What Goes On

Sun., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m., Combined Choir Concert, Community Church

Mon., Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Council Worksession on P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Municipal Bldg.

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Thursday, December 17, 1992

family night during the week

when no alcohol would be served

and that they planned a 5 p.m. show without alcohol.

under 18 be accompanied by a

parent at shows where alcohol is served concerned Lola Skolnik.

She said teens enjoyed being able to attend the theater with

friends and she objected to their

losing that freedom. Reed con-

firmed that, except on family

night teens could not attend the

7 p.m. show without a parent.

She said that the theater is en-

dangered and asked everyone to

Hopi Auerbach supported

Reed, saying that the choice is

between a dark theater and the

cafe operation, not between the

current operation and the pro-

posed cafe. Don Comis said ne

opposed the earlier attempt for

a cinema and drafthouse at the

center but has now changed his

mind because no one could make

a greater effort to make the

theater work than has Sanchez.

mitting an executive session fol-

lowing the work session if needed

to discuss strategy with its legal

Council passed a motion per-

give a little.

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The requirement that those

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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Council Establishes New City Code Enforcement Program

by Diane Oberg

Effective January 1 the city will assume new responsibilities for reviewing permit applications and enforcing standards for the maintenance of all buildings and proper-ties in the city. At its November 23 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council gave final approval to legislation defining the city's responsibilities, establishing a budget and setting fees and penalties.

expressed two main reasons for establishing the code enforcement program. The first is to ensure it is aware of all development planned for the city by forcing developers to obtain a city permit. The other is concern about the county's ability, faced with significant budget cuts, to adequately enforce property maintenance standards. City Manager Daniel Hobbs pointed out that 70 percent of the housing in the city is more than 20 years old. The code enforcement program is needed, he said, to keep Greenbelt a quality community.

The ordinance was opposed by all those who came before council to express an opinion. Nonetheless, council unanimously approved the legislation without amendment.

There are two main areas of the program. The first is city review of all building permit applications for properties within the city. The second is a program of city oversight of property maintenance. The city government expects that the costs of the program, estimated at \$99.100, will be offset by revenues from the fees.

In order to run the program the city will hire two full-time inspectors, upgrade the current inspector to a supervisory inspector, hire a full-time secretary and increase the position of Director of Planning and Development, currently held by Celia Wilson, by one grade. The staff will have use of three city vehicles and be housed outside of the Municipal Building.

Legal Questions

The city could be faced with legal challenges of the new program. Several representatives of developers and commercial property owners charged that the city could not legally implement the program. Nancy Slepicka, an attorney with Fossett and Brugger. which represents Capital Office Park and the Greenbelt Marriott, argued that the state has preempted municipalities from reviewing building p ermits. She cited an opinion of Assistant Attorney General Richard E. Israel that supports her position.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi disputed both this opinion and Slepicka's contention that the ordinance is too vague to be enforceable.

Permit Review

Anyone requiring a county building permit for construction or renovations within the city limits will now be required to also obtain a city permit. Wilson

At the meeting, city officials said that the city will examine city issues only and will not duplicate the county review. Manzi said that the city will not review technical questions such as inspecting electrical or plumb-

ing work. Private homeowners will also be affected. Many of the approximately 200 permit applications received each year pertain to home improvements such as deck construction. Residents will face the same fee schedule as commercial developers: \$15 plus \$3 per \$1,000 value of work, up to a maximum fee of \$1.000 in addition to the county permit application fee. **Property Owners**

Those speaking on the legisla-

(At its December 14 regular

meeting, council agreed to

GEAC's request that no work

other than removing trash be

Hunting Ridge

ers Association asked for GEAC

support in a letter writing cam-

paign to the Maryland State and

Greenbelt police departments. Hunting Ridge residents are

seeing a large number of cars

with out-of-state license plates

on the property causing resi-dents' concern. Hunting Ridge representative Barbara Tyner

sees increased enforcement as a

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Sanitation Commission has asked

area homeowner associations and

individuals to support their pro-

posal to change developers sys-

tems development charge when

new lines are installed. The meas-

ure seeks to curtail rate in-

creases to current homeowners.

The agency plans to bring its proposal before the city council

in January. GEAC members plan

to attend the council meeting

or the issue.

The Washington Suburban

solution to the problem.

The Hunting Ridge Homeown-

performed on the site.)

Newspaper Office Closed Tuesday

The News Review office will be closed Tuesday night, Dec. 22. The office will be open Monday, Dec. 21 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. Copy to be left in the News Review box at the Co-op should be deposited by 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. The same schedule will be repeated the week of Dec. 28. The deadline for copy and advertising is 10 p.m. on Monday each week

tion represented various developers and property owners within the city. They were unanimous in arguing that the ordinance was unnecessary. Most felt it imposed an unfair burden upon them by duplicating county review.

Slepicka confirmed that a city permit would be required for "fit-up" permits, used for renovation of office space. She said this work did not seem to fall within the "intent items" of the ordinance and imposed an undue expense and delay upon the property owner.

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GEAC Asks that Work Near Proposed Lake Be Deferred

by S. R. Cherry

At its December 3 regular meeting the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) voted to request that the Greenbelt City Council defer all improvements, except routine maintenance to the area of the planned lake at Schrom Hills Park. The city Department of Planning and Development proposed making landscape improvements, draining ground water, and planning park trails. Dorothy Pyles of Greenbriar, who dissented in part, maintained a position against approving any section of the proposal until a permit for the lake has been filed.

Landfill Legislation

Bill Barron, of the Community Preservation Coalition sought GEAC's support for upcoming legislation by Prince Georges County councilmember Richard Castaldi. The proposed legislation, to be introduced in January, will require that new county landfills be placed on lots no smaller than 500 acres, including a 1200 foot buffer along the perimeter. According to Barron, currently a landfill can be sited on tracts smaller than 100 acres and waste can be deposited within 50 to 100 feet of a home.

Barron said that his organization supports Castaldi's efforts to limit possible expansion of the Sandy Hill landfill near Bowie. His group seeks to minimize the need for landfills by lowering the "waste stream" going into land. fills through recycling. Barron feels that the landfill issue is a county-wide concern and requested that GEAC members write letters to Castaldi in an effort to show strong community support of the upcoming legislation.

The next meeting of GEAC will be held at the Winter Green Community Center on January 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Proposal for Cafe Cinema Before Council on Monday

by Diane Oberg

The future of the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center will be the subject of a city council worksession next Monday, December 21 at 8 p.m. Paul Sanchez, owner of the theater, appeared before the Greenbelt City Council at its December 14 regular meeting to discuss his plans. said they were considering a

Theater patrons have put 1,754 signatures on petitions supporting conversion of the theater to a cinema and cafe format serving food as well as beer and wine. Before Sanchez can convert the operation, he needs a change in state law to permit such operations in Prince Georges County then he needs to obtain a liquor license. In addition, he must wait until the elementary school is relocated from Center School to the new north end facility.

Although the theater is currently losing money, Sanchez told council he is willing to keep the theater open while he waits for these events to occur provided the city government does not oppose the changes.

Council member Thomas White suggested the work session to discuss how to proceed. There was general agreement when council member Rodney Roberts expressed his hope that there would be a well publicized public hearing on the matter before council took a final position.

To assure that all citizens, not just theater patrons, are aware of the proposal. Council member Antoinette Bram suggested that Sanchez place notices in this pa-per of his plans. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld made certain Sanchez understood that this proposal represented the opinion of one council member.

Family Oriented

Both Sanchez and theater manager Cheryl Reed told council that they "had no intention" of changing the types of films they show and that they will continue with their family format. Reed

Post Office Adds

New Holiday Hours Holiday hours for the Green-belt Post Office will be extended through December 23 for the convenience of customers. They are: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-5

Extended hours also available at Beltway Plaza main facility from 5-8 p.m.

GREENBELT CONNECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

that week.

Because of the Christmas Holiday, Thursday and Friday, December 24 and December 25, the city's dial-aride service, the Greenbelt Connection, will not operate those two days. The service will be resumed on Sunday, December 27.



Because of the Christmas Holiday, CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THURS-DAY AND FRIDAY DEC-EMBER 24 AND 25 1992, AND REFUSE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED THOSE TWO DAYS. Residents normally receiving Monday and Thursday collections will be collected on MONDAY ONLY. Residents normally receiving Tuesday and Friday collections will be collected on TUESDAY ONLY. Special Trash collections which have been requested in advance will be collected on Wednesday.

Recyclables will be collectted on their regular schedule





COUNCIL

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Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Holiday greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

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

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

Again this year the carriers will leave envelopes when they find no one at home. We hope these envelopes, equipped with the carriers name and address, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show appreciation. In case the carrier's name or address is in doubt, envelopes may be mailed to the News Review, Post Office Box 68, Greenbelt, MD 20768, for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

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C. Brandt Is Field Rep. For Women in Military

The Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation has announced that Carol Brandt of Greenbelt has joined the organization as a field representative.

She joins other field representatives from Maryland and the more than 900 field representatives worldwide to search for servicewomen to ensure that their service will be recognized and honored in the Women in Military Service Memorial.

Construction of a memorial to honor all women who have served in the armed forces from the Revolutionary War through today and into the future was mandated by Congress in 1986. The memorial will be built in the nation's capital at the main entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

The heart of the memorial will oe a computer register which will feature the photographs, records of service and memorable stories of the women who have served in U.S. armed forces. The foundation seeks to register the 400,000 women currently serving on active duty, in the National Guard and in the reserves, the 1.2 million female veterans in the United States and all of the women who have contributed to the nation's military efforts since the Revolutionary War. There are an estimated 29.200 female veterans living in Maryland.

Brandt who lives at 8005 Mandan Road, would welcome calls from local women who have served with the military. She can be reached at 474-4132.

The information she will need is the dates of military service and a statement concerning perscnal experience, written in the service woman's own words.

For more information about the momorial write to Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington,

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Toy Drive Continuing There is an urgent need for new toys for Prince Georges County's neediest children. The

drive, a joint effort by the merchants of Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lion's Club, has a goal of \$10,000. Boxes are located in the Safe-

way Beitway Plaza and Youth Center. Donations of money may be sent to the Lion's Club, Box 677 Greenbelt 20768. For fur-ther information call Joe Wilkinson at 474-6893.

Marines Collect

Toys for Tots

Local units of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve are taking part in a nationwide "Toys for Tots" program to collect toys for needy children.

More than 250.000 toys are needed to fill the many requests received by the Marines from organizations as well as individual families. New, unwrapped toys, books, games and sports equipment are needed for all ages, from toddlers to teenagers. The Marines report that they have a particular need for toys for older children, between the ages of 10 and 15.

The Marines will distribute all toys within the Washington metropolitan area.

In Greenbelt toys are being collected at the Drug Emporium, Super Fresh Supermarket and K Mart, all on Greenbelt Road.

Volunteers Needed

A number of volunteer jobs are available for persons willing to donate both time and energy. in large amounts, with Prince Georges House. This men's shelter is a program run by Volunteers of America, Chesapeake Inc. The tasks involve counseling, office work, support group leaders, and run the gamut to leading support groups and managing special events. For information call 301-779-9444.

D.C. 20042-0560 or call (800) 222-2294.

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Thanks

On behalf of the Houchens and Hall families, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department, the city administrative staff. Recreation Department and Police Department for all they did for Tim and Deanna during her illness.

Also to all of Deanna's friends who were there for Tim and Mathew Houchens and the family of Kenneth Ha.i in their time of sorrow. Deanna will be greatly missed!

Martha Hall

Thanks

Since the segment of Senior Citizens within our community is fast growing and many more are living alone, it is reassuring to know that someone really cares. I want to thank a friend and GHI for their concern for my safety and welfare.

Unable to reach me by phone after trying for a day and onehalf and only receiving a busy signal, my friend became worried and contacted GHI to request that someone check on me.

GHI employees arrived at my door and I informed them that my phone was out of order and that the repair workers were on their way. I thanked the GHI workers sincerely and was grateful for my friend's and GHI's concerns.

I have long entertained the possibility for some of the local clubs to work jointly with the offices of GHI for the purpose of updating the member's files for emergency names and numbers. It would be a worthwhile project for the clubs to assist the clerical staff, e.g., sending out new forms; pulling files and revising member information.

When someone cares and GHI takes time out to perform an extra duty, this is what makes Greenbelt a great place to live. Name Withheld

Hawthorne's **Hosts Party**

If we all belong to the family of man, there are some members of the family we ask you to add to your holiday lists.

Children without families children who are too big to sit on laps; who have lost their cuteness but they are children none-theless and have suffered the loss of what every child needsa family.

These youngsters being reared in the foster system will be remembered this year for the ninth consecutive year by the Orphan Foundation of America at a Holiday Party on the afternoon of December 19, generously hosted by Hawthorne's Restaurant in Greenbelt. But the OFA needs help. Contributions are appreciated and tax deductible.

Diane Leatherman, Coordinator, 202-223-6235 or (p.m.) 301-229-7412

Thanks

Letters to the Editor

Seniors from Greenbelt wish to extend a big "thank you" to Jasper's Restaurant, their employees and volunteers who gave of their time to serve a Thanksgiving Day dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

Mayor and Mrs. Gil Weidenfeld greeted guests as they came in the door; and County Councilman Richard Castaldi and his wife Ann, were on hand to pass on their warm welcome.

Thanks also to the musicians who played music of the 1930's and '40's which added to the nostalgia of that era. Door prizes were given out to those with winning tickets. A good time was had by all.

The Golden Age Club

Thanks

We would like to thank the following for making this year's Pancake Breakfast a success:

St. Hugh's Church 7-Eleven Roosevelt Center, Safeway, Sharron Stoddard and the Ladies of St. Hugh's, American Legion Post 136, The 629th Unit of the Maryland National Guard, Hahn's of Westminster Larry and Lillie Goldberg, John Hutchinson, Beth Fendlay and the Decorating Committee, and of course the People of Greenbelt.

With their generous donations we are able this year to help the Handicap Recreation Program. Thank you all and have a Happy Holiday.

The Lions Club of Greenbelt

County Program Helps HIV Positive Children

HIV posiitve children and their mothers receive special help through a project at the Prince Georges Health Department. The Special Pediatric Project team provides case management ser-vices for families with children, ages birth through 12, who are HIV positive. A nurse from the Health Department, a social worker from the Department of Social Services and a community parent aide from the Black Women's Health Council work together to to help families obtain needed services, including medical, social and financial assistance. The team works closely with hospitals, clinics, social service providers and educational programs.

For information call the Health Department at 808-1750 (voice) or 808-1777 (TDD). Strict confidentiality is maintained. No information about clients is released without written permission.

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Beltway Plaza Developers supported Slepicka's arguments that the law was unnecessary, that the city did not have the power to implement the law and that it was too vague as drafted. He added that the city did not have the expertise necessary to assume the work.

Rob Williams of Combined Properties (owners of Greenway Shopping Center) argued that the city would lose more quality economic development than it will gain by enacting the ordinance. He said the increased government regulation will make it difficult for his company to at-tract quality tenants.

Code Enforcement

Under the code enforcement section of the ordinance, the city becomes responsible for enforcing property maintenance standards. As such it can inspect all residential and commercial properties in the city to ensure compliance. Owners of rental units must obtain an occupancy license each year.

Rudy Horton, representing Springhill Lake, objected to the cost of the city license. The license will cost \$33/apartment unit/year. He said that the current county license costs \$50 every two years. Horton also found the requirement for an annual license to be a burden. At the time of renewal the city can inspect the property. According to Horton, the county impress annual inspections to penalize property owners who have not maintained their properties.

Horton argued that although his company maintains its property, an inspection of any property will usually turn up at least a few minor problems that must be fixed. He said that the city program will cost his company an additional \$27,000 per year over the cost of the county program, excluding the cost of any extra repair work. He asked council to adopt the county fee schedule.

Hobbs said that the city had reduced the cost from its initial proposal of \$40/unit/year. However he said that the program cannot be funded for less than \$33/unit/year. The program, Hobbs said is not a revenue producer.

Kapastein of Beltway Plaza, argued that the program dup!icates county procedures and increases the economic risk for small companies. He said that the competitive market for commercial property forces owners to maintain their properties in crder to attract and retain tenants.

Subscriptions and Deadline Information MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$30 per year. Advertising and news articles may be mailed (Box 68, Greenbelt); deposited in our box at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday or delivered to the editorial office in the basement of 15 Parkway (474-4131). The office is open Monday from 2-4 and 8-10 pm for display ad-vertising; deadline is 10 pm. News articles and classified ads are accept-ed Monday from 2-4 and 8-10 pm and Tuesday from 8-10 pm.

Several exciting events are

happening this weekend at the

Festival of Lights including:

spaghetti dinner, and the annual

favorite — the Greenbelt Combined Choir Concert.

The Children's Holiday Work-

shop at the Youth Center will be

on Saturday, December 19 from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children 6-12

years of age can make cookies,

ornaments and gifts. There is a

The Greenbelt Combined Choir

Concert and spaghetti dinner wil!

both be on Sunday, December 20

at the Greenbelt Community

Church. The all-you-can-eat din-

ner will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The Choir Concert is at 7:30

The Greenbelt Combined Choir

will present its 20th annual

Christmas Concert on Sunday

evening, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Commun-

ity Church on Hillside and Cres-

The choir will perform tra-

ditional holiday carols as well

as such choral works as Handel's

Christmas Messiah and "Do You

Hear What I Hear?" The audi-

ence will be invited to participate

during the singing of traditional

carols. Also included will be

Roy Ringwald's "An American Carol Sampler," a compilation

of early American carols, going

The choir will serve refrashments in the Fellowship Hall

Volunteers can be busy every

day during the Christmas season

helping the Salvation Army mak-

ing it a happiest time for many who are often forgotten. The

Prince Georges Corps of the Sal-

vation Army can use help

through the end of December.

All of the tasks revolve about

the business of collecting and

distributing food and toys. To

back to colonial times.

following the concert.

Help Needed

p.m. and holiday songs will be

Christmas Concert

By Combined Choir

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fee. Call 474-6878 to register.

Workshop,

Concert and Workshop

Featured this Weekend

Children's Holiday

COMMUNITY EVENTS

What's Happening At Eleanor Roosevelt Greenbelt Greens will meet with

by Mahsa Modarres

Awards

With all of the emphasis on the importance of voting in the recent presidential elections, some Roosevelt students decided to express their views in the form of a video. At the beginning of the school year, Multi-Vision Cable TV sponsored a "Vote America" Student Video Competition in order to raise awareness in Presidential and local elections. Rooseveit's entry entitled "Vote Young America," received first place in the competition, which was oper to area high schools and middle schools.

Their Public Service Announcement was broadcast on nine popular c: ble channels prior to the elections. Making up the winning team were Television Production students Michelle Contee, Truitt O'Neal, Mita Dhora, Emerald Austin, Wesley Potter, Sean Cullinan, Claudius Jorrif, and Otis Young, led by faculty advisor Kathleen Hamilton.

Kathleen Hamilton. On Wednesday, November 25, the school was awarded a 25" color TV by the MultiVision Cable Company, as well as additional prizes trom CNN.

Margaret Vitto, Community Relations Manager at MultiVision, says that "It was a pleasure sponsoring this competition. We were truly surprised at the high quality of videos that were submitted from students of this age group.

Community Service

On Thursday, November 19, the Eleanor Roosevelt chapter of the National Honor Society worked in cooperation with the American Red Cross to hold a Bloodmobile drive in the school library. All day students registered to donate a pint of blood to be used by hospitals for patients who may need transfusions. The drive was very successful, and the enthusiasm of the students who participated was great. The Red Cross actually had to turn students away because of the overwhelming number of donors; there weren't enough nurses to attend to any additional volunteers! However this is not always the situation. and the community should be reminded that in this holiday season each of us could have a part in helping another person. People can donate blood at their local chapter of the American Red Cross. They must be over 16 and weigh over 110 pounds.

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Thurs. 3:10, 5:15, 7:20

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XMAS ATTRACTION - LAST OF THE MOHICANS

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This Monday night at 7:30, the Greenbelt Greens will meet with County Councilman Richard Castaldi in the Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Library. Castaldi has been denied the opportunity to run for re-election by a recently passed county referendum. Or has he? His plans for the future are of interest to the environmentalists and to the community at large, and this will be an important part of the discussion. Castaldi is also expected to discuss the recent water bill explosions. The role of an environment-based alternative party in Maryland will also be discussed. After this last December meeting in the Library, the Greens will meet in the Police Station.

Roosevelt Holds Concerto Concert

Eleanor Roosevelt Music Department students will be featured performers for the annual Concerto Concert on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Each year the music department selects, by audition, some of its many talented students, to perform a concerto movement with the orchestra.

Performing for this year's program will be Ryan Hultgren, clarinet; Glenn Fischbach, cello; Jonathan Dunn, piano; Joe Frankavilla, piano; Marcia Mc-Intyre, violin; Miriam Hunanian, flute; Christina Baxter, obne; Paul Hinaman, trumpet; Mike Gray, trumpet.

The Concert is free and refreshments will be available during intermission.

Greenbelt Group Needs Volunteers

A volunteer willing and able to provide technical and administrative assistance in the area of art exhibition is needed by the International Center for Artistic Development. This organization, located in Greenbelt, needs help in arranging an exchange art exhibition between the Kazakhistan Republic and the United States. Volunteer will be able to arrange hours, working sither Thursday or Friday. To volunteer call 779-9444.

Fun at Goddard

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Come to a model rocket launch on Sunday, December 20 at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Visitor Conter. Bring a rocket to launch or just come to watch. The event will be cancelled in case of bad weather. The Visitor Center is off Soil Consertion Road. For more information please call 286-8981.



by Christina O'Boyle The Discovery

I am standing in my favorite holly grove in the woods behind our house when I realize that I'm doing it again: wishing. Even though wishing is part of what we do during the holidays, what I'm feeling borders on longing. If one is very fortunate, or a child, then dreams don't go munh beyond wanting a toy, trinket or bauble. When wishes are simple, they're easily satisfied. And if Hanukkah nights and Christmas mornings have always filled one's expectations, then it's sasy to get caught up believing in this wishing system.

My wishes are a mystery I'm trying to solve. They are caught in my throat. I dig into my pocket for a tissue. I have been wandering through the woods trying to devise an ordinary wish list. Trudging up the hill I think I finally have one. But in the ho!'y grove as I stop to check the berry growth, I think of my children, my friends and even world events.

The berries are sparse. Maybe there was a poor crop or maybe the birds had to eat them already. Thinking of ways to stretch these meager supplies, I turn to go home and fill the birdfeeder in our yard. Then a few snowflakes fall through the tall trees and touch me on the cheek. I look up and wish once more. Elusive desires—like being praised at work, like health for a sick relative, like love returning to a friend's marriage these distract me from compiling a regular list of objects that can be bought at a store.

I go home and discover comfort in decorating the house, baking cookies, wrapping presents, feeding the birds. I announce that I need a blouse and want a cookbook. My family smiles, satisfied that they can fulfill my dreams. Presents can be bought and wrapped, opened and used. It's not a mystery, it's a good system. Go after the attaina's'e: Enjoy what can be put in your hands. Let elusive wishes fly away on the wings of well-fed birds, with many prayers.

Animals at the Park

Learn about the animals that live in Greenbelt Park at a slide presentation on Sunday, December 27 at 2 p.m. A park ranger will conduct this presentation. Meet at the park headquarters building.

LIBRARY HOURS FOR HOLIDAYS

All branches and offices of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be closed Wednesday, December 23 through Sunday, December 27, Friday, January 1 and Sunday. January 3 as a money-saving measure to help offset budget deficits. Library career staff will be furloughed for one day without pay during this period.

"The December holiday season is one when, typically, fewer customers use the branches and circulation of materials is low," said library director William R. Gordon.

During this period, customers may return library materials to bookdrops located at most branch libraries.

Golden Age Club

A Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 23. Members are requested to bring finger food. The refreshment committee will provide the punch. No meeting will be held on December 30.

Greenbelt CARES Offers GED Course

The winter semester of Greenbelt CARES' GED course will begin on Tuesday, January 19and end on Thursday, March 25. The course is held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 1:30-3:30, for ten weeks.

Students need only to have dropped out of high school to enroll. The course is free to students but there is a fee to purchase the textbooks.

For enrollment information, call Greenbelt CARES: 345-6660.

Rec. Dept. Offers Winter Classes

The 1993 Recreation Department Winter/Spring Class Brochure will be available after Docember 22 at the Recreation Department Business Office.

Registration for winter is scheduled at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center during the week of January 4. Please check it out! There are sure to be many offerings that will be interesting.

Free Baby-sitting Course Offered

Greenbelt OARES will offer the winter semester free babysitting course on Tuesday afternoon, December 29 from 1:30-

4:30 (during winter recess). The course will meet in the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building. 25 Crescent Road. The course is free and materials will be provided. The course is targeted to teach students who are in grades 5-8 the safety and responsibility issues of babysitting.

Parents and students wanting additional information and enrollment should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau at 245 Seco



The City of Greenbelt is seeking sealed bids for construction of a 30×60 Salt Storage Shed to be built at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

It is suggested that interested contractors visit the site and examine existing conditions prior to submitting bids. Contact the Director of Public Works or Superintendent of Operations at (301) 474-8004 to schedule a suitable time.

Specifications/drawings may be obtained from the Purchasing Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., (301) 474-8052.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Purchasing Officer at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 6, 1993, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

INVITATION TO BID SALT STORAGE SHED

Greenbelt Company Promotes Managers

County School Policy

In case of snow or icy roads, the Prince Georges County Pub-

lic School System will gener-ally make its decisions regarding

closings or late opening by 5:15 a.m. An announcement is then

provided to radio and television

The broadcast announcements

will generally begin between 5:30

After 6 a.m., parents can also call the school system's Voice

Mail Bulletin Board (952-6000).

They should wait for the opening

message, then press the number

When schools are closed all

day, all other activities are also

cancelled, and the buildings are

not available for after-school ac-

tivities by private or other pub-

Decisions for early dismissal in which schools close at half-

day or one to two hours early.

are also communicated to area

radio and television stations for

broadcast in the same manner as

the early morning school clos-

ings. During emergency weather

conditions, parents should mon-

itor the weather reports on tele-

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service

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7 p.m.

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On Snow Closings

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., has announced the promotion of D. Keith Whitenight to vice president of environmental sci-ences, Kathy H. Baumgaertner to division manager of environment assessment studies and Ernest V. Andersen to division manager of environmental field investigations.

Whitenight, a member of G&O for six years, has directed the firm's expanding environmental and hazardous waste studies practice. He previously served as department head and then division manager of environmental sciences:

Baumgaertner served as de-partment head of environmental sciences prior to her promotion. She has been a member of G&O since 1986, managing the firm's growing consulting services in documentation for the National Environmental Policy Act and in archeology and historic preservation.

Andersen, in his new position as division manager of environmental field investigations, will be responsible for hazardous waste management, wetlands evaluations and permitting, and special environmental field studies. He has worked with G&O for three years as an environmental consultant, managing contracts for both private and public sector clients.

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. is multidisciplinary consulting design firm providing services in engineering, architecture, planning, environmental sciences, haz-ardous waste management, cultural resource management, surveying, transportation and GIS/ mapping. Headquartered in Greenbelt, the corporation mauntains 18 offices nationwide providing local attention to service client's needs.



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St. John's Episcopal **Christmas Services**

St. John's Episcopal Church will have two Christmas Eve ser-vices and a Christmas Day service. The children will perform the traditional Christmas pageant at the children's service at 4:30 p.m. on December 24. There will be a service at 8 p.m. of the Holy Eucharist. Come early for pre-service Christmas music. The Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. and will have the Holy Eucharist.

Conner-Cook

Lt. Edward Lewis Cook and Katherine Keith Conner were married in Richmond on December 5. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conner of Richmond. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Cook of Tamarisk Court. The bride was attended by Mrs. Charles Biggs and Susan Conner. The groom's best man was Sean McGowan of Elkridge, Md. He was attended by Lt. Jamie Wingler and his brothers. Lt. vision or radio during the day and listen for announcements concerning school operations.

Hadassah Group To Hold Meeting

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 22 at 8 p.m.

The topic of the evening meeting will be "Experiences of Life in the Military," presented by Sara Bomberg. The meeting will take place at the home of Yolande Greeze. For more information and to

R.S.V.P., please call Mrs. Greeze at 301-474-8308 or group President Jacqui Aronfy at 301-345-2018

Hadassah is a not-for-profit organization involved in support of Hadassah hospitals and other Hadassah projects in Israel, as well as educational, social, and youth projects in Israel and the United States.

Frank Cook and Michael Cook. The groom is a graduate of St. Anselm's Abbey School and Boston University. The bride is a graduate of the University of Virginia. The couple will reside in Norfolk, Va., where the groom is stationed.

School,

Tour the Green Belt

Tours of the "Green Belt" Woods, sponsored by the Com-mittee to Save the Green Belt, will be held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments provided. For infor-mation, call 474-4863.

Recycling Reminder

Please be aware that the contract of Prince Georges Coun-ty with Waste Management calls for pick-up of recyclables to take place any time after 7 a.m. of the designated day.

In other words: recyclables have to be at the curb by 7 a.m. or in GHI, at designated areas by 7 a.m. Recently pickup took place unexpectedly early (but after 7 a.m.) in some areas. Unfortunately, this resulted in several misses.

Baha'i Faith





Sunday, 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. (Infant care provided at each service)

Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:50 a.m. Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.

Come! Celebrate Christmas

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 20

9:45 AM

8:00 PM

4:00 p.m. The Children's Christmas Program. Come and celebrate Christmas with the children from our Sunday School. A "birthday party" for Jesus will be held immediately after the program.

Thursday, December 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30 P.M. A Christmas Eve service for the whole family. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord. Invite others to come with you.

10:00 P.M. Our traditional Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service. Special music will be provided by members of the adult choir.

Luminaries (provided by our youth group) will light the way to the church for both services on Christmas Eve.

Friday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 A.M. Our Christmas Day festival communion service. A time to gather with other Christians and give thanks to God for the gift He has given us in His Son.

Safety Tips

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has several recommendations to help Marylanders celebrate a "fire-free" holiday season this year.

Tips for a safe holiday season:

-Keep the base of a "live cut" Christmas tree submerged in water to help supply moisture to the tree.

-When a tree shows signs of extreme dryness, remove the tree from the home and dispose of it immediately.

-Christmas lights and exten-sion cords should be checked for cracks and deteriorating conditions before they are used.

-If a home is going to he unoccupied for any length of time, decorative lights on trees and throughout the home should be turned off.

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Holiday Lifesavers

Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Larry W. Tol-liver has presented his list of Twelve Holiday Lifesavers.

"Many people are so busy during the holiday season they forget to pay attention to routine things, like good driving habits," Colonel Tolliver said. "I urge all Maryland motorists to use these 12 holiday lifesavers not just during the 12 days of Christmas, but all year long."

The Twelve Holiday Lifesavers are:

Don't Drink and Drive - Alcohol affects drivers' judgment, vision. reaction time, coordination and alertness. If you know someone has been drinking, don't allow them to drive.

Obey Speed Limit-When the speed limit is exceeded, there is a greater chance of your being involved in an accident and Deing seriously injured or killed.

Wear Safety Belts - Safety belts reduce the risk of injury or death. Use Child Safety Seats-Fatal

accidents have occurred involving children not in child safety seats at speeds as slow as 12 m.p.h.

Drive with the Proper Attitude-Be courteous, cautious and considerate. Concentrate on what is happening.

Don't Follow too Closely -Allow at least two seconds between the time a vehicle in front of you passes a stationary object and the time you pass it. Increase the distance if you're Deanna Houchens

Deanna McDaniel Houchens, 31. died on November 28 after a two-year battle against a rare form of cancer.

Deanna grew up in the 9 court of Southway, attended Center School, Mary Bethune Junior High and was graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. As a young girl she was a member of the Greenbelt Majorettes. She worked for several years at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. Deanna was a member of the Greenbelt Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary Juniors. In 1986 she married Timothy L. Houchens and they moved to Lanham.

In addition to her husband, Deanna is survived by their sor. Mathew, age 5; her mother, Joyce McDaniel; and a sister Chrissy McDaniel.

Contributions in Deanna's memory may be made to the Hospice of Prince Georges County, 96 Harry S. Truman Drive, Largo, Md. 20772.

Have good tires, since traction is reduced by wet roads.

Look Before Changing Lanes-Check blind spots by glancing over your shoulder. Take a second look before you make that move and always signal a lane change.

Don't Overdrive Your Headlights-Be careful, especially in poor weather conditions, rain, fog. snow, and ice. Keep your speed down at night. You can't react to the hazard if you can't see the hazard.

Stay Alert - Don't drive if you're tired or on medication. Make sure you've had the proper rest before you start that trip, no matter how long or short.

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The 21st 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

making cookies, Christmas ornaments and gifts at our holiday workshop. Registration Fee: \$15.00. Call 474-6878 for registration information.

Sunday, December 20th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner

Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall. Sponsored by: Greenbelt Community Church Youth Group. All you can eat. Fee: Adults, \$4.00; child 6-12 yrs., \$3.00; 5 and under, Free.

Sunday, December 20th, 7:30 p.m. - Greenbelt Combined **Choir Concert**

Greenbelt Community Church. Members of all the Greenbelt Churches join together to perform a memorable evening of seasonal songs

Saturday, December 26th, 10:00 a.m. — 28th Annual Holiday Race

Braden Field Tennis Courts. D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10 or 20 mile runs and 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Sign-up one hour before. Contact Larry Noel, Sr., 1-301-447-2224 or D.C. Road Runners, 703-241-0395. Fee: \$5.00 Non-Member of D.C. Road Runner; \$3.00 Member; \$1.00 for 1.75 Mile Fun Run.

Saturday, December 26th, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Family Holiday Swim

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center — Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at the pool. Bring your towels and innertubes. Light refreshments, family swim, games and music make this a night for the entire family. Free to pass-holders, daily admission for non-passholders. For more information call 513-0390.

Wednesday, December 30, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Ice

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 \$5.00/person which covers transportation, admission and skate rental. Please register in advance. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

Thursday, December 31st, 7:30 p.m. to Friday, 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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

FOR GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT FACILITIES **GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**

Christmas Eve	- 6:00a.m6:00p.m.
Christmas Day	- 12:00noon-8:00p.m.
New Year's Eve	- 6:00a.m6:00p.m.
New Year's Day	- 12noon-8:00p.m.
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YOUTH CENTER

Christmas Eve	- 12:00noon-10:00pm
Christmas Day	- 12:00noon-5:00p.m.
New Year's Eve	- 12:00noon-5:00p.m.
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Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Our deepest sympathy to Tim and Mathew Houchens on the death of their wife and mather Deanna.

Craig Janus of Mandan Road has just received his bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park-Craig was selected to be on the 1991-1992 National Dean's List. Congratulations Craig!

staff answered and directed over 5.000 calls during the three-month period. Thirteen written complaints were received. 12 of which have been resolved. In the technical services area, staff reported 336 citations to members for yard violations and 273 compliances. Sheds and fences continue to be the main problems. Structural and mechanical problems are most frequently reported by members in calls to the maintenance department. The department received 3,792 calls for service. On continuing maintenance programs staff reported that the crawl space and exterior inspections program was completed as well as the spring clean-up, gutter cleaning, and trim paint programs. The program to replace frame porch roofs and repair sidewalks is 95 percent complete, with swale work

The View from **Ridge Road**

by Christina O'Boyle

The Saving Shift

"Buddy" Attick used to be just a name to me. He was a Greenbelter, Director of Public Works for 23 years and he helped develop the park which bears his name, this much I knew. But that was the extent of my awareness for about eight years. I didn't get around town much back then. I woke up, mainlined coffee, Metro-ed to work in D.C., plugged away for nine or 10 hours and Metro-ed home to sleep. I knew downtown L.C. like my own kitchen. But Greenbelt?

That all changed after our children were born. During my stroller-pushing days I became familiar with all the inner-walkways. Then during the toddler stage I learned that in every direction we toddled, we could find a swing and a sliding board. Parks and playgrounds were a revelation. At first they were place to meet other parents, time for analyzing child rear-8 2

Thursday, December 17, 1992 apple juice-a part of our daily diet.

It seems that we're always there: rain or shine, 22 degrees or 99 degrees. Someday the children will call out, "I'm going to the park!" as they slam the door and run off without me. But for now I would be bonkers without those playgrounds. If we get bored with our regular spot on Plateau, we can try ones along the inner-walkways across the street, or go up to Laurel Hill, Research Road, or the top of Ridge Road. And there's my favorite bribe-good old "Buddy" Attick Park. No longer just a name; it's a little piece of heaven down the hill from our house.

Late in realizing its potential, I'm having fun making up for lost time. The sliding boards, the picnics, the concerts, the ducks and geese are endlessly entertaining for my troops. On Saturday we added another marvel to the list: fishing. Michael returned from his first attempts with his eyes full of excitement, even though he caught only leaves.

I get lost driving around D.C. now. I forget which streets are one-way; new office buildings cover the block of decrepit 19th century townhouses that I knew. I'm out of sync with the dasharound, get-there-first types who were my cronies a while back. With kids clutching my hands these days I swing with the play-



Monthly Charge Deferral Not Allowed by GHI Board

by Sandy Smith

The December 3 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors' meeting was relatively short, with discussion centering on subleasing and deferral of monthly charges on unsold units. Staff gave concise reports on key departments and the board authorized for first reading its 1993 budget expenditure of \$6,491,932. In the absence of Board Presi-dent Ray McCawley, Vice President Alan Freas presided.

Subleasing

A member's request to sublease her unsold unit was approved. However, board members emphasized that only the board can authorize a sublease and approve a tenant for purchase of unit. This discussion arose when the issue of subleasing with option to buy was proposed. The board plans to review its rental policy at its next meeting.

Deferral of Monthly Charges Because the supply of units for sale continues to exceed the demand, staff is receiving with increasing frequency. requests from sellers that they be allowed to defer their monthly charges until settlement. GHI's current policy does not permit this practice and unless a payment plan has been entered into. GHI can take legal action after monthly payments are in arrears for 60 days. Manager Ron Colton asked the board to affirm this policy. He said that it is important for know and follow this policy. Board member Margaret Hogensen said that she would be reluctant to permit deferral of charges since the operations of GHI require a regular flow of income. Other board members were concerned that Co-op members might defer charges to such ar extent that there would be

no profit for the seller at time

GHI members and realtors to

settlement and that GHI 10 would have difficulty collecting the deferred charges. Several members suggested that both sellers and realtors need to be reminded that monthly charges cannot be routinely waived until resale. A seller orientation, letters and a special seminar for realtors were suggested. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion and review.



Greenbelters have done a great

job responding to the options

of waste disposal; during the

holidays they can do even more.

The Greenbelt Recycling Ad-

visory Committee would like to

make some suggestions regard-

ing environmentally conscious de-

cisions-starting with the Christ-

mas tree. Many options exist for

everyone. A live tree can last

10-14 days if kept cool and the

roots damp. Later, transplant the

spruce or pine in the yard. GHI

will accept tree donations for

planting. Call the office on 474-

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Starring Michael Hoover

Recycling Committee

Offers Holiday Tips

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6011 for information. Artificial trees have many advantages including long life and no falling needles. For those who use a cut tree, the city will grind trees into mulch. Watch the News

Review for drop-off information.

excessive packaging. Here are some ideas for gifts that make

a positive environmental impact

or use little or no packaging:

diaper service for a new baby.

car tune-up gift certificate, and

homemade gifts, baked goous,

framed pictures, tickets to mov-

ies, sports events concerts, etc.

charging unit, mulching blade for

the lawnmower, stationery made

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When shopping, be mindful of

Consider wrapping gifts in paper made from recycled materials. For really big gifts or children's things, use the Sunday comics. Many people enjoy decorative reusable gift bags. Used wrapping paper, magazines and old catalogs can be dropped off at the "MIXED PAPER" bin at Brown station at the intersection of Brown Station Road and White House Road.

Mail boxes, etc. in Beltway Plaza will accept those styrofoam peanuts' for reuse.



Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

After a man parked his car in the parking lot in the 290 block of Lakeside Drive around 6:15 p.m. on December 4, two men came up to him from beproduced a black semihind, automatic handgun, and demanded his money and his wallet. After getting the money and the wallet, the men told man to run away and they left too. They are described thus: (1) black, 5'10", medium build, wearing a baggy jacket; (2) black, about 26 years old, 5'8", stocky build, wearing a startertype jacket and a blue basebail cap with red lettering.

While a woman was inside her apartment in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace around 9:45 a.m. on December 5, a white man unknown to her tried to get into her apartment through the front door, using a key. He 'eft once he realized that someone was home.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 6100 block of Breezeway Court had been attempted on December 9; someone had tried to remove the glass panes in a bedroom window.

Money was stolen from a cash register at Radio Shack around 8 p.m. on December 4 by two men who distracted the cashier to make the theft rather than using force. They are described thus: (1) black, around 45 years old, 5'11", 190 lbs., with a mustache; (2) black, around 30 years old, 5'6", 150 lbs.

A 59-year-old resident man was arrested for assault and battery on December 5 after an episode of domestic violence in the 7100 block of Mathew Street during which he had punched and kicked someone. That person was taken to Prince Georges Doctors' Hospital for her injuries. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

A 1989 Hyundai Excel was stolen from the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive on December 4; it was later recovered. A blue, two-door, 1984 Toyota Supra, MD tags ZHF007, was reported stolen from the 6200 block of Springhill Drive on December 7.

On December 8, a burgundy, two-door, 1985 Lincoln Mark 7, VA tags BQR120, was stolen from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane. On that same day officers recovered a 1986 Buick Century in the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy.

On December 10, a burgundy 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck,

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 982-0580. Callers may remain anonymous.

MD tags 1AZ070, was stolen from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. Officers recovered a 1985 Toyota in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road also on that day.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 6100 and 6200 blocks

HELP! I'VE FALLEN

by Helen Geller

HELP! I've Fallen! . . . "and I can't get up!" This phrase, which seems to have worked its way into our popular culture, is associated with television ads touting the virtues of Personal Emergency Response Systems or PERS, and indeed is a shorthand description of these devices. But what exactly is a PERS and how does it work? Is it of value, how much does one cost, where can it be obtained? These and many other questions were answered by Lee Norrgard, direc-tor of Consumer Affairs at American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) at a presenta-tion of "Not for Seniors Only" sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee.

A PERS is a two-part electronic signaling device which calls for help in the event of an emergency: a small transmitter (or portable help button) which is carried by the user and a console receiving unit connected to the user's telephone. Usually it is a push button on a pendant, which works somewhat like a garage door opener, with an effective range of about 150 feet, either inside the house or close by outdoors. The conscle, which is an automatic dialing machine (which works even if the phone is off the hook). starts to dial ore or more preselented telephone numbers, which are usually emergency response centers.

The PERS Center will have information previously provided by the client placed in a computer, which can be brought up on the monitor in order to review the reser's file. This information would include a medical history as well as a list of drugs being taken and names and telephone numbers of local emergency services and designated people to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Problems

A PERS can be an invaluable adjunct to other services for older people living alone, providing peace of mind not only to the user but to family and friends who worry about precisely the type of emergency this device is designed to handle. However, there are pitfalls for anyone who desires to acquire such a service. About 30 different manufacturars nationwide produce these systems. Some are bought outright, some rented. Questions may arise concerning performance, reliability, durability, and optional accessories.

Fortunately help is at hand. Norrgard and his Consumer Affairs Program Department have put together a comprehensive booklet evaluating (but not endorsing) 20 different companies and their products. This information is based on work by a consulting firm which tested samples provided to AARP and judged these samples according to their performance rating.

To receive a copy of this pamphlet write to: Consumer Affairs, AARP, 601 E St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20049, Attention: Lee Nerrgard.

of Breezewood Court, the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, the 9200 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, the 7200 block of Hanover Pkwy., the 6300 and 6400 blocks of Ivy Lane, and the 6000 block of Springhill Drive.



• First place winner of the highly regarded international Elvis Impersonator Contest in Memphis, Tennessee.

• Planned release of his first original recording later this year.

• Won the area's Best Country Singer Award from the year-long Country Showcase American Jamboree in 1979.

• Won second place in the area's Star Search contest in Maryland.



Michael Hoover brings 15 years of experience to his performances. A native of the Washington area, Michael grew up in Rockville, Maryland, where he graduated from Wheaton High School. A combination of professional voice training, tremendous talent, and years of hard work has enabled him to emerge as the finest Elvis Tribute Artist in the nation. The similarity between Elvis and Michael in voice, mannerisms, and looks is astounding. Experiencing Michael's "Memories of Elvis" show is the next best thing to seeing Elvis in concert. His reputation as **the best** is now well established and well documented. Michael's outstanding talent is in demand from California to Las Vegas to Memphis to Nashville to New York and many states in between.



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Fifty Years Ago In Greenbelt

by James Giese

May, 1942-Greenbelters had to register for sugar ration cards early in the month. April 27 was the last day sugar could purchased without ration be coupons. At that time one ton of sugar was sold by the co-op in five pound lots. Under rationing, one-half pound of sugar would be allowed each person per week, and if you had on hand more than two pounds per person, you were required to report it.

Marion Benson (Mrs. Samuel M. Hastings), now of Silver Spring, has provided recollec-tions in which she remembers her role in rationing. "In the spring, when rationing began, I got a job with the Greenbelt Co-op after school on Saturday mornings to count ration stamps. Mrs. Addie Sowell was my boss, and I remember her dumping mountains of individual stamps in front of me, stamps that had been paid for meat, butter and sugar."

Thomas B. Ricker was appointed acting general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services. If he did well, he would receive full appointment. He was selected from a list of 21 candi-dates. He had been assistant manager and acting as the man-ager since George E. Hodson was called to military service in

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April. Ricker was serving his third year on the Greenbelt Town Council at the time. In May, a Farewell Dinner was held for Lt. Hodson.

Marion Benson Hastings also recalls working for Ricker. "Occasionally I was called upon by Mr. Ricker, the manager of the Co-op at the time, to take dic-tation, which scared me almost into trembling."

The Cooperator thanked Harry Rhodes of the Department of Public Works for the installation of a stone retaining wall at Indian Springs. The construction was considered attractive and looked natural in the setting provided at the base of the hill. The retaining wall still exists today.

Indian Springs, a popular picnic area for Greenbelters, was located at the end of a dirt road leaving Edmonston Road across from the High School (now Greenbelt Middle School). The

along the pathway built for high school students to walk to school; it was also a favorite spooning place. Buddy Attick, who later became Greenbelt's beloved Public Works Director and then was one of the first Greenbelt Police Officers, patrolled the pathway on horseback.

The springs still exist. They are located at the rear of the Golden Triangle behind the first of the twin office buildings. A picnic table used by office workers is located next to the path leading to the springs.

With gasoline rationing to take effect in the middle of the month, the Greenbelt Citizens Association held a big meeting to discuss transportation issues A chief objective was to get inereased bus service for those residents who could not get gasoline or tires. A committee was established to secure for local drivers the most favorable



At the Museum

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum on September 22, two new board members were elected. Helene Mayock and Morris Levitt join members Sandra Lange, Barbara Havekost, Mary Linstrom, Sally Stokes, Martha Sinden, Linda Warner, Dorothy White, Anne Meglis and Lee Shields.

After two years as president, Mary Linstrom advised that she wished to step down. Lee Shields was unanimously elected president; Sandy Lange continues as

Volunteers Needed

PATH, People Aiding Travelers and the Homeless is in operation at the Prince Georges Health Department, Volunteers are needed to support the services of PATH in Prince Georges County. Currently volunteer positions are available as assistants to coordinate transportation arrangements to doctor's appoinments for persons with AIDS. For further information call 301-779-9444.

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Buckle Up For Safe Holiday Urge Police

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belt, people may have noticed an

increase in the number of orange

markings in the roadway. An

increase in road construction?

Perhaps. The markings may also

indicate the site where a serious

motor vehicle accident occurred.

The accident scene is marked in

paint by accident investigators

in order to place vehicles in their

original positions at the point

During travels through Green- of impact to attempt to discover the cause of the accident.

> So far in 1992 there have been four fatal automobile accidents in Greenbelt, 83 fatalities in Prince Georges County, and 470 to date state-wide. It has been estimated that as many as 160 persons killed could have survived had they been using their seatbelts. The Greenbelt Police Department urges all citizens to "buckle-up" for the holidays.

Barry Byers

Matthew Carr Arnold Cave

Thursday, December 17, 1992

Sponsor a Family For Holiday Sharing

The Department of Social Ser-vices Office of Volunteer Services and Resource Development, needs donors for their Holiday Sharing Program. Donations of food baskets for Christmas are needed. People can sponsor a family for the holiday season by providing new toys, clothing, and food for them. For further information please feel free to call (301) 422-5018 M-F, 9:30-5. Please be as generous as possible during this upcoming joyous season!

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Holiday Greetings

Since the Middle Ages, the evergreens have been symbolic of life and hope in the midst of winter and darkness. Much later, the evergreens of the solstice festival became symbolic of enduring faith and everlasting life.

When Mary Clare Bonham won the city's flag designing contest in 1937, it was for a symbolic drawing of a lone pine tree surrounded by a border of green. To Mary Clare, the tree represented the cooperative spirit of the new community while the green borders represented the green trees and green space of our green belt. Trees and greenery — real and symbolic — have always been valued by our residents, perhaps now more than ever.

As we "gather our greens" and prepare for another holiday season, let us remember all the things we have accomplished together, and let us reaffirm our common goal: working together so that Greenbelt will continue to be a special place. We the elected officials, employees and volunteer members of the city government wish all of you a warm, happy holiday and a peaceful new year.

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