residents. Please continue to be generous. For more information call Linda Callahan, 474-2581.

Greenbriar News

Greenbriar resident children are in for a special treat on Saturday, Dec. 21, at noon. Lunch with Santa will be offered at no charge. Happy meals and sodas will be served to each registered child. Children will have an opportunity to individually visit with Santa. McDonald's is co-sponsoring this event. For information call Kathy, 441-1096.

Yes, it is time to reserve a table for the annual New Year's Eve Party. The Social Committee is hard at work planning for this gala event. Hats, noisemakers, balloons, set ups, champagne toast, buffet and a great DJ are all part of the excitement planned. Don't miss out on a great party close to home at a reasonable price. Call Kathy, 441-1096, for reservations or for further information.

Recreation Review

Christmas Co-Ed 4 on 4 Volleyball
On December 21 and 22 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, a Co-ed 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament will be held.

Girl's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
A Girl's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on December 21 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Boy's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
On December 27 and 28 a Boy's 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Co-Recreational Volleyball
Drop-in volleyball is played in the Greenbelt Center School gym on Monday evenings from 8:30-10:30 p.m. for 16 years and over. A yearly registration fee is charged.

Basketball Leagues
The Recreation Department is now accepting franchises for both the men's and women's leagues.

Fee Information
For fees and additional information on the above programs, call 474-6878.


PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors Meeting
December 19, 1991 - 8:00 p.m.
GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Item:

- Refinancing of Loans with NCB
Members are encouraged to attend

Dining Out in and around Greenbelt



HAPPY GARDEN RESTAURANT — One of the finest Chinese Cuisines in the area. Featuring Hunan, Sechuan & Mandarin. Eat-in, Carry out. Free Delivery. Daily lunch specials. Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sat. 4 - 10 p.m. 10547 Greenbelt Road (Eastgate Shopping Center), Lanham. 464-3700.

DOMINO RESTAURANT — proudly presents complete dinner nightly at \$7.95. Open 7 days a week, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Homemade cooking. Beer, wine, liquor. Free parking. Banquet hall and carry out available. 10280 Baltimore Blvd., College Park. 441-3617.

3 BROTHERS ITALIAN RESTAURANT — Conveniently located in Beltway Plaza & offers a variety of Italian Specialties. Pizza, Hero Sandwiches, calzones, pasta. Plus Salads, desserts and draft beer. Also complete Catering services. 474-5330 (Greenbelt) 864-1570 (Bladensburg at 4521 Kenilworth Ave.)

ANTONIO'S RESTAURANT — Northern Italian cuisine. Veal, chicken, seafood, and pasta specialties. Also serving pizza and sandwiches. Cocktail lounge with big screen TV and cable. Specials for football games. Open 7 days a week, 11:30 a.m. till 2 a.m. Carrollton Mall, 7746 Riverdale Road. 577-0070.

LASICK'S BEEF & SEAFOOD HOUSE — Daily lunch & dinner specials. Redskin's bus to home games. Happy Hour, 4-6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Ladies' night - every Thursday. Men's night - every Wednesday. Polish food served as special every Thursday. Catering available. 9128 Baltimore Blvd., College Park. 441-2040.

To place your ad here, call Linda Savaryn, 474-5285 or Mary Lou Williamson, 441-2662.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

features

**The Honorable Gerard Evans
Chairman
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Democratic Central Committee**

discussing party politics in the County and State

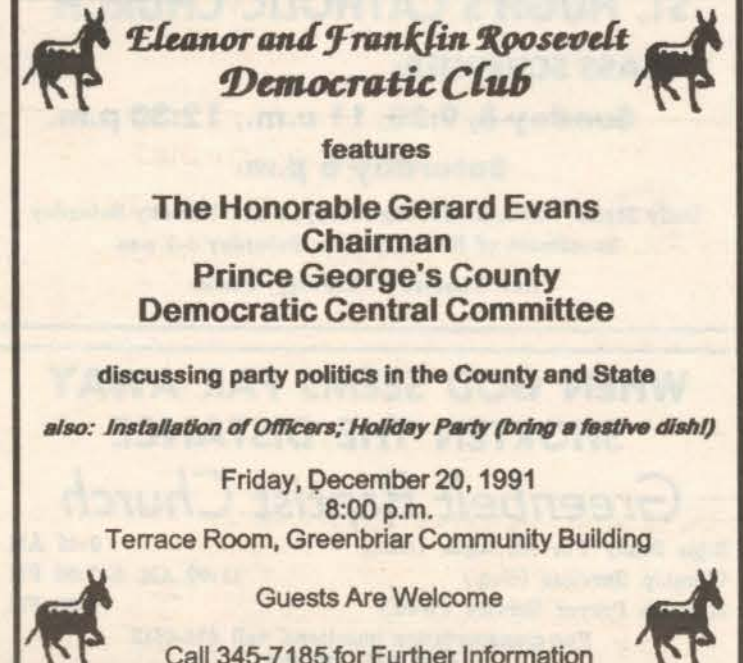
also: *Installation of Officers; Holiday Party (bring a festive dish!)*

Friday, December 20, 1991
8:00 p.m.

Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building

Guests Are Welcome

Call 345-7185 for Further Information



A Review

Arts Center Offers Fare To Fill Hearts and Minds

by Barbara Likowski

The Greenbelt Arts Center has given us a gift in the "spirit of the season," their presentation of "A Christmas Festival," three one-act plays. The plays, different in kind, nonetheless all reflect the Christmas theme, kept the audience interested and were well done.

This reviewer liked "The Gift of the Magi" best, though it was not easy to choose. This new adaptation of the O. Henry story by Dennis Jelalian was directed by John DiMeo. With Paul Noyes as William Sydney Porter (O. Henry) narrating the story, it was possible to give the audience background enough that they could feel they were there in the turn of the century, not merely lookers-on.

Jeanette Connors as the young wife, Della, gave a believable portrayal of a working-class woman of the time. This story of love and sacrifice for each other of their most precious possessions left us feeling that these young lovers had indeed felt the true "spirit of the season."

Thomas Zanner, as the tramp in Kenneth Goodman's "Dust of the Road," nagged at our conscience as he nagged at Peter Steele and his wife Prudence (Doug Malcom and Norma Ozur). As he gave hints of his true identity, we kept expecting Steele to name him; we almost shouted out Judas Iscariot. But Steele was too wrapped up in his own problem to overcome his belligerence and recognize the tramp for who he was.

The acting was very good. All four characters (including Uncle Bill—Bill Blanchard) had us reacting to them as real, live people.

Based on a legend that Judas can return one night a year to try to perform a good deed to help him redeem his soul, this play was thought-provoking and enjoyable.

Christmas Dinner

Enjoyment was not what attracted us to Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner." Yet, it too was interesting. Ninety years of a family's Christmas dinners was bound to produce some deaths in this case, quite a few. This reviewer found this a bit depressing. The theme of the continuation of family was there and the all-too-human regret at not having reached out as much as one wished one had.

The play, as well as "Dust of the Road," was directed by David Wilson.

This was, in our opinion, the most difficult play to produce. There was no scenery to speak of. The actors had to use their voices to project aging, and body language while their costumes remained basically the same. The end result was effective. The play kept the audience reaching out to think about concepts the author and actors were projecting. Although a few voices were difficult to hear, all the performers played their parts with individuality. One who stood out for firmness, character and clarity was Norma Ozur as Cousin Ermengarde. We really did see her age before our eyes.

This thought-provoking play certainly belonged in the series; it gave us something quite different to ponder. However, we were glad it was not the last one performed.

Virginia Zanner as producer and Mary Lou Fisher, who did the lighting, gave us special effects that added to the enjoyment of the plays.

The plays will be performed again on Friday and Saturday nights, December 13 and 14, at 8 p.m., at Greenbelt Community Church. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted.

We hope this is the beginning of another Greenbelt Festival of Lights tradition. We look forward to the next Christmastime performance by the Greenbelt Arts Center.

MT. NEBO GOSPEL SINGERS TO PERFORM

Mount Nebo Gospel Singers present their annual Christmas concert at the Publick Playhouse on Friday, December 20, at 8 p.m.

Mount Nebo's fourth annual concert will include carols, contemporary gospel and old favorites. A 22-voice family choir organized in 1949 at the Mount Nebo African Methodist Episcopal Church, this group performs regularly in the Washington area. Their soul-stirring, forceful performances have made them a favorite with audiences.

This concert is free but tickets are required. Call the Playhouse Box Office at 301-277-1710 (Voice/TDD) to obtain tickets.

PG Little Theatre Offers "Best Christmas Pageant"

Prince Georges Little Theatre presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Publick Playhouse on December 12, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., December 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. and December 15 at 7:30 p.m.

This story concerns the efforts of a wife and husband to stage the annual church pageant despite the Herdman kids—the meanest, nastiest and most inventively awful kids in world history. The children's Christmas story collides with the Herdman kids, resulting in a comedy full of mayhem.

For further information or to make reservations call the Playhouse Box Office at 277-1710 (Voice/TDD). There is a fee.

We're All Family will be performed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17 and 18 at 10 a.m. and noon. The Philadelphia Theatre Caravan performs four musical segments: Another Cinderella; A Tale of Three Ralphs; The Kingdom with No Rules; and My Grandma.

Greenbelt CARES

Publicity has gone out regarding upcoming vocational programs offered by Greenbelt CARES. The winter recess session of the free babysitting course will be held during Christmas vacation, on December 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12, at Greenbelt CARES. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to attend the course. The course will concentrate on responsibilities of babysitting and safety issues.

The winter session for the GED course will begin on Tuesday, January 7, and last for 10 weeks, ending March 12. The course is held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Greenbelt CARES. Students who have dropped out of high school and are interested in taking the GED exam are eligible to attend.

For more information regarding both of these programs and enrollment, participants should call Greenbelt CARES, 345-6660.

COMBINED CHOIRS MAKE JOYFUL NOISE

by Barbara Likowski

"Sing for Joy," was stated on the program and the Greenbelt combined choirs' annual Christmas concert, under the direction of Jean Cook, gave us just that, sheer joy in song.

It would be nearly impossible to choose a best number. This small but dedicated group of singers, from throughout the community and churches of the city, sang many different kinds of beautiful Christmas pieces.

Special mention should be made of soloist Ginny Wells in the choir's rendition of Pietro Yon's "Gesù Bambino" and the powerful solo tenor voice of William Lloyd. Singing as one, every voice was an important part of the whole, producing at times a bell-like sound.

There was time in the program, too, for audience participation in the singing of familiar and much loved Christmas carols.

We hope we will have many more programs by this fabulous group who practice nearly year round. New members are always welcomed, though we don't see how the music can be improved upon.

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The Publick Playhouse Saturday's Finest Family Matinees Series presents American Family Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" at the Publick Playhouse on Saturday, December 21 at 11 a.m.

All tickets can be purchased at the Playhouse Box Office. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. For reservations or additional information, call the Playhouse Box Office at (301) 277-1711 (Voice/TDD).

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Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Feisty Sean Patrick Kennedy, born October 24 to Cornelia and Patrick, was in the hospital for three weeks with meningitis. He has now been home for three weeks and is thriving. Patrick's mother is a News Review staffer.

Get well wishes to News Review staffer Anne Meglis, fighting off an infection from oral surgery.

David Roth and Theo McCar-

thy were members of Kenmoor Middle School's team that competed in the 17th Knowledge Master Open that was held on December 4.

The team competed with other schools from Canada, Mexico, Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the 50 States. Students were able to answer the tough academic question on school-based computers, eliminating the expense of traveling to a central site.

Kenmoor's team placed first in the state and 21st in a field of 1321 nationwide. Congratulations!

Budget Cutbacks Cut Library Hours

by Eileen Peterson

If you are planning to do your research paper or extra school homework over the holiday season when schools are closed, be forewarned that the County Library System will shut down as of 6 p.m. Friday, December 20, and stay closed until Thursday, January 2.

In another budget-saving move, the system is closing the Greenbelt and Largo branches on Sundays for the foreseeable future. Sunday, December 15 will be the last time the library will be open, and other branches may be added to the list.

Nancy Johanson, Greenbelt branch manager, encourages patrons to come early to pick out books to read over the 12-day period.

Not only will there be long lines at the end of the last week but there may not be as good a selection of reading materials. All materials will be stamped to be due after the library reopens. It would be a help if patrons would keep the books and return them in person during the first week in January, so the book drops will not become full.

The library system has a variety of videos and cassette tapes. Videos cannot be returned through the bookdrop.

Regular hours at the Greenbelt branch are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The library will be open until 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.

Arts Advisory Committee Plans Holiday Open House

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Committee will host a holiday open house on Sunday, December 29, between 6 and 8 p.m. at the home of local writer Dorothy Sucher. Greenbelt writers, musicians, performers, and artists of all kinds are invited, as well as citizens with an interest in promoting the arts in Greenbelt, especially those who might like to serve on the committee in the future.

A particularly warm invitation is extended to newcomers to Greenbelt, as well as to those who may not have been involved in civic activities before. This will be an opportunity for arts-loving Greenbelters to meet others with the same interests, to express concerns, and to have a voice in efforts to make the community a more hospitable place for the arts.

The Arts Advisory Committee was formed by the City Council in 1988 and is responsible for advising the Council on arts-related matters, guiding the city's arts policy, and assisting city arts organizations.

Proposed Arts Center

The Committee, chaired by artist Barbara Simon, is currently involved in plans to include an arts center in the proposed community center at the Center School building. Space being sought includes room for arts education classes in all the arts, a theater for the performing arts, studios for visual artists and a desktop publishing facility that could be used by community groups.

Committee Projects

Since its inception three years

ago, the Committee has developed an arts policy for the city, conducted an arts survey, participated in the creation of a successful arts camp for children last summer, and served as the city's liaison with such groups as the Prince Georges Arts Council and the Cultural Alliance of Washington. This winter's activities will focus on obtaining business support for the arts in Greenbelt.

For further information call Barbara Simon, 474-2192, or Cathy Corona-Salgado, at the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

Aquatics Training Available Now

The Arthritis Foundation will hold aquatics training for anyone interested in teaching water exercise classes for people with arthritis on December 14 and 15, noon to 5 p.m., at the Prince Georges Community College. There is a fee. Registration forms are available from the Arthritis Foundation, (703) 276-7555.

Greenbelt Arts Center presents

Three Christmas Plays

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20th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, GREENBELT, MARYLAND



The 20th Annual Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Many programs, both old and new, have been scheduled for Greenbelters and their guests to enjoy. Share in your community's holiday season spirit for 1991!!

Friday, December 13th, 7:30 p.m. — Holiday Caroling

Meet at the Roosevelt Center Mother and Child Statue. Stroll with us through the Mall and up to Green Ridge House singing all the old favorite carols. Refreshments to be served afterwards at Green Ridge House.

Saturday, December 14th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Santa Visits Youth Center

Santa and his helpers make their annual stop to hear all of Greenbelt's good little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Bring a blank VHS video tape and have your child's visit recorded.

Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 p.m. — Greenbelt Concert Band Holiday Performance

Greenbelt Youth Center. The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince George's County, under the direction of John DelHomme, will perform their traditional holiday concert for your listening pleasure.

Saturday, December 21st, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Children's Holiday Workshop

Greenbelt Youth Center. Children, 6-12 years old, will be busy making cookies, Christmas ornaments and gifts at our holiday workshop. Registration fee: \$15.00. Call 474-6878 for registration information.

Thursday, December 26th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Ice Skating Trip

Herbert Wells Ice Rink, College Park. Children 12 and under are invited to meet at the Youth Center and travel to the Wells Ice Rink for an enjoyable afternoon on the ice. Cost of the trip is \$4.75/person which covers transportation, admission and skate rental. Please register in advance. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

Friday, December 27th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Adult Shopping Trip

Potomac Mills, Virginia. Spend a day shopping for those after Christmas bargains. The van will leave from the Youth Center. Lunch is on your own. Try the Mall's Food Court. Register in advance. Cost: \$10.00. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

Saturday, December 28th, 10:00 a.m. — 27th Annual Holiday Race

Braden Field Tennis Courts. D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10, 20 mile runs and 20 mile 2-Person Relay; 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Sign-up one (1) hour before. Contact Larry Noel, Sr., 1-301-447-2224 or D.C. Road Runners, 703-241-0395. Fee \$3.00 for 10, 20 Mile Races and Relay; \$1.00 for 1.75 Mile Run.

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Saturday, December 28th, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Family Holiday Homecoming Party

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Light refreshments, family swim, games and music will make this a night for the entire family. Bring your towels and innertubes! FREE to passholders; daily admission for non-passholders. For additional information, call 513-0390.

Tuesday, December 31st, 7:30 p.m. to Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m. — New Year's Eve Sleepover

Greenbelt Youth Center. Need a babysitter? We have an evening of fun planned for your child. Program includes a New Year's Eve Party, with games, movies, munchies and a light breakfast. Registration is \$25/child; \$15/each additional child in same family. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the 10:00 a.m. pick-up time. Age limit 6 - 12 years old. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for registration form.

This schedule was prepared by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Except where noted, programs are open to the public free of charge. Dial 474-6878 for further information. The Recreation Department staff extends their thanks for your support this year and wishes you and yours "HAPPY HOLIDAYS."

Local Folks Gather for Tree Planting in Greenbelt East

by Pat Scully

With a little help from their friends, the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association transformed license plates into trees on Saturday, Nov. 16. A grant of \$1,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund, which gets funds from the sale of "Treasure the Chesapeake" license plates, was the seed money for a project that saw 70 fast-growing trees planted.

Judy Dunham and Gaylene Vasaturo of the Homeowners Association applied for the grant, arranged for the purchase of trees under Maryland's Tree-Mendous Program and coordinated the efforts of numerous groups and individuals who volunteered their services.

Volunteers

Council member Ed Putens arranged for the city to assist by transporting the sapling trees, which ranged from about three to eight feet tall. City horticulturist Bill Phelan also went with Dunham to pick up the trees, offering advice on how to arrange them, based on the growing characteristics of the different species and the site conditions.

The landscaping contractor for the development, Lasting Impressions, volunteered to dig holes for the trees the day before the planting. This offer turned out to be more expensive than anticipated, since they hit a patch of concrete and broke their power auger. But the holes did get dug.

Close to 30 people turned out at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning for what they anticipated would be an all-day effort. By 11:30, however, all of the trees were planted, staked and watered.

In addition to the Homeowners Association, volunteers included council member Rodney Roberts bringing mulch, members of the Anacostia Watershed Society and the Committee to Save the Green Belt and students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who took part as a community service project.

The Trees

The trees were planted in the common area adjacent to the wetland that separates Greenbrook Estate from the new Green-spring Manor development. Trees that will flourish in damp conditions were planted closest to the wetland edge, with ornamental flowering trees along the edge of the planting area closest to the houses. Species include sycamore, green ash, white ash, snowdrift crabapple, shademas-ter honey locust, Norway maple, red maple, sugar maple and Japanese dogwood.

The tree planting is the first part of a multi-year project to improve the common area. Plans call for planting of ground cover in the spring and further tree planting. Final designs for the area are pending on the final determination of the location for a WSSC sewer line right-of-way through the area.



Putting the finishing touches on their labors, Tom Grace waters the new trees while Bill Willoughby records the planting location of each. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association President Tim Sechrist and Keith Jahoda of the Committee to Save the Green Belt discuss future plantings throughout the city.



Judy Dunham and Gaylene Vasaturo stand in the grove of sapplings whose planting they coordinated. The new staked trees abut the wetland and unnamed stream that separate Greenbrook Estates from the new Greenbriar Development.

— photos by Pat Scully

St. Hugh's News

by Joan Marionni

Several fifth through eighth graders were honored for their outstanding first quarter grades at a special honors assembly before the Thanksgiving break. Principal Philip V. Robey presented certificates of achievements to the following students.

In Mrs. Lois Barron's eighth grade class, Kevin Eley received first honors. Second honors went to Kenneth Barron, Jennifer Isles, Nicole Priest, Raul Schuett, and Michael Storck.

The seventh graders recognized were Aurore Marionni, Megan Mechak and Christine Wilson for first honors; Anne Berard, Sean Bright, Andrew Farris, Meagan Fitzgerald, and Steven Novak for second honors. (Mrs. Lucia Magarian, who taught the seventh grade this year, has left St. Hugh's School; Greg Link has been hired to replace her, beginning full-time on December 16).

Lindsay Callahan, Siret Kork and Karla Smith were the sixth graders from Miss Theresa McGranaghan's class who received first honors; Jerome Abellano, Craig Officer, Jessica Pray, and Nicole Schuett earned second honors. Finally, Mrs. Carolyn Frank's fifth graders who received first honors were Rhinanon Brankley, Sara Fendlay, Kenny Johnson, Mary Storck and William Wilson; Raphael Delgado, Greg Mangum, Matthew Pelfrey, Justin Poole and James Ragusa received second honors.

December at St. Hugh's will feature a Christmas program on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Grenoble Hall for the families and friends of the students. Also this month, the first and eighth grade classes will visit the White House.

Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

As a man entered the First National Bank (7500 block of Greenbelt Rd.) around 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 27, another man came up behind him, grabbed his deposit bag from his hand, and ran towards Safeway. Although the suspect had a small dark revolver in his hand, the victim chased him to the 7500 block of Hanover Pkwy., at which point the suspect threatened to shoot the victim. The suspect is described as black, about 26 years old, 5'11", 160 lbs., wearing a white jacket with red trim, and a gray and red ski cap.

When a man left his apartment in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane around 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 2, three men confronted him in the hallway and told him to go back into the apartment; they told him that they were police officers. One of them was pointing a handgun at the man. Then a neighbor opened a door, and the three men fled. They are described as follows: (1) white, 25 years old, 6'1", 210 lbs., with

brown hair and a mustache, wearing a light gray jacket and blue jeans; (2) white, 25-30 years old, 6'1", 200 lbs., wearing a light colored jacket and tan jeans; (3) white, in his mid-20s, 5'7", thin build, wearing a black jacket.

On Dec. 3 a breaking and entering was reported in a doctor's office in the 7200 block of Hanover Pkwy. Medicine was stolen.

Two breaking and enterings of residences were reported around 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 in Pinecrest Court. In one case, money was stolen; in the other, it was unknown if anything had been stolen.

On Nov. 26 an officer noticed a suspicious vehicle in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, and found, via computer, that the vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle disappeared but on Nov. 27, as the vehicle was leaving the parking lot of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the officer stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver, a 16-year-old nonresident. Charged with theft over \$300, the juvenile was released to his mother pending trial.

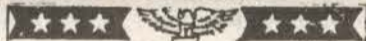
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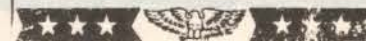


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Kenneth Hall
(Donna's Uncle)

Greenbelters Prepare for Their Defense in War Fifty Years Ago

by James Giese

Edward Fowler of the Navy Yard was officially welcomed as the first resident of the new defense homes on December 18, 1941 by Town Manager Roy Braden, Mayor Allen Morrison, Mary Jane Kinzer, Arthur L. Rysticken and several representatives of older Greenbelt families. Eight other families moved in on that same day. A total of 150 homes were nearing completion, with 82 units being accepted for occupancy. The new homes, now commonly referred to as the GHI frame homes, were located along Southway and Ridge Road.

Police Chief George Panagoulis was named Chief Warden of an Air Raid Precautions unit which was to follow a plan based on a national program. Panagoulis was to have five assistants.

Mrs. Joe Rogers, who represented the Woman's Club, the organization responsible for registering volunteers, reported that 370 persons had turned in registration cards, many of them that day in response to the Japanese attack. It was decided that further registrations would be taken at the fire house, which would serve as headquarters for volunteers. Discussion was had on how it would be possible for more women to volunteer if arrangements were made for some women to baby sit children for others.

Bold Headline

The Cooperator's headline for its December 12 issue, "Defense Council is on War Footing," ran

across the entire front page in type twice as large as normally used for headlines. In a large box at the bottom of the first page was an article advising citizens on what to do in the event of an air raid. The six points discussed were: Keep cool, stay home, put out lights, lie down, stay away from windows, and volunteer in your local defense unit. One piece of advice was not to splash water on an incendiary bomb—it will explode. Instead spray it with a garden hose. "This will put it out in about two minutes."

At that time, Cooperator editor Francis Fosnight and the three assistant editors, Donald H. Cooper, Sally Meredith and Jack Schaeffer, would editorialize at the drop of a hat. It was common for the paper to have three or four editorials a week. The December 12 lead editorial, which was one of four, was titled "For Your Sake." It advised its readers that "It must necessarily fall our lot to stop thinking in terms of peace and apply ourselves to war."

No Time for Parade

Noting that unlike other wars, "We entered this war without one parade . . ." the article said there was not time for parades or flag waving. "Long-range bombers have not only put the armed forces on the defensive, but have taken the civilians in the back row and placed them in the front lines . . . We must defend our homes and our children from the assaults of the enemy . . . they must be defended and protected against the hot ripping fragments of exploding bombs, against the crippling effects of poison gas; against the back-stabbing saboteurs."

The editorial went on to urge "every man and woman" in Greenbelt to join the Civil Defense unit. "Are we going to wait until after the first bombs fall to prepare, or are we going to know what to do when they fall? Let your conscience answer that question," it concluded.

Beware of Rumors

In a second editorial, the paper urged its readers to "Beware of rumors." "Greenbelt has suffered from the plague of small-town gossip, rumors and half-truths through all its four years, so that by now we should be immune to belief in the inevitable wave of false news and misleading rumors which comes with war," the paper stated.

Motor Unit

Other war preparation activities reported by the paper included organizing an emergency motor unit. Anyone owning a four-door sedan which could be used in an emergency to transport injured persons to hospitals was urged to contact Thomas Ricker. The Maryland National Guard was to be contacted to get information on forming a local home guard unit.

"The water supply situation was well in hand," reported Town Chemist Harry Rhoads. Chief Panagoulis was asked to investigate the communication system in Greenbelt and especially to determine the use of short wave radio in case the telephone system was eliminated. Paper bags were to be returned to the stores. Extensive development of gardens to grow food was contemplated for the next summer. Panagoulis also reported that the city was being surveyed for bomb shelters.

First Aid Committees

Dr. Joseph Silagy, who was appointed to the Defense Council, agreed to take charge of the first aid committee. Dr. Silagy reported that with five or six expert instructors on hand and 15 women now being trained in first aid, it would be possible to teach every adult in Greenbelt, with classes being held nightly at the elementary school.

Fashion Note

As a fashion note, the paper announced that the official garb for Greenbelt's civil defense workers would be khaki coveralls until Congress provided for uniforms. Arm bands, buttons, car flags and other insignia would be purchased from money advanced by the Citizens Association. Each person had to purchase his or her own coveralls, however. (In another article, readers were advised that Louella Parsons of Hollywood prefers "sophisticated black with a touch of color and jewels," for holiday parties.)

In the center of page one, the Cooperator reported on a "Victory" party that had been held at the Greenbelt Legion House on the previous Saturday evening "a few hours before Japanese warplanes attacked U.S. territory." Sponsored by the Greenbelt Fight for Freedom Committee, the affair drew an overflow crowd. M. Pierre Cot, the former Aviation Minister of France, was the chief speaker. He advised that France fell not because of military weakness, but because of disunity in the government.

"A dramatic narrative tracing Hitler's successive invasions of European countries was read by Mrs. Theodore Wilson, accompanied by music and solo ren-

Sublease Requests Increase To GHI Board's Dismay

by Leslie Robinson

During the regular Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) meeting on Thursday, December 5, board members expressed serious concern about the rise in applications by GHI members requesting permission to sublease (rent) their units. The board had another problem, too. They were criticized by the Audit Committee for failing to request bids for selecting an accounting firm to perform a year-end audit of the cooperative's books.

Requests to Sublease

At the previous meeting (November 21) the board gave the go-ahead to two members to sublease their units for 12 months. Both members had purchased another home and were faced with paying mortgages on both their GHI unit and their new home.

At this meeting the board reconsidered the idea and turned down two applications to sublease.

The first application was from a 7-year owner who now lives in Frederick, Maryland. GHI records show the unit was placed on the market September 21, 1990 for \$70,900. Since then the price has been reduced to \$67,000. Margaret Hogensen, a long-time board member, spoke right up and advised the owner to reduce the price. Vice President Ray McCawley said he was opposed to allowing a sublease. Board member Donald Comis brought the discussion to a halt by offering a motion to allow the member to sublease the unit. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The other member requesting a sublease is about to go to settlement on a new house in Bowie. GHI records show the unit was put on sale in April 1991 for \$70,900. The asking price since has been reduced to \$62,900. This time no board member was willing to make a motion to allow a sublease, but President Wayne Williams told the member to take the advice of the board to lower the price and try to convince the board of the advisability to sublease at another time.

Near the close of the meeting, just after midnight, Hogensen said that the problem of unsold homes and requests for permission to sublease could become a serious problem. Williams said it was definitely something GHI should be concerned about. He said "It shocked me tremendously to hear of members buying one home before selling another."

Year-End Audit

With the 1992 GHI budget out of the way after being approved with the national anthem of each fallen country," the paper reported.

Only about one-half of the front page plus the two editorials related to Greenbelt and the war in the December 12 issue of the Cooperator. In other respects, life in Greenbelt went on as before, as can be told from the following headlines:

"Improved Bus System Follows Three Year Battle"; "Ray King to Play at New Years Dance"; "Mormon Choir Will Present Messiah"; "Begin Counting Patronage Slips Co-op Advises"; "Variety Store Plays Host to Santa Claus"; "Kiddies Handiwork Impresses Mothers"; "Traffic Safety Measures Asked by Citizens Ass'n"; "Study Group Learns State Schools Poor"; and "Co-op Workers Meet on Solving Problems."

Last, but not least, the Cooperator announced that "The Elmer Stokka's had a boy, Roger Murray, on November 20, born at Greenbelt Hospital."

by the board on November 21, the next fiscal task for GHI management and the board is to submit to an audit by an independent accounting firm. Traditionally, inventory is taken under the supervision of the auditing firm beginning January 1 of the new year.

Last May, at the annual meeting, GHI member Eunice Coxon argued that the present auditing practices were not in accordance with accepted corporate practice. She said that one firm, Stegman and Company, had audited books for GHI for nine years straight. For the last two years Stegman and Company were not even required to bid for the job.

Despite this red flag, the board and the management of GHI let the months slip by without discussing Coxon's complaint. Finally at the regular board meeting of November 21, Ronald Colton, General Manager of GHI, informed the board that Stegman and Company had been retained again to perform the year-end audit. Virginia Moryadas, Chair of the Audit Committee protested vigorously, but board member Chuck Hess said there just wasn't time now to solicit bids in time to bring a new accounting firm on board and begin taking the inventory on January 1. Paul Sinner, Director of Finance, confirmed this observation. Williams asked Moryadas to submit a written report at the next meeting.

The Audit Committee presented this report at the December 5 meeting. The report stated, among other things, that the board of directors had violated GHI bylaws by not consulting with the Audit Committee concerning the year-end audit.

President Williams read parts of a letter from Coxon castigating the board for failing to observe standard accounting practice to solicit bids for a year-end audit.

Then the board, led by board members McCawley and Hogensen, accepted blame for the problem. Williams asked Colton to put next year's audit on the list of pending items in midsummer 1992. The board then voted to accept the proposal of Stegman and Company to perform the 1991 audit at an estimated cost of \$16,500.

Other

Leonard Wallace, local realtor, presented the board a problem where a father wished to buy a GHI unit for his son to live in. The father lives elsewhere and has no intention of living in the unit. According to GHI rules, the son's name must appear with his father's on the MOC (Mutual Ownership Contract). The loan company, in this case City Corp., also requires both names on the mortgage document. And that is a problem because the son has a credit problem. The problem has been corrected, but the mortgage company will not make the loan because the problem is still on the record.

Williams referred the matter to the General Manager for discussion at the December 19 meeting.

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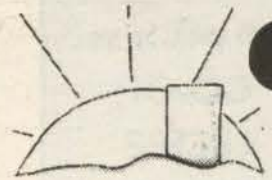
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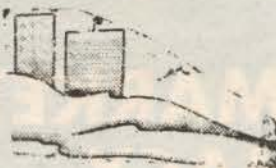
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Greenbelt's Business



Nyman Gains Board Of Realtors Post

Gail Nyman, manager of ERA Nyman's Greenbelt office has been elected to the Prince Georges County Board of Realtors Board of Directors.

Nyman has been a licensed associate since 1979, and has been active in Prince Georges County Board of Realtors Committees, and an instructor at Prince Georges Community College.

For the fourth straight year, ERA Real Estate has ranked among the nation's top 15 franchise companies for all industries in the *Entrepreneur* magazine's "Franchise 500" listing.

7-Eleven to Award Grants for Literacy

The Capitol Division of 7-Eleven Stores is soliciting grant applications from community-based literacy grant applications from community-based literacy groups. Grants of \$500 to \$2,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis in May 1992.

The grants program is a component of 7-Eleven's multifaceted "People Who Read Achieve" literacy campaign, created in 1989 to heighten awareness of the literacy issue and support community-based organizations working to reduce illiteracy rates.

For more information on "People Who Read Achieve" or to receive a grant application, write to People Who Read Achieve, 5300 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312, or call 703/658-8520.

Businesses in Greenbelt are invited to send us their news for this page

TOYS FOR TOTS

Several groups in Greenbelt are participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

AAA Potomac has designated the Commerce Center, 7701 Greenbelt Road, as one of seven metropolitan area service centers to be used as collection points. Toys can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This year shoppers who visit the center or to purchase an American Express Gift Cheque will generate the giving of an additional gift, a stuffed animal donated by America Express. Gift Cheques may also be purchased at Crestar Bank, First American Bank of Maryland, Maryland Na-

Christmas Jingles

The Renaissance Revelers, a metropolitan area chorus, will perform at Capital Office Park on Monday, December 16 at noon.

The group will entertain the audience with a selection of Christmas jingles, tunes and ballads. The event will begin in the lobby of 6404 Ivy Lane, followed by an engagement in the new lobby of 6301 at 12:30 p.m.

tional Bank, Mellon Bank and Standard Federal Savings Bank.

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of the \$100,000 for design costs. Thus in March 1990 city officials met with DER and agreed that the city would do a planning study to determine design options and funding needs. At that time the director of DER also agreed to exclude the feasibility and design costs from the original \$100,000 cap.

Since that time the city's attorney and the county's Office of Law have been negotiating specific terms of an official memorandum of understanding. Currently the county's Office of Law is working on additional modifications.

Beltway Plaza

Another long-standing environmental problem was touched on briefly at the meeting—the problem of erosion from the high bank at the east end of the Beltway Plaza. According to the city's Director of Planning, Celia Wilson, the present plan is to proceed with structural stabilization of the existing hill.

On another matter, a year ago Plaza owner Sidney Brown had been cited by the county for illegally displaying a large free-standing sign near Greenbelt Road, for which he had no permit. Currently only the supporting stanchion remains, for which Brown received the permission of the State Highway Administration to leave in place until such time as Greenbelt Road is widened.

In the meantime, the Giant food chain, which is considering moving into the grocery store space now occupied by Super Fresh in the Beltway Plaza, has expressed an interest in having the sign pylon preserved.

COUNCIL, from page 1

At the suggestion of Weidenfeld, council directed the city staff to get a more specific answer as to why the median must be closed. Given this information, council should be in a better position to react to Lighthizer's letter.

Budget

Council took two steps to protect the budget squeezes affecting it from above. First, it went on record in support of the National League of City's (NLC) campaign to reorder federal spending priorities. The NLC calls for cutting the defense budget by one-third, using 60 percent of those savings to reduce the deficit and redirecting the remaining 40 percent for domestic programs.

Then council addressed an issue closer to home—the discontinuation of state funds to Greenbelt CARES. This city youth services program provides counseling, crisis intervention, tutoring, substance abuse and suicide prevention programs and a wide range of additional services to the city's youth. As recently as the 1990/91 fiscal year, state funding provided 43 percent of the CARES budget, down to 24 percent in the current budget. The state proposes eliminating this aid completely in the 1992/93 budget. Council approved a letter to be sent to Governor William Donald Schaefer describing the importance of these programs and urging him to reinstate the funding at current levels.

Pool Scheduling

Council approved a scheduling policy for the indoor pool that limits exclusive use rentals of the pool to non-public hours (10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays) while providing for appeals to council for special exceptions.



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County Council Chair Discusses Budget Crunch and Development

by Elaine Skolnik

The rapid increase in development during the 1980s and the need to provide services to residents has left counties vulnerable during the economic recession that has followed. With the demise of federal revenue sharing programs in 1986, the nation's counties were hard hit.

Today states and counties are under siege. To deal with the economic downturn and the state deficit of \$450 million for FY 1992, Maryland's governor and general Assembly in a special fall session drastically cut financial assistance to the counties. However, because of federal and state mandates, counties must find the additional dollars or sharply curtail programs involving education, public safety, transportation and social services.

In an interview, Prince Georges County Chairman Richard Castaldi, Greenbelt's native son, former mayor, and resident, discussed the challenge of how the county will deal with the current financial crisis and how it might affect Greenbelt.

Last fall, to help balance its recession-plagued budget the General Assembly, over your objections and those of the county executive and other legislators, approved a measure giving the Governor power to cut deeply into aid for counties, especially for schools and public safety. How is the county dealing with the resulting budget crisis?

To our dismay the Governor and General Assembly refused to impose some emergency increase in taxes before the January 1992 legislative session to help local governments avert another round of cuts. In the county last year we did much cutting across the board. Taxes were raised and over 1,000 positions eliminated. Now, we must deal with an additional estimated \$27.5 million reduction in state aid that would affect programs such as police, fire, education and libraries.

We must also make additional cuts of about \$10 million because of reduced county revenues caused by the real estate slump. Our belief is that the state must also engage in some major cuts and think about how to bring in more revenues.

How is the County Council attacking the problem?

The county budget adopted in July has been undergoing review. The economic indicators are less optimistic than they were then. We are closely watching projections of revenues based on property and transfer taxes and income taxes. Ongoing programs—those that people expect on a daily basis like police, fire and education—need to be handled with caution. The state's FY 92 problem started out at \$216.4 million and has now increased to \$450 million.

To help the county meet its current fiscal crisis, council has created a task force to study ways to consolidate government services to save money while minimizing the impact on services. We want to ensure the best allocation of limited revenues to maintain the level and quality of services that our citizens deserve.

The county council has also approved two bills. One establishes a furlough program for certain employees earning more than \$15,000 a year; the other deals with incentives for early retirement. This will save about \$3.5 million through attrition and other cutbacks that include capital projects. You try to spread the hurt equitably among all areas. We want to avoid layoffs and new county taxes. Relief is needed and it must come from the state passing new taxing measures.

You stress that the county must also do more than just react to the cuts in state aid. What do you mean?

We know that the real concern has been the recession—the fragile banking industry, the savings and loan crisis, divestitures, mergers. Banks must get healthy again and have money to lend.

For a healthy economy and for revenue generation, we must find ways to jump start the engine—to stimulate growth in the county. To do this, we must ensure some measured growth in those areas where public facilities exist to support it and to encourage development and revitalization in the often overlooked inner Beltway neighborhoods.

For about a year the Prince Georges County Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team Program has been under study and has received the green light from the American Institute of Architects. Plans for the program are underway. The goal is for new economic vitality—to breathe new life into other suburbs and to provide incentives for home and business renovation rather than tearing down structures and starting over.

If development has been our strength in a healthy economy, then we can increase revenues by encouraging balanced development wherever we can in those areas that are properly zoned and have adequate transportation and public facilities. It does not do anyone any good when a developer resorts to foreclosure or builds a cheaper project.

In looking at possible development during these difficult times, revenue generators like impact fees, transfer and energy fees must be sensitively packaged so that developers do not totally pass on these costs to the home-buyer or shopper.

Transportation management strategies must also be utilized to reduce the impact of traffic and to protect the environment. For example, in return for providing fewer parking spaces and offering a cafeteria of mitigation measures—Metrorail, bus passes, shuttle buses and telecommunication systems so a certain number of employees could work from home—a developer would be given assistance, such as faster processing of permits.

Basically what we can then say to developers—you can't build a project here because the traffic won't work, but you can get the same productivity out of your building by putting it over there—and you can cut your parking spaces and trip generation by working up a viable ball-

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Richard Castaldi
by Elaine Skolnik

A member of the Prince Georges County Council since 1983, Richard Castaldi was recently reelected chairman by his colleagues. Only two others since the adoption of the Charter form of government in 1970 have held successive terms as chair, the last being County Executive Parris Glendening. Castaldi served on the Greenbelt City Council from 1973 to 1982 and was the city's mayor from 1981 to 1982.

Castaldi and his wife, Ann, reside on Kara Court in Greenbelt East with daughters Tina, a junior at the University of Maryland, and Lisa, who works for the Re-election Committee of U. S. Senator Fritz Hollings (D-SC).

A former county special education teacher, Ann has served as Richard's administrative aide since 1982. She said they continued working together even after their 1987 marriage because they view their service to the community as a team effort, Ann observed, "Late night constituent calls and weekend meetings are a natural part of our lives."

Working together might have its difficult moments, but the Castaldis feel the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Ann said, "I don't get upset when Richard is on the phone with a constituent during family dinners or when he is attending late night meetings. Since I'm completely familiar with the issues and the enormous responsibility of the job, I'm just as anxious as Richard is to have it done well," explained Ann.

When the Castaldi's find time to relax, they unwind and entertain guests at their cottage in Charles County, where fishing, gardening, crabbing and boating provide lots of diversion.

In addition to their official duties, the couple is active in the community. Ann is president of Greenbelt's Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, and a member of the Soroptomists and a Women in Business Group. Richard is a volunteer at the Knights of Columbus and an active member of the Kiwanis Club.

Glendening Tells Council-No Funds for Unwanted Roads

by Virginia Beauchamp

The best news for Greenbelt at the meeting Monday night, December 2, between the city council and Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening is that the state and county's fiscal crisis has a silver lining. No funds will be available through 1997 for final design, right-of-way acquisition or construction of the proposed extension of Kenilworth Avenue to US 1. While this development may be bad news for those who see the project as "necessary to relieve existing congestion" on both US 1 and Edmonston Rd. and "to provide needed access" between Greenbelt and greater Laurel (to use the language of a special report prepared for the meeting by Glendening's office), local citizens will no doubt welcome the delay.

As Mayor Gil Weidenfeld commented in opening remarks, Greenbelters see the extension of Kenilworth as a proposed four to six-lane highway as resulting in its becoming a major north-south truck route. Greenbelt already has more than its share of major highways, Weidenfeld pointed out, with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the Beltway and the present Kenilworth Avenue. Such an extension would also create ever-greater pressure to develop the property of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Weidenfeld said.

The projected route for the extension, according to Frank Derro, transportation planner for the county, would follow either U.S. 1 or Md. 201 (Kenilworth/Edmonston corridors) or both ending at the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC north of Muirkirk Road. At the present time a planning study is underway to examine the environmental impact of such a north-south highway. Wetlands, for example, lie in the woods west of Edmonston Road through the BARC property.

Extension to Cherrywood

In the meantime, the first stage of the Kenilworth extension will occur in the nearer future. Up to \$250,000 will be contributed by the developer of Capital Office Park as his 50 percent share of the projected cost for dualizing Md. 201 between the Beltway and Cherrywood Lane. This reconstruction is seen as necessary to accommodate additional traffic generated by a projected new office building and by the federal courthouse at that intersection. Design is scheduled for fiscal year

1993 and construction for the following year.

Responding to Weidenfeld's concerns about the Kenilworth extension, Glendening agreed that "building more roads will never solve transportation problems." Describing how traffic "oozes into back roads to circumvent congestion on major arteries, he suggested that "a network of roads becomes important." Nevertheless, "reasonable accommodations are necessary," he said.

Intercounty Connector

A project planning study for the ICC from I-370 (Montgomery County) to U.S. 1 is "on hold" at the present time, Derro said, and the State Highway Administration proposes that no expenditures be made through 1997 for right-of-way acquisition or for construction. Currently, however, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is studying the segment of the proposed ICC of U.S. 1 to U.S. 301 to find alternatives to the alignment shown in several area Master Plans. Their report is expected within the next two weeks, Glendening said.

In particular, Glendening objected to the concept of a major highway, as presently designed, cutting through the Patuxent Wildlife Center. Returning to his idea of networks of roads, he indicated that three present roads, already carrying east-west traffic, will probably be widened to Md. 197—Murkirk, Contee and Cherry Lane in Laurel. "They are all becoming major bottlenecks," he said; "this seems to make better environmental sense. We have to work out the best patterns," Md. 197 connects with U.S. 301.

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Castaldi Analyzes Budget Impact

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anced transportation and telecommunication plan for employees.

What will be the county's policy for allowing development?

About a year and a half ago a special Growth Policy Task Force was named to study population growth, services needed to accommodate the growth and ways to pay for facilities and services.

In their report to the county council in September, the committee reported that transportation deficiencies are not in isolated pockets but are spread throughout the county. Discussed was a concept of forming Transportation Demand Management Districts which would provide for transportation facilities in given districts created by legislative action. Council believes that the study is moving in the right direction.

How should the land around the Greenbelt and College Park Metro stations be developed?

To protect the county's open space land and environment, we must start using our land better. Permanent reservation of wetlands and sensitive open space areas is vital. Applying the Transit District Overlay Zone at our Metro stations, along with transportation management strategies and a reduced number of parking spaces, would allow for high-density zoning where people can live and work or commute by Metrorail or Marc train and not get into an automobile.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in the Metro facilities. Low density development would not allow for recouping that investment.

The fact is if the county doesn't build another square foot of office, another brick of housing, another warehouse, traffic is going to grow in our county because of what is happening around us. We need to plan and utilize our tools better; not to build more and more highways. What we need is better utilization of highway facilities such as safer ramps, wider bus and HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lanes.

What is your position on the

Outer Beltway, Inter-county Connector and Kenilworth Avenue Extended?

I have been consistently opposed to these projects since the 1970s.

How is Greenbelt affected by the economic downturn and budget crunch?

Greenbelt has not experienced the degree of difficulties the county has. The office development vacancy rate in the city is less than in other parts of the county. Greenbelt has an attractive base. There was money for a police station and indoor pool and the city has been able to offer salary increases for its employees.

Everything a person needs is located in the city. Young people can find jobs in local restaurants or retail stores.

Yes, traffic is getting worse; the city is impacted by development around it. If residents in the area use other modes of travel besides the car—Metro, light rail, buses and transportation demand strategies are put in place—it would reduce the impact on roads.

Will the city's portion of the county's Community Development Block Grant program be reduced?

Yes, I expect cuts in the program as the budget crunch worsens. (The county also gives the city a landfill disposal rebate and some funding for police protection and Greenbelt CARES. The state, which provides the larger amount for Greenbelt CARES, has notified the city that there will be a sharp reduction in the program. State funds for police protection will be reduced and the city's share of Program Open Space Funds was reallocated elsewhere).

What will your role be in the effort to return the county to growth and prosperity?

I see myself as a facilitator. The county needs to grow in a way that is in harmony with the people, the neighborhoods. We must find a nice balance and juggle those balls. That means knowing all sides—the citizens tugging on one side and the developers on the other. We have to be smart enough to tell the developers when enough is

enough. I believe it is important for the citizenry to understand what is going on, to learn about the reasons for allowing selective development when specific criteria are met and how it will benefit them with additional revenues for services.

What feedback do you want from the citizenry?

The budget crisis is complex and intricate. But there is a bottom line: we must either increase revenues or cut services. We have reduced over 1,000 positions out of just under 6,000. Since virtually no public safety positions have been reduced, the reduction in the rest of the county workforce has been close to 30%. All county employees except front line public safety personnel will be subject to a 10 day furlough, and we raised both the property and the energy taxes.

The State's total budget deficit may reach \$1 billion for 1993. Clearly, this deep and unrelenting deficit will continue to have deleterious effects on county services, including education and public safety.

Citizens have an obligation to contact their state and county representatives to express their support or opposition to the two options. Elected officials are relying on citizens to let them know if they support further cuts (which will continue to affect education, public safety, substance abuse programs, etc.) or if they support tax increases, what kind of increases are preferred.

Update on Roads Project

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city Park section south of campus. But Derro said that earlier studies of commuter transportation showed that 70 percent of previous users of Calvert Road went north at U.S. 1. Those heading south would use East-West Highway, he said. The Calvert Road reconstruction should be completed by late 1993—certainly by mid-1994.

MARC and Metrorail Stations
Construction is already underway for the Greenbelt MARC and Metrorail transit stations and parking facilities, with the former expected to be completed in 1992. When that is ready, the present Berwyn Road stop for the commuter rail line on the CSX right-of-way will be closed.

Environmental issues have also been raised about the Metro station, since the Smith property south of the Metro site contains wetlands. These issues must be addressed by the Transit Development Overlay Zone (TDOZ) study prepared by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

Another issue of concern in connection with the future opening of the Metro station—also to be addressed in the TDOZ—is heavy traffic congestion and backup already occurring during rush hours along Ivy Lane. The Metro station is expected to open in 1994.

Bike Trails

An interesting aspect of the December 2 meeting was the attention to bicycle trails, both for recreation purposes and as an important means of trans-

portation. For example, bike trails and pedestrian access from old and new Greenbelt to the Greenbelt Metro site are currently being planned.

Easements may be obtained through the subdivision process, stream valley acquisition for parkland, widening and improvement projects on existing roadways, and State and federal highway construction projects, the county memo indicates. These, combined with WSSC easements and possible use of public utility rights-of-way, may greatly expand the bike trail network throughout the area.

Glendening indicated that county regulations now mandate the construction of bike trails as an adjunct of new county roads. Funds to pay for a bike trail coordinator are currently available through federal transportation funding. He said that he is "aggressively supporting old rails to trails," referring specifically to the sreetcar right-of-way along Rhode Island Avenue in College Park and Berwyn.

Showing his own interest in bicycling as a recreational activity, Glendening described how he and his young son, Raymond, together with a larger group, rode the available bike trails throughout this region. They traveled with a police escort for protection in dangerous areas where the trails are currently incomplete. He is thus well aware of the need to complete the network of trails and committed to carrying out that project as soon as possible.

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority adjusted service on the Yellow and Green Lines Sunday, December 8 as the authority prepares to extend the Green Line between the L'Enfant Plaza and Anacostia Stations on December 28.

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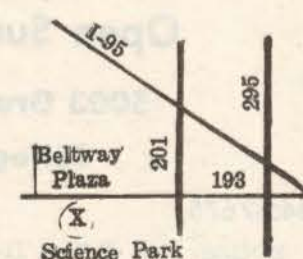
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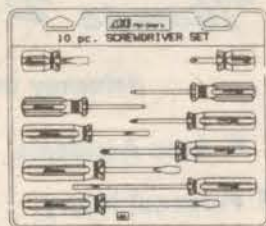
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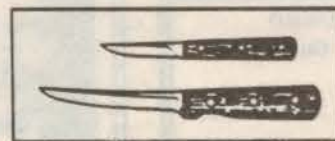
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