

What Goes On . . .

Fri., Dec. 31 New Year's Holiday - City office closed

Mon., Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Recycling Advisory Committee - Aquatics Center

Wed., Jan. 5, 7 p.m. - Crime Prevention Committee, Greenbelt Police Station



Greenbelt

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. . . . And More

7:30 p.m. GEAC Meeting, Hunting Ridge Community Center

Thurs., Jan. 6, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

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Thursday, December 30, 1993

Lions Bring Gifts to Flood Victims

by Nancy Ward

As "Big Blue", the first truck in our caravan turned into the snow-covered field, I saw cheering children and adults jumping up and down with excitement. The Greenbelt Lions Club's Holiday Sleigh had arrived in Quincy, Illinois bringing gifts to victims of the midwest flood. A TV camera from Channel 11 in Quincy was filming our arrival, while inside the double glass doors of the American Legion building people stood with their faces pressed against the glass, straining to catch a glimpse of our arrival.

Suddenly, all the work of the previous months faded into a distant memory. The hours of Christmas shopping for unknown persons, the wrapping of gifts late into the night, the time, spent writing publicity releases, the coordination with other Lions Clubs, churches, and civic organizations, and the final week of packing toys and winter clothing into a Safeway Trailer now took on a spiritual meaning. We were celebrating an early Christmas in a snow-covered farm field in Illinois on November 26, Thanksgiving weekend.

Moved by the TV coverage of midwesterners working feverishly to sandbag river banks, trying to save their homes, farms, and businesses from the raging waters, I had searched my mind for a way to help. Finally, my husband and I had selected a town on the Mississippi, directly off route 70. We called a Lions



Midwest flood victims in Quincy, Illinois, opening gifts from the Greenbelt Lions' Holiday Sleigh.

Club in Alton, Illinois and our idea of delivering holiday gifts received a warm reception. The local Greenbelt Lions Club and District 22-C joined us in making the dream a reality.

Gifts Distributed

Gasps of delight could be heard as we swung up the back of the 277 foot truck and six Lions from Maryland assisted by flood victims and Lions from Illinois began to unload and distribute gifts to the children. One little boy exclaimed gleefully, "Now I have four toys!" Suddenly, we were reminded that floods destroy not only houses but also their entire contents, including children's toys.

One woman told us her house was now only two feet tall, as it had sunk into the mud; on her

recent trip home she had found only one item, a white Christmas angel.

In the flood victims' resource center, a small clothes rack held only about 20 items of clothes for all ages. How good we felt, knowing that our second truck packed with winter clothes was already in the process of being unloaded at a second location. Our mascot, a large, yellow stuffed bear donated by a member of the Greenbriar community, was now perched atop a stack of boxes holding his sign, "I'm headed for the midwest flood victims," and awaiting the loving arms of his new owner.

Our Next Stop

After a late night of more gift wrapping in our hotel rooms, we were on the road at 6 a.m. See LIONS, page 12

Top Stories of 1993

by Virginia Beauchamp, James Giese, David Morse, Diane Oberg and Mary Lou Williamson

Sunrise Sunset

Reversing lower court decisions, Maryland Court of Appeals on April 22 sustains downzoning of Sunrise Development Limited Partnership property at end of Hanover Drive for condominium apartments. Owners claim right to zoning for twin-tower, 467-unit apartment building because unnoticed footing already poured. Contractor then pours second footing visible from street day after County Council adopts Sectional Map Amendment downzoning property. Owners appeal county stop work order to Board of Appeals, which sustains order, then to Maryland Circuit Court, which reverses Board. County then appeals to Court of Special Appeals which sustains lower court, and finally to Maryland's highest court. Decision ends controversy over high-rise proposal first made in 1985.

Colton Resigns

After acrimonious annual membership meeting, Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) General Manager Ronald Colton resigns in June to become program director for Enterprise Foundation. Earlier, Colton had considered two-year stint in Ukraine with Agency for International Development. His eight years with GHI began with era of stability and quiet strengthening of co-op after turbulent years of re-hab, but he calls last year difficult as staff respond to allegations from small faction. Hecklers interrupt him at annual meeting. In resigning, Colton receives praise by current and former Board Chairs and by others but critics accuse him of secrecy, negativism, and failure to deal with problems.

Beltway Plaza Expansion

Twenty-five million dollar expansion and improvement of 30-year-old Beltway Plaza upgrades mall to 120 stores covering one million square feet. New flagship Giant food store and pharmacy open in April, additional small shops in December, and Caldor store in November. New adjacent parking deck adds 400 convenient parking spaces. Major restabilization of east bank in 1992 suffers new slide during late fall rains.

Pastor Birner Retires

On August 29 Pastor Edward H. Birner preaches final sermon after 40 years of leadership at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Arriving in city fresh from ordination in 1953, he found congregation worshipping in Center School. From that beginning, to basement structure on Ridge Rd., to present double edifice on Greenbelt Rd., Pastor Birner helped develop strong congregation. Program celebrating retirement brings tributes from sons, friends, and associates, and promise that he plans to stay active in Greenbelt.

New School Opens

Students and staff begin fall term in brand new Greenbelt Elementary School, a one-story, red brick building decorated with green "belts" (colored bands). Children from Boxwood, Lakeside North, Belle Point, University Square and Charlestowne Village neighborhoods are now able to attend school in Greenbelt. Students, parents and teachers — current, past, and original pioneers — come June 10 to bid farewell to Center School, selected for Blue Ribbon Award for educational excellence earlier in year. Old school will be returned to community as center for varied activities.

BW Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Greenbelt Road - Baltimore Washington Parkway interchange and Greenbelt Road Bridge creates massive traffic jams. Over 300 Greenbriar residents petition city council for relief. Finally, federal highway officials agree to reduce construction's impact. Project, originally scheduled to be nearly done by now, is delayed by discovery of an asbestos conduit on bridge. By year's end, the new ramps on and off the northbound parkway open while construction continues on bridge.

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GEAC Invites Council to Meeting

by David Morse

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) has invited all members of the City Council to attend their January meeting so that residents and their community organization representatives can advise council of their concerns. Other matters discussed at the December 2 meeting included traffic safety measures, garbage collection, and cable TV charges. One representative also wanted to alert the public about an unusual financial scam she had personally encountered.

Meeting with City Council Members

The meeting with council members is to take place January 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunting Ridge clubhouse off Hanover Parkway. One representative described the purpose of the meeting as "not . . . a gripe session . . . (but so) people not ordinarily participating . . . can be exposed to the council." GEAC President Tim Sechrist asked committee members to come up with a list of

priority issues for council consideration, mentioning crime prevention and law enforcement measures as examples. Vice President Sheldon Goldberg said items on their agenda month-to-month were a good starting point.

Pedestrian-Bicycle Overpasses

There was also discussion of the chance of funding feasibility studies for pedestrian-bicycle overpasses at locations on Greenbelt Road adjacent to Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Greenbelt Middle School. School board funding is unavailable, it was noted. Suzanne Plogman informed the city in a letter that the Board of Education could not assist in feasibility studies for pedestrian-bicycle overpasses due to budget constraints, but had provided additional school buses and school crossing guards to ensure safety of students. County Councilmember Richard Castaldi, however, wrote County Executive Parris Glendening requesting the studies be funded by the county government.

Installation of Guard Rail at ERHS

A county school official in-

formed Roosevelt High Principal Gerald Boarman in a letter that an "impasse" had been reached over the matter of installing a guard rail at a location near ERHS and Greenbelt Road. The official cited the State Highway Administration's (SHA) opposition and the Board of Education's unwillingness to assume legal liability for such a structure. SHA was willing to go ahead, however, said the official, if the city of Greenbelt would assume liability.

Goldberg said that the city was trying to get somebody to share liability, but "nobody wants to stick their neck out." He said the problem was in part due to the fact that the school wants the guard rail in a location that doesn't fit state guidelines, and that there was a concern it could make an accident worse. He added that SHA engineers were personally liable for any design not meeting state codes.

Other Traffic Concerns

Sechrist mentioned a report by the Washington Post's "Dr. Gridlock" column that the reha-

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Over the Line

To the Editor:

Mr. Bob Buzzanco stepped over the line with the false and irresponsible statements in his letter in the December 23 News Review regarding the cost of the December 5 special GHI membership meeting. He called \$8,000 an "incredible" cost "for a three-hour meeting at the local elementary school", then went on to say: "The largest amount of the \$8,000 spent on that meeting went to pay GHI lawyers. It boils down to this: the chair of the GHI board spends our money to find a way to circumvent our desires then has the temerity to blame the membership for wasting the money."

Let's set the record straight. First of all, while \$8,000 is not an insignificant amount, it is hardly out of line. The 1993 annual membership meeting cost about \$9,400. Secondly, the estimate staff provided to me shortly before the special meeting included \$5,235 in payroll costs, certainly 'the largest amount.' The estimate for the lawyer and parliamentarian was \$1,536. The balance was for the school, the recording secretary, postage, printing of voting cards, and copy costs for producing the meeting notice and the handouts, for a total of \$8,013. Also, I did not "blame the membership for wasting the money." In response to a question from a member I merely noted some of the cost items and provided the estimate of about \$8,000.

The cost could have been higher. Staff asked me how many copies of the budget and other materials they should produce for the meeting. One suggestion was that we produce 1,600 copies and deliver them to every home in GHI. I said that I could not justify that cost, and directed that 200 copies be produced for handout at the meeting. As it turned out, we should probably have done 250 or more.

It should now be clear that the chair of the GHI board, whether it be me or any other person, does not spend your money on these meetings, rather the costs are dictated by the nature and length of the meeting.

Mr. Buzzanco has displayed a reckless disregard for the truth in making inflammatory and unfounded allegations against me in his letter. I expect to see his retraction and apology in the next issue of the News Review.
Alan Freas

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers who are at least 15 years old are needed as "technical assistants for set-up" by the Work Hardening Division of Prince Georges County National Hospital for Orthopedics and Rehabilitation. Such assistants, trained on the job and expected to give at least two hours a week, will assist in setting up work areas (mock electrical, carpentry, etc. models) for workers in the rehab program to use. This is unusual work for the unusual volunteer.

For further information contact the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 779-9444.

GEAC MEETING

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bilitation of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was not slated to be completed until 1998. Powell noted that Goddard Space Flight Center was considering closing Soil Conservation Road to the public and asked if there were anything they could do to fight it. Goldberg noted that traffic lights on Greenbelt Road between Hanover Parkway and Greenway Center were poorly timed and ought to be reset to ameliorate recurrent backups there.

Financial Scam

Margaret Powell said that she and her husband had been exposed to an innovative scam: Someone had apparently forged change-of-address forms in their name and had their bank statements rerouted to a California address. Using the Powells' name and the false address—and, apparently, information derived from the bank statement—the person had begun applying for credit cards. Although the Powells were able to discover the attempted theft before actually losing any money, they were greatly inconvenienced by having to cancel their charge accounts on the eve of the holiday season. Powell urged the public to inspect bank and charge account statements carefully for irregularities, and not to hesitate to contact a financial service provider in the event a statement does not arrive on time. They discovered the scheme early because Margaret Powell called when the first statement—sent to the "new" address—failed to show up.

Springbrook Lake

The proposed lake in Greenbelt East, after clearing many regulatory hurdles, is "pretty much a done deal," according to a brief report given by Patti Morris. Construction is slated to start in Fall 1994, she said.

Cable TV Charges

Goldberg said that his bill for cable television service had risen despite new federal legislation passed to reduce those charges. When he raised the question at a city council meeting, he said, he was told that the legislation had loopholes that permitted recalculating various charges in such a way that some overall bills would rise rather than fall. In a response that drew smiles, Sechrist said, "I'm sort of a cynic. If Congress had anything to do with it, forget it." Sechrist is legislative director for an Ohio congressman.

Garbage Collection

Leonie Penney, a member of

the city's Recycling Committee, reported on its recent activities. She said that private trash haulers in Greenbelt East charged significantly less than in adjacent jurisdictions because they had to compete with low city rates. (She cautioned, however, that various market imperfections in the industry could also be partially responsible for the rate differentials.)

Penney also said that the committee is looking into "Pay as you Throw" billing methods for garbage removal. Such a program would charge by the amount in either weight or volume, to be determined later) of garbage an individual sets out to be hauled. This reduces gar-

bage charges for those who recycle, she said, providing a positive incentive for such behavior. GEAC representatives responded, however, that they did not think such a billing method was practicable in their developments because of the complicated accounting it would require. Penney concluded by urging GEAC to recommend a Greenbelt East resident to serve on the committee so that they could have input on these matters.

Surplus School Property

Also discussed was the fact that the city was told by the Board of Education that the board had no plans to dispose of undeveloped school properties in Greenbelt East.

P.G. College Offers Courses at Roosevelt

Prince Georges Community College will offer more than 200 credit courses at its degree and extension centers for the spring semester which begins January 24. Early registration is encouraged.

Students may register at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 11, from 6:30-8 p.m. Courses in accounting, art, biology, business, computer information systems, English, history, real estate, psychology, sociology, and speech will be offered.

For information, call (301) 322-0733.



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

1994 Winter Aquatic & Fitness Center Activities

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. ALL registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic classes. PLEASE NOTE registration days and times.

Registration for residents of Greenbelt and passholders ONLY is January 3 & 4 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Registration for all others starts January 5 & 7 from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on a space available basis. Late registration starts the week of January 10.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLASSES HAVE A LIMIT ON ENROLLMENT. EARLY REGISTRATION IMPROVES YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING THE CLASS YOU WANT!!!!

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course description. Non-passholders of the facility will pay more than passholders. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-Senior classes.

CLASS SCHEDULE: CLASSES WILL START THE WEEK OF MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING to the Business Office.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic and Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean that they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, and pay city taxes, call 513-0390.

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 474-6878 or TTY 474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley. For any additional information, contact the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center at 513-0390.

		ADULT AND SENIOR AQUATIC CLASSES		
		Passholders (PH)		Resident Non-Passholders (R-NPH)
		Non-Resident/Non-Passholders (NR-NPH)		
ACTIVITIES	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE	NUMBER OF CLASSES
Adult Swimming Lessons			\$25.00 PH	8 classes
Beginner	TH 7:00p-7:30p	16 & Over	\$30.00 R-NPH	
Advanced Beginner	TH 7:30p-8:00p		\$35.00 NR-NPH	
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00p-3:00p	16 & Over	\$55.00 PH	24 classes
			\$60.00 R-NPH	
			\$65.00 NR-NPH	
Arthritis Deep Water Aquatics	M/W/F 3:15p-4:15p	16 & Over	\$55.00 PH	24 classes
			\$60.00 R-NPH	
			\$65.00 NR-NPH	
Morning Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00a-8:45a	16 & Over	\$55.00 PH	24 classes
			\$60.00 R-NPH	
			\$65.00 NR-NPH	
Evening Aquacize	M/W 7:00p-7:45p	16 & Over	\$40.00 PH	16 classes
	OR TU/TH 6:00p-6:45p		\$45.00 R-NPH	
			\$50.00 NR-NPH	
Deep Water Running	M/W 7:00-7:45p	16 & Over	\$40.00 PH	16 classes
	OR TU/TH 6:00p-6:45p		\$45.00 R-NPH	
			\$50.00 NR-NPH	
High Intensity Water Aerobics	M/W 6:00p-6:45p	16 & Over	\$40.00 PH	16 classes
			\$45.00 R-NPH	
			\$50.00 NR-NPH	

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GAC Auditions

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions for "Philadelphia, Here I Come," on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4 and 5, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The auditions will be held in the new GAC home in Roosevelt Center next to the Post Office.

The play, by Brian Friel, will be directed by Dan Young. Young wrote and directed "Among My Souvenirs" which took many of the awards at the Maryland State One-Act Play Tournament last season. Young is a graphic artist by day and an actor/playwright/director by night. He will need to cast three women and 11 men, ages 20 to 60.

"Philadelphia" is a comedy about a young man about to leave Ireland, and the complications involved in parting from his family and sweetheart. The director's wife, Clare Young, is from Ireland and will act as accent coach for the show.

Everyone is invited to audition. For more information, call GAC at 441-8770.

Community Events

Try T'ai Chi

At Free Session

Everyone is invited to participate in a free Community T'ai Chi practice session at the Youth Center on Saturday, January 8, 9-10 a.m. Participants will be able to experience some of the slow, graceful movements of T'ai Chi, the classic Chinese exercise for relaxation, health, self defense and spiritual growth. Those who plan to sign up for the regular series of classes should attend.

Starting in January, Greenbelt Tai Chi will expand beyond the current Saturday morning classes to include a new series of Wednesday evening classes. T'ai Chi classes fill up quickly, so register early. Like any other art, it takes a considerable amount of effort to get to the

Genealogical Society To Meet at Library

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library. Free of charge, the meeting is open to the public.

A "Genealogical Show and Tell" will feature items of genealogical interest to researchers: documents, reference sources, and results of research projects.

point at which T'ai Chi is as easy as it looks and to experience the relaxation benefits; students must be willing to set aside at least 10 minutes each day for their own daily practice at home. Registration begins January 3. See the Recreation Department brochure for details.

Seniors' Open House

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is holding its fifth annual Senior Citizen's Open House on Tuesday, January 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. The Open House will include refreshments, entertainment, line dancing and lots of socializing and fun.

Any senior citizen interested in signing up for the department's trips, classes, and programs must pre-register at this time. All activities are based on a first come first served basis, so people should come early and register. Registration is for the following programs: Trips: — "Songbook II", "Big River", "A Small World", "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", Sackler Museum, Spring Picnic, Berkeley Springs overnight; PGCC Classes—Estates, Exercise, Current Issues, Coping with Life Changes; Other—Unfinished Crafts Morning, Monthly Movie and Lunch, and Explorations Unlimited.

Separate checks are required for each trip people plan to attend, so please come prepared.

Call 474-6878 for information.

New Year's Eve Party at Greenbriar

The Greenbriar Terrace Room will be the scene of a New Year's Eve Party for residents of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks. Jason Tillman of the Pro's Disc Jockey Service, will provide dancing music and host a Lip Sync Contest for residents and their guests.

The party will be held Friday, December 31, from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. For tickets, residents should contact Linda Evans as soon as possible at 441-1096.

Toastmasters Meet

Calling all individuals who are afraid of public speaking! Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club offers a supportive and non-threatening environment where members can improve their public speaking skills. Participants give both prepared and impromptu speeches and receive feedback from other members. The club meets the first and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Fountain Lodge, Springhill Lake Apartments. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 6, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Dave at 474-9626.

Fun at Goddard

A model rocket launch will take place on Sunday, January 2 outside the Goddard Visitor Center on the hill at 1 p.m. Bring a rocket or just come and enjoy watching the other enthusiasts "shoot for the stars." All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

The Visitors Center entrance is on Soil Conservation Road. All events are free. For more information call 286-8981.

Gerald King's Work At Greenbelt Library

Gerald King, of Riverdale, presents Homage to the Masters, a display of copies of historic masterpieces from the National Gallery of Art at the Greenbelt Library from January 3 to January 28.

King, a realist, whose work has been on display at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, The Studio Gallery and the Henri Gallery, copies works of the masters in order to learn from them.

A reception will be held at the Greenbelt Library, Saturday, January 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. King will open up his studio to the public in mid-January, when he presents his contemporary work. King's work will also be on display at the Morris Mechanic Theatre as he presents King's Thing from February 22 to March 20, during the production of Hair.

Golden Age Club
by Adeline Hinson

On Wednesday, January 5, we will have our regular business meeting, our happy birthday greetings, and most important—the installation of the 1994 officers.

On Wednesday, January 12, Tom Moran will be our speaker, giving us advice on income tax.

GEAC Meeting

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) has invited the members of the Greenbelt City Council to its next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunting Ridge Community Center, 6914 Hanover Parkway. Topics to be discussed include GEAC's objectives and agenda for 1994. Residents of Greenbelt and Greenbelt East are invited to attend.

Contact Tim Sechrist at 345-6861 with questions or comments.

Adult & Senior Aquatic Classes

Continued

High/Low Aerobics Drop-In Only	FRI	6:00p-6:45p	16 & Over	\$ 2.00 PH \$ 4.00 N-PH per class	8 classes
Lap Swimming & Stroke Improvement	TU	7:00p-7:45p	16 & Over	\$30.00 PH \$35.00 R-NPH \$40.00 NR-NPH	8 classes
Basic Lifeguard Training	MON	7:00-10:00p	15 & Over	\$65.00 PH & N-PH	8 classes
Seniortize	M/W/F	10:00a-10:45a	60 & Over	\$49.00 PH \$54.00 R-NPH \$58.00 NR-NPH	24 classes
	OR	TU/TH	2:00p-2:45p	\$36.00 PH \$40.00 R-NPH \$45.00 NR-NPH	16-sessions
Water Walking	TU/TH	8:00-8:45	16 & Over	\$40.00 PH \$45.00 R-NPH \$50.00 NR-NPH	16 sessions

ADULT LAND AEROBIC CLASSES

Ages 16 & Over

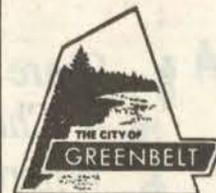
M/W/F CLASSES	\$55.00 PH	\$60.00 R-NPH	\$65.00 NR-NPH
TU/TH CLASSES	\$40.00 PH	\$45.00 R-NPH	\$50.00 NR-NPH

ACTIVITY	DAYS	TIME	SESSIONS
Aerobicize	M/W/F	7:30p-8:15p	24 Sessions
	OR	TU/TH	16 Sessions
Low Impact Aerobics	A.M.	TU/TH	16 Sessions
	or P.M.	M/W/F	24 Sessions
Rise & Shine Aerobics	M/W/F	6:30a-7:15a	24 Sessions
Step On It	M/W/F	6:30p-7:15p	24 Sessions
	TU/TH	7:30p-8:15p	16 Sessions
Stretching & Strengthening	M/W/F	9:00a-9:45a	24 Sessions
Tighten & Tone	TU/TH	6:30p-7:15p	16 Sessions
Yoga	M&F	7:00a-8:30a	16 Sessions

CHILDREN'S AQUATIC CLASSES

PH: \$25.00 R-NPH: \$30.00 NR-NPH \$35.00

ACTIVITY	DAY & TIME	AGE	SESSIONS
Water Babies (Swim with parent)	SAT 11:15a-11:45a	(6-18 mos.)	8 classes
Aqua Tots I (Swim with parent)	SAT 10:30a-11:00a	(1½-4 yrs.)	8 classes
Aqua Tots II (Swim with parent)	SAT 9:45a-10:15a	(1½-4 yrs.)	8 classes
Beginners for Age 4	SAT 9:00a-9:30a	(4 Yrs.)	8 classes
Learn-to-Swim Classes	SAT	5 & Up	8 classes
Beginner I & Beginner II	Class Time A - 9:00a- 9:30a Class Time B - 9:45a-10:15a Class Time C - 10:30a-11:00a Class Time D - 11:15a-11:45a		
Advanced Beginner	9:00a- 9:30a & 10:30a-11:00a		
Intermediate	9:45a-10:15a & 11:15a-11:45a		
Swimmer	9:00- 9:30a		



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
NEW YEAR HOLIDAY HOURS

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31 - 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1 - noon - 8 p.m.

HAVE A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!



Christopher R. Crellin (left) stands with bandmaster LTC Danny Jaynes on the campus of Valley Forge Military Academy and College.

Christopher Crellin to Be In Europe's Largest Parade

by Linda Savaryn

Christopher R. Crellin, a college cadet at Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania, will perform with the school's Regimental Band at the Lord Mayors' New Year's Day Parade in London. Stepping off at Parliament Square, the band will be the lead unit in what is Europe's largest parade.

Crellin, who plays trumpet, will depart for London after Christmas in what is expected to be a week filled with engagements. Besides the New Year's Day parade, he will participate in the Regimental Band's concert performance at Wembley Arena on December 30. In addition, he and fellow bandmen will tour London, Oxford, Windsor and Stratford-on-Avon as well as attend a West End theater performance. He and band members have also been invited to witness the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London.

Crellin has been playing trumpet for the past two years in the Regimental Band. The band has a history of notable appearances in events such as the inaugural parades of Presidents Eisenhower and Bush and the inaugurations of every Pennsylvania governor since the school's founding in 1928. In the past the band has also performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and at the Kennedy Center.

Most recently Crellin and his fellow bandmembers performed on the Intrepid Carrier in New

Vincent McCarthy

Vincent McCarthy, age 61, collapsed from a heart attack in Roosevelt Center on Friday morning. A good samaritan citizen rushed to him, began CPR, and told a passer-by to call 911. A second citizen aided with the CPR until the rescue squad arrived and took over, according to Greenbelt police spokesperson Officer George Mathews. McCarthy was taken to Doctor's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police have been unable to determine whether McCarthy had any relatives in the area. He resided in the 16 court of Crescent Road.

Howard Crymes

Howard J. Crymes, Jr., 72, died Friday, December 24 at Greater Laurel Nursing Home.

Mr. Crymes was born in Appalachia, Va. He was a U.S. Army combat veteran of World War II and served with the 17th Infantry and campaigned in Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland. He was a retired iron worker and had lived on Laurel Hill Road.

Survivors include his daughter, Cathy J. Reep, Greenbelt; former wife, Jean S. Crymes, Riverdale; sisters Catherine Johnson, Ellen McCullough, and Virginia Bates of Rome, Georgia; brothers Richard, Jacksonville, Fla., and Carlton, Mobile, Ala.; and aunt, Lucille Stevenson, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at Gasch's Funeral Home on December 28. Services will be held in Rome, Georgia, on December 31.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1211 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 501, Washington, D.C. 20036.

P.G. College Resumes

Registration for the Prince Georges Community College begins January 6, and classes resume on January 24. For those students who have an Application for Admission on file, telephone registration continues through January 20. To register by phone call 301-499-6612.

York for the Fox Television Gala.

Crellin graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1992, where he played in the school's wind ensemble and the symphonic band. At Valley Forge he is majoring in liberal arts, with plans to pursue a psychology major. He is the son of John W. and Mary Crellin of Greenbelt.

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Polio Support Group

A polio support group meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive. The topic will be "Tip Line"—Helpful Hints on Getting Around Obstacles." For information, call 262-5550 weekdays.

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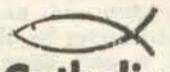
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7:00 PM

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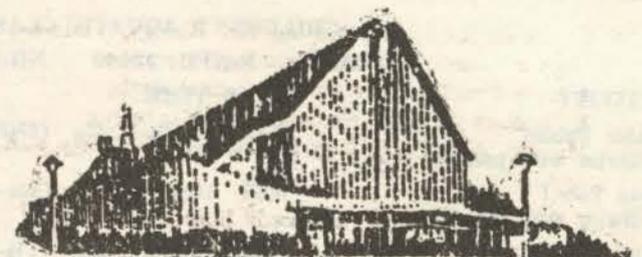
Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

All are Welcome

Rev. Sidney Conger

474-7573



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

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.

For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the church office.

345-5111

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Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Condolences to Cathy J. Reep on the recent death of her father, Howard J. Crymes, Jr.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Marjorie B. Mizelle on December 20. She was principal of Center School for one year about 20 years ago.

Congratulations to Debbie Brunatti, a life-long resident of Greenbelt who graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor of science in elementary education. Debbie is the daughter of Margaret Brunatti and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shanahan of Westway and George Brunatti of Lakeside.

Bea Rodgers has been sworn in as a member of the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. As a member she will be charged with assuring that the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected when they have a public guardian appointed for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald of Crescent Road are proud to announce the birth of Sarah Emily, born December 16 at Prince Georges Hospital and weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. All their family and friends wish them congratulations. Sarah's grandparents are Beverly and David Lynch of Greenbelt and Shirley McDonald of Forestville.

Lynn Hull and Rosemary Reiss were members of the Kenmore Middle School's team that did quite well in the 21st Knowledge Master Open academic competition. The team placed second in the state and tenth in the country.

Elizabeth A. Heaney, an Eng-

lish major at James Madison University, has been included in the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Terri Stuckles and Joe Heflin announce the birth of a grandson, Bradley Ryan, born on December 19 at Holy Cross Hospital. He weighed 8 lb 9 oz. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chei Chester of North Beach.

Tamara Davis, a business administration major at Temple University in Philadelphia, is a member of the women's basketball team in which she plays center.

Family and friends of Charles and Faye Sokol will be happy to know that they are doing well. They wish everyone a healthy and happy 1994 and hope it will be the year that they will get to see many of you.

Army Pfc. Antawan D. Herndon has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. During the training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Herndon is the son of Deborah J. Funderbork of Somerset Court

Army Reserve Pfc. Leander G. Simms Jr. has graduated from the unit supply specialist course at Fort Lee, Va.

He was trained in receipt, storage, issue and accountability of individual, organization, and installation supplies and equipment. He was also trained in the maintenance of small arms.

Simms is the son of Dannette M. Simms of Mandan Road, and Leander G. Simms of New Carrollton.

Booklet to Aid Visually Impaired

Nearly 50,000 current Washington area residents will someday experience significant loss of vision.

How do they continue reading, working and enjoying life when faced with a diagnosis of sight loss?

A new publication will aid the search for information about area services, products, and resources which encourage confidence and independent living.

"Learning to Live with Impaired Sight" is a new, large print (18 point) guide for people who are living with less than normal eyesight and residing in or visiting Washington and its suburbs. It was produced by the Prevention of Blindness Society.

Arnold Simonse, Executive Director of the Society, states, "The booklet is designed for people with vision loss as well as their families. However, health care professionals, employers and other service providers will all find this booklet a must for their shelf."

The publication describes how the eye works, the disorders affecting vision, definitions of vision loss, and misconceptions about vision loss. It details the importance of and various types of low vision devices, their effectiveness, and other helping tools. Finally, the book looks at feelings about vision loss and has an additional chapter on what families need to know.

The resource section provides the names and telephone numbers for local and national groups which will provide information and direction in the areas of aging, eye disease, low vision services, low vision aids and devices, support groups, and transportation. Additional information about taxes, entitlements, and laws affecting people with vision loss conclude the book.

For further information, contact the Prevention of Blindness Society at 202-234-1010.

English Classes in Sign Language at PG College

Two English classes at Prince Georges Community College. Introduction to College Composition and Developmental Composition, will be taught during the spring semester in sign language for the first time at the Largo campus.

Instructors will use a combination of sign language techniques to teach students who are deaf or hearing-impaired. Individual tutoring also will be available.

Introduction to College Composition will meet 11 to 11:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Developmental Composition will meet 12 to 12:50 p.m. MWF. Classes start January 24.

For information call (301) 220-2292 (voice or TTY).

TV Programs Focus On Financial Aid

Two television programs will air in January as part of a statewide effort to publicize the availability of and procedures for obtaining financial support for higher education.

Maryland Public TV (Channel 22) has scheduled a half-hour program at 7:30, January 5, during which financial aid officers from various levels of higher education will provide information. Viewers may call in questions between 7:30 and 9 p.m. using the statewide toll-free number, 1-800-222-1292. The program will be rebroadcast on Saturday, January 8.

WBAL-TV (Channel 11) will also feature opportunities for viewers to call in their questions from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 15. Call 410-338-6665 with questions.

January is a critical time for those seeking financial aid for fall 1994, since many financial aid applications must be submitted between January 1 and March 1. Financial aid advisors and counselors at local high schools, colleges, universities and private career schools have information available to assist those interested in exploring the opportunities available to Maryland residents.

UL Safety Tip

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. urges parents to talk with their children about using the garage door operator safely.

Garage doors weigh as much as 500 pounds and can cause serious injury or even death if they're not used properly according to UL. - Parents should teach their children not to activate the opener unless they're absolutely certain that nothing is in the door's path.

Children also need to know that it's dangerous to activate the door and try to run or ride a bike underneath it before it closes. Although it seems like a fast and fun way out of the house, it's a deadly race to lose, UL officials say.

Grants Available

Applications will be available January 3 for the FY 1995 Prince Georges Arts Council Competitive Grants Program. County performing, visual, and literary arts groups should contact the Arts Council at (301) 454-1455 for information and assistance. The entry deadline is March 15. Last year 84 grants worth more than \$100,000 were given out to the county's arts community. Grants fund arts organizations and individual artists' projects.

Applicants are encouraged to attend a free seminar on the grants program. The seminar will be held Saturday, February 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Carrollton Library.

City Notes

Public Works crews finished terracing one slope at the Roosevelt Center underpass and began working on the other side. They also planted a holly tree at the Center, and four at the police station to screen the parking lot.

The Public Works employee incentive committee made its selections for fourth quarter awards. Building Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Tom Houchens was named Employee of the Quarter. In making this selection the committee cited Houchens being on call day and night to respond to emergency calls, and his delaying the start of a vacation to repair the heating system at the public works facility.

The Parks and Grounds Maintenance Crew were named Crew of the Quarter for constructing the fences at Schrom Hills Park, saving the city \$4,000 from the estimated cost for hiring a contractor for this work. The crew, headed by Richard Mills, consists of Karl Skaggs, Al Markell, William Smith, Brian Abbott, Joe Doss, Mike Fox, Mike Rall, Mike Rousseau and Woodrow Wines.

The Specialty Operations Crew was recognized for its work removing the flooring of the Youth Center during renovation, saving the city \$5,000. The crew consists of foreman Victor Kirk, Tom McBride, Carmen Davino and Bruce Delanko.

One leaf vacuum has been repaired and returned to service. Replacement parts for the other one are on order.

Salt spreader trucks were called out at dawn on several mornings to salt icy areas on various city roads.

Free Eye Exams

Free eye examinations will be offered to low-income working families without health insurance by over 100 volunteer optometrists who are members of the Maryland Optometric Association, primarily during "Save Your Vision Week" March 6-12, 1994.

Anyone wishing to obtain a free eye exam must call a special toll-free line (1-800-766-4466) on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. between January 3-31 to be screened for eligibility.

To qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- (1) They must have a job or live in a household where at least one person is working full- or part-time,
- (2) they must not be covered by a health insurance plan (including Medicare and Medicaid), even if their plans don't offer vision care,
- (3) their income must fall below an established level based on family size, and
- (4) they must not have had an eye examination during the past 12 months.

Eligible patients will be matched with a volunteer doctor of optometry, and in Maryland, a free pair of glasses will also be provided to those in need.



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- ◆ In-person registration at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8 p.m., or at the Largo Campus, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ◆ Classes begin the week of January 24.

For more information, call (301) 322-0783.

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Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Wishbone 8 oz Salad Dressings (99c), Ocean Spray Refresher Fruit Drinks 48 oz. (\$1.59), Taster's Choice Instant Coffee 7 oz. (3.99), etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Ivory Bar Soap Personal Size 4 pk. (99c), Lucky Leaf 21 oz. min. Cherry Pie Filling Reg.-Lite-Sweet (89c), Puff's 250 pk. Facial Tissue (1.29), etc.

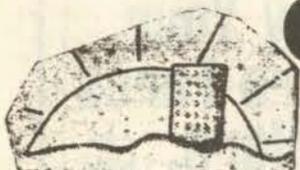
Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Kemp's 1/2 gal. Frozen Yogurts (\$1.99), Michelina's Selected Italian Entrees 9-10 oz. (79c), Our Value Orange Juice 12 oz. (79c), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Miller Genuine Draft Beer 12 pk.-12 oz. cans (\$7.29), Milwaukee's Best Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans (\$2.49), Foster's Beer 6 pk. 12 oz. cans (\$4.99), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Pork B.B.Q. Sandwich Each (\$1.49), In Store Bakery Dept. Golden 8 pack Dinner Rolls (99c)

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes items like Regular-Cherry Vicks Nyquil 6 oz. (\$3.99), Always Pantyliners 18-22 pk. (99c), Super Tru Chewable Child's Non-Aspirin 80 pk. (\$1.29), etc.

Effective 1/8 thru 1/8, 1994. BUY 1, GET 1 FREE (Up to \$3.95 value) at the checkout. BUY ONE 25.5 oz. Kellogg's Raisin Bran cereal, GET ONE 25.5 oz. Kellogg's Raisin Bran FREE. Good only at Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket



Greenbelt's Business



Drug Chain to Aid Hospitalized Childre

A local drugstore chain is undertaking two goals for the holiday season: To send toys and greeting cards to children hospitalized in the Washington area and to educate parents about toy safety.

Drug Emporium, supported by local radio station WPGC, is donating toys to children at Children's National Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Children's Center as part of a 30-city effort, and is asking customers to decorate special "coloring cards" to accompany the toys. The coloring cards will be distributed in "cheer packs," which also include store coupons and toy safety tips.

Some of the safety tips, compiled from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National PTA, include:

—Always be mindful of the child's age, interests, and skill level, and pay close attention to safety labels. Toys intended for older children can often be hazardous for younger ones.

—Toys with long strings or toys hung across crib or crib corner posts present strangulation hazards for infants and very young children.

—Make sure that children's toy chest has a lid that will stay open in any position to which it is raised so it will not fall unexpectedly on them. The lid should also have ventilation holes.

Free 7-11 Coffee For Sleepy Drivers

Drivers feeling the effects of too many miles and too little sleep can enjoy a free, fresh-brewed cup of coffee at participating 7-Eleven stores in the Northeast from 11 p.m. December 31 until 7 a.m. January 1.

The "Free Coffee on New Year's Eve" program gives 7-Eleven an opportunity to thank its customers for their business, and encourages drivers to park their vehicles for a fatigue-fighting break. Since this annual program began in 1988, 7-Eleven stores throughout the nation have given away one million cups of free coffee—totaling more than



A. James O'Mara, founder and CEO of Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., proudly displays the ABC (Maryland) Civil Engineer of the Year Award plaque.

—photo courtesy Greenhorne & O'Mara

Local Firm Wins Civil Engineer Award

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC) selected Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. as the "1993 Civil Engineer of the Year," signifying that the 420 ABC/Washington members feel the firm provides the best overall civil engineering service.

President A. James O'Mara founded Greenhorne & O'Mara with Marcus F.H. Greenhorne in 1950 in a one-room office in Hyattsville, Md.

The firm employs over 700 professionals in 16 offices nationwide, four of which are in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

100,000 gallons — over New Year's Eve.

Because only time—and not caffeine—can sober up someone who has consumed alcoholic beverages, 7-Eleven encourages anyone who has been drinking to get a safe ride home.

Weichert Collects Toys for Needy

Howard Rooks, president of Weichert Co. of Virginia, announces that the company's Virginia and Prince Georges County sales offices collected more than 2,400 toys for underprivileged children during this year's 15th Annual Toy Drive. The company's Prince Georges County offices (Andrews, Bowie, Greenbelt, and Kettering) together collected more than 70 toys and donated them to several local charities throughout the county.

"Over the last 14 years, we have collected hundreds of thousands of toys for boys and girls in our communities.

PEPCO Will Pay For Old Appliances

Pepco is paying \$35 for old refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners as part of a new conservation project to help residential customers save money on their electric bills and reduce the need to build additional power plants.

Pepco's Appliance Pickup Program offers a convenient and cost-free way to dispose of unneeded, energy-wasting appliances still in working order. Pepco will pick up the appliances directly from customer homes. Most of the parts and materials will be recycled and the rest will be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Older appliances can use 30 percent more electricity than current models. Although many second refrigerators are used only to store a few items, they can add \$100 a year to a customer's electric bill.

To make an appointment to have appliances picked up, call Pepco at 1-800-487-1010.

People should be sure to have their Pepco account number available. The response to this

program has been so "overwhelming" that lines may be busy until afternoon.

Customers can take either a \$35 rebate check or receive a credit on their electric bill. They should make note of this information since it is a permanent program. More information will be included with Pepco bills. It does not include other "white goods" like washing machines and dryers.

Roper Named Top

Karon Moore, manager of the Greenbelt office of Weichert, Realtors, recently named Joyce Roper the Top Lister, the Top Producer, and the Top Associate for Open Houses of the office for the month of November.

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

1994 WINTER RECREATION LEISURE ACTIVITIES

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

474-6878

In-person registration, first-come, first-serve basis. ALL registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic classes. PLEASE NOTE registration days and times at each Center.

REGISTRATION DATES: Monday, January 3 thru Wednesday, January 5, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 6 and Friday, January 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. - noon at Greenbelt Youth Center Business Office. Register at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Monday, January 3 thru Wednesday, January 5, 4 - 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CLASSES HAVE A LIMITED ENROLLMENT. EARLY REGISTRATION IMPROVES YOUR CHANCES OF OBTAINING THE CLASS OF YOUR CHOICE!

LATE REGISTRATION ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS ONLY: ACCEPTED AT THE YOUTH CENTER BUSINESS OFFICE - beginning Monday, January 10 thru Friday, January 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. - noon. ALL LATE REGISTRANTS WILL BE CHARGED A LATE FEE OF \$5 PER FAMILY!! (If you register late on more than one day, you will be charged another late fee) NO EVENING REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AFTER WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1994.

CLASS FEES: All fees are noted in the course description. Residents are those individuals living within the city limits (not mailing only) of Greenbelt and who are entitled to vote in the city election. Non-residents are those living outside the incorporated city limits of Greenbelt. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens 60 years old and over, registering for adult classes (not those designed specifically for senior citizens). All checks should be made payable to the CITY OF GREENBELT. VISA or Mastercard accepted at the YOUTH CENTER BUSINESS OFFICE, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. WEEKDAYS ONLY.

CLASS SCHEDULE: All classes will begin during the week of Monday, January 17; Saturday classes, January 22. Should any class be cancelled, makeups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. Classes are held for the number of sessions or hours designated. See class descriptions for specific dates and times.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registration or causes beyond its control. Refunds will automatically be made if these classes are cancelled by the Department. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, to be submitted IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING to the Recreation Department Business Office.

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Recreation Department's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 474-6878 or TTY 474-1811, ask for Karen Haseley.

LOCATION CODE: GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center; GES - NEW Greenbelt Elementary School; SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center; YC - Youth Center.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department, weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 474-6878.

CHILDREN, TEEN & ADULT CLASSES

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE (Non-Res. add 25%)
Afterschool Camp	SHLRC	M/W/F	2:00p- 6:00p	6-12 yrs.	\$190/42 session
Arts & Crafts	YC	Mon	3:45p-4:30p	K-6th Grade	FREE-6 wks.
	SHLRC	Mon	3:30p- 4:15p	K-6th Grade	FREE-6 wks.
Ballet - Pre-School	YC	Wed	4:30p- 5:15p	3- 5 yrs.	\$20/8 wks.
	YC	Sat	10:00a-10:45a	3- 5 yrs.	\$20/8 wks.
Elementary Age	YC	Wed	5:30- 6:15p	6-12 yrs.	\$20/8 wks.
	YC	Sat	11:00a-11:45a	5- 9 yrs.	\$20/8 wks.
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Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

On Saturday, December 18, at 8:45 p.m., a woman using the ATM machine in the 100 block of Centerway was approached by a young man who demanded money from her. When she refused, the man began striking the woman with his fists. He then ran away in the direction of Crescent Road. The woman called the police, who soon located a man matching her description. He was positively identified by the woman and subsequently charged with attempted robbery. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where he was held on \$50,000 bond pending trial.

On December 21, four days before Christmas, an officer responded to a malicious destruction report at the Greenbelt City Offices, 25 Crescent Road. Investigation revealed that unknown person(s) had partially cut through the base of the City

Christmas tree, causing it to fall in the wind. The incident is under investigation.

Reward

The Greenbelt City Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes as reported in the Police Blotter in the Greenbelt News Review. Contact Criminal Investigations at 507-6530. All information is confidential.

On December 21, an officer responded to a report of two young children left unattended in a motor vehicle with the engine running in the parking lot of the Sports Authority, 6250 Greenbelt Road. The officer retrieved the children from the vehicle and located the father inside the store. Arrested and charged with leaving unattended children in a motor vehicle was

a 39-year-old non-resident man. He was released on citation pending trial.

Two televisions were stolen from the 7700 block of Westway. The method of entry is unknown. The incident was reported December 22 at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, December 18, at 2:03 a.m. an officer observed a vehicle being operated in the area of Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road with what appeared to be altered temporary registration plates. A computer scan revealed that the plate had been reported stolen in Fairfax, Va. A 22-year-old non-resident man was arrested and charged with theft.

On the same day at 4:30 p.m., while patrolling the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, an officer stopped a car for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the operator had an open warrant with the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Dept. The driver, a 40-year-old non-resident male, was placed under arrest and released to the sheriff's department.

An officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Sunday,

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 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

December 19, in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive. Upon approaching the vehicle and speaking with the driver, the officer detected the odor of suspected marijuana. Located inside the car was a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A 39-year-old non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, and possession of paraphernalia. He was held on a \$25,000 bond pending trial.

While patrolling the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway on December 22 at 3:30 a.m. an officer noticed a car being operated with an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen in Washington, D.C. The occupants were arrested and a search of the driver revealed that he

was in possession of suspected "crack" cocaine. A 23-year-old non-resident man was arrested and charged with theft, possession of cocaine and possession of paraphernalia. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where he was held on \$15,000 bond pending trial.

On December 20 at 5:30 p.m. while patrolling the area of Hanover Parkway and Megan Lane, an officer stopped a car for a traffic violation. It was discovered that the driver was a 14-year-old female from Riverdale. Also in the vehicle was a 15-year-old Hyattsville juvenile. Clothing found inside the vehicle was later found to have been stolen from a vehicle parked at the Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road, earlier in the day. Both juveniles will be charged with theft, and the 14-year-old will be charged with driving without a license.

GHI Notes

Offices will be closed on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 474-6011.

Blood Pressure testing will be done on Wednesday, January 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room.

Aesthetics and Environment Committee will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 5 in the Board Room. A special meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for January 6 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, at 8 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet on January 11 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Library.

The Woodlands Committee will meet on January 11 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

Members are invited to a reception on the evening of January 12 for the new General Manager. See ad elsewhere in this edition of the News Review for details.

Legislature to Study Imposed Mandates

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. and House Speaker R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. directed legislative staff agencies recently to conduct an analysis of the more than 750 state mandates imposed on local governments at a time when state assistance, except for public education has been declining. These studies are expected to require two years to complete.

In the last four difficult fiscal years state aid to local government has grown by a total of 14 percent — primarily for education — though the state's general fund has increased by only 7 percent. This allocation of assistance has shifted, though 192 state mandates have a continuing and significant fiscal impact on county, city and municipal governments.

The trend of state aid to local government has favored more help for primary and secondary education (up by \$381 million in four years) but less for other parts of local government (down by \$151 million) such as general government, community colleges, libraries and local health services.

"The burden of state mandates on local government budgets has been a continuing issue during past Legislative sessions," Senator Miller and Speaker Mitchell said. "It is my hope that this study will provide the information we need for responsible legislative action that helps alleviate local government of unnecessary fiscal burdens."

Children, Teen & Adult Classes

Continued

Activities	Location	Day/Time	Age Group	Fee (Non-Res. Add 25%)
CPR/First Aid Programs	TBA	T/W/T	7:00p-10:00p	16 & Over \$55/9 hrs.
Community First Aid and Child CPR)	Safety Classes (Standard First Aid, Adult CPR, Infant and 3/22, 3/23 & 3/24; 4/12, 4/13 & 4/14; 5/17, 5/18 & 5/19			
Gymnastics - Pre-School	YC	Thu	3:30p-4:15p	3- 5 yrs. \$20/8 wks.
	YC	Sat	1:00p- 1:45p	3-5 yrs. \$20/8 wks.
Elementary Age	YC	Thu	4:30p-5:15p	6-12 yrs. \$20/8 wks.
	YC	Sat	12:15p- 1:00p	6-12 yrs. \$20/8 wks.
Kids Kitchen	SHLRC	Mon	2:30p- 3:15p	3- 9 yrs. \$15/6 wks.
Living, Learning, Language Group	SHLRC	Sat	9:00a-12:00n	3- 7 yrs. \$45/7 wks.
Mom's/Dad's Morning/Afternoon Out (Children MUST be Potty Trained)	YC	T/T	9:00a-1:00p	4-5 yrs. \$120/8 wks.
	YC	M/W/F	9:00a-12:00n	3- 5 yrs. \$135/8 wks.
	YC	M/W/F	12:30p- 3:30p	3-5 yrs. \$135/8 wks.
Photography + Materials Fee \$10	YC	Tue	7:00p- 9:00p	14 & Over \$30/5 wks.
Pre-School Playtime	SHLRC	Thu	3:30p- 4:15p	3-5 yrs. FREE/6 wks.
	YC	Tue	4:30p-5:15p	3-5 yrs. FREE/6 wks.
	YC	Thu	4:30p-5:15p	3-5 yrs. FREE/6 wks.
Slimnastics	YC	Tue	7:30p-8:30p	16 & Over \$15/10 wks.
	YC	Thu	7:00p-8:00p	16 & Over \$15/10 wks.
Tai Chi Introductory Session 1/8/94	YC	Sat	9:00a-10:00a	16 & Over FREE
Continuing	YC	Sat	8:00a-9:00a	16 & Over \$10/8 wks.
Continuing	YC	Wed	7:30p- 8:30p	16 & Over \$10/8 wks.
Beginner 1	YC	Wed	6:30p- 7:30p	16 & Over \$10/8 wks.
Beginner 2	YC	Sat	9:00a-10:00a	16 & Over \$10/8 wks.
Tap/Jazz	YC	Fri	6:30p-7:30p	16 & Over \$23/8 wks.
Tap/Tumbling/Ballet	YC	Fri	5:30p-6:30p	4-6 yrs. \$23/8 wks.
Tap/Tumbling/Jazz	YC	Fri	4:30p-5:30p	7 + yrs. \$23/8 wks.
Toddler Gym with Child & Caregiver	I	YC	9:00a- 9:45a	15-30 mos. \$15/8 wks.
	YC	Fri	9:00a- 9:45a	15-30 mos. \$15/8 wks.
	II	YC	10:00a-10:45a	2½ to \$15/8 wks.
	YC	Fri	10:00a-10:45a	3½ yrs. \$15/8 wks.
Water Color Painting	YC	Wed	5:00p- 6:00p	8-12 yrs. \$20/8 wks.

ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION

AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

Registration will be held at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Check this week's NEWS REVIEW 1994 Winter Aquatic Activities ad for class registrations. For additional information, dial 513-0390.

BIO AEROBICS AT THE GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER

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JACKI SORENSON'S AEROBIC DANCING AT THE SHL RECREATION CENTER

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Dancing	T/T	9:30a-10:30a	16 & Over	\$72/12 wks.
	T/T	6:00p- 7:00p	16 & Over	\$72/12 wks.
Step Aerobics	Sat	10:00a-11:00a	16 & Over	\$ 4/class
Workouts	T/T	6:00p- 7:00p	16 & Over	\$ 3.50/
	Sat	9:00a-10:00a	16 & Over	per class

CREATIVE DRAMA - Offered through the Greenbelt Arts Center, Winter/Spring session begins Saturday, January 8th at the Greenbelt Arts Center, Roosevelt Mall, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classes are divided into three age groups; 6-8 years (\$50); 9-12 years (\$55); and teens (\$60). For additional information contact Mrs. Dial Silvers, 474-5729 or the Greenbelt Arts Center, 441-2770.

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Tuition for these courses for Maryland residents 60 years old or older is free. For information call 322-0882 for Senior Citizen Course information only, 322-0875 for Continuing Education courses information only, and 499-6612 for STAR Automated Phone registration.

Girl Scouts Hold Volunteer Drive

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) is launching a volunteer recruitment drive this month. The goal? 3,000 new volunteers.

Volunteers are needed in many areas according to Jan Verhage, executive director for the Girl Scout Council. "We particularly need new troop leaders, but we're also looking for individuals who may wish to participate on a more limited basis, even those who can only give a few days a month, or help with one activity a year.

The current recruitment campaign focuses on getting volunteers to lead troops, to help with discussion groups on pertinent social issues such as drug abuse and peer pressure; recycling projects; science and math explorations; and collections of food, clothing and supplies for homeless people in temporary shelters, among others.

According to Verhage, "Leaders of all ages are vitally important to girls. However, this year, we're emphasizing recruit-

ment of people between the ages of 18 and 35 to underscore the impact that younger people can have on girls, as role models, as mentors, and as leaders. Too many young people think that giving to a cause they believe in can only be done in dollars; we want them to know that time is even more valuable."

To volunteer to help the Girl Scouts or for more information, call 1-202-337-4300 or write: Membership Department, GSC-NC, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

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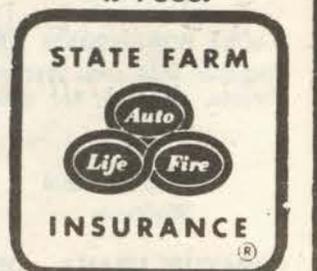
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Volunteers Needed

A volunteer skilled in American Sign Language is greatly needed at the Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville to interpret for a deaf employee.

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Prince Georgian Award Nominations Sought

Prince Georges County Executive Parris Glendening and the Prince Georges County Public Relations Association are calling for nominations for the sixth annual Prince Georgian of the Year Awards.

An individual who has made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in Prince Georges County may be nominated for any one of the following categories: humanities, education, recreation, science and technology, communication, humanitarianism, leadership, business, community service and lifetime achievement.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 21. Nominees must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of Prince Georges County. Nominations

must be submitted on an official nomination form. Nomination forms may be obtained at local libraries, community centers, and county government offices.

Winners will be honored at the Sixth Annual Awards Ceremony luncheon on Thursday, April 28.

For more information about the nomination requirements or to request an official nomination form, please call the Prince Georges County Public Relations Assoc. (301) 925-9592, or write:

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headed for Hardin, Illinois. On the way we saw riverside homes that had been built on very high stilts and now had river barges sitting on their back decks. The road we traveled had been a raging river only a few weeks before, and we passed twisted trees hanging in the overhead wires, and a car dealership that looked like a junk yard full of rusted wrecks, and buildings that had been washed 25 feet from their foundations. It looked like a ghost town, yet the residents weren't giving up the ghost; even as we were arriving, the whole town was cheering on the local high school football team, competing for the State championship.

Our last stop was Grafton, Illinois, where only the shells of homes and businesses remained. A sign was hung in the window of the City Hall announcing the arrival of gifts and clothes from Maryland. As we unloaded the truck, a four-year-old boy ran into me on the sidewalk, and I invited him to come home with me. In a very matter-of-fact manner he informed me he couldn't go because he was going to get some new toys today. His mother, smiling, told him I was the lady bringing his new toys. Suddenly, he looked up at me with all the love a small child has for Santa Claus and threw his arms around my legs in a bear hug. Mayor Gerald Nairn and Alderwoman Evelyn Laux presented us with hats which read, "Survivor—Great Flood of '93." A second very special gift from the Greenbriar community was presented to the Alderwoman who was to take it to the school, the greeting card was addressed to a female school teacher from a school class in Greenbelt.

Flood Victim Adoption
Fears of more flooding in the spring have resulted in the creation of a new project, the adoption of flood victim families. Any individuals, local churches, civic

Senior Health Center Moves Temporarily

A fire at the Cora B. Wood Center in Brentwood, Md., has forced Prince Georges Hospital Center's Senior Health Center to close temporarily. The Senior Health Center physicians, however, will continue to treat patients at Prince Georges Hospital Center's Medical Clinic located on the fourth floor of the Hospital Center in Cheverly, maintaining their normal hours of operation. Patients may continue to call 301-927-4987 to schedule appointments or obtain information.

The Senior Health Center serves residents 55 years and older who do not have a private physician or who need personalized healthcare. The services are also available to people with disabilities and with low or moderate income levels.

Fifty Years Ago New Year's Eve

by James Giese
December 1943 — Hundreds of Greenbelters rang out the old and rang in the new at the gala New Year's Eve Ball held at the auditorium of Greenbelt Center School. Music was provided by Van Camp's Cavaliers. Considered the social event of the season, the ball was sponsored by the Greenbelt Citizens' Association.

At the Library

Tuesday, January 4, 7 p.m.—P.S. Storytime, ages 4-6.
Thursday, January 6, 10:15 a.m.—Drop-In Storytime, ages 3-5.

organizations, or businesses wishing to adopt a family for a minimum of one year can extend the hand of friendship by exchanging letters on a regular basis, learning birthdays and anniversaries of "adopted" family members and perhaps sending a gift from time to time. For additional information, call Nancy Ward at 441-9082.

Services provided by the Senior Health Center include: physical examinations and geriatric assessments pap smears and rectal examinations, EKGs, laboratory and urine tests, diabetic and hypertension screening, flu vaccine and nutritional counseling, as well as many other services.

Cold Reception

by David Morse

Some Greenbelters are probably still unaware that the city's Aquatic Center was open Christmas Day, at noon. Unfortunately, this time around, that included at least one city employee. The one with the key.

About ten people — including three other employees — waited outside in freezing weather for about 25 minutes until a spare key could be procured. The wait apparently tested the mettle of the die-hard exercise aficionados who showed up. Said one, "The heck with swimming—let's get some coffee and donuts."

Corks Can Cause Damage to Eyes

Each year, New Year's Eve parties end in tragedy for hundreds of Americans who receive serious eye injuries from champagne corks.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology warns that a flying champagne cork can become a dangerous projectile. The sudden impact of a popped cork may cause interior damage that can lead to blindness. To prevent eye injuries, never point the champagne cork at anyone's face, including one's own, and be sure to open the bottle properly.

The following is the safest way to open a champagne bottle: Keep the bottle cold for a warm bottle is more likely to pop unexpectedly. Champagne tastes best when served at a temperature of about 45 degrees.

Remove the foil over the cork, then carefully remove the wire hood while holding the cork down with the palm of the hand.

Place a towel over the entire top and tilt the bottle at a 45-degree angle away from oneself and others. Grasp the cork firmly and slowly twist it to break the seal. In the case of a stubborn cork, place the bottle under cool running tap water for about 20 seconds, then repeat the slow twisting.

Keeping the bottle at a 45-degree angle, hold it firmly with one hand and with the other, turn the cork slowly with a slight upward pull until it is nearly out of the neck. Counter the force of the cork by using slight downward pressure just as the cork breaks free of the bottle.

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Plane Crash

Both pilot and passenger are killed in fiery crash of small plane on Lakeside Drive on September 10, despite efforts by eyewitnesses who rush to scene. Some witnesses speculate pilot was contemplating forced landing. Other factors, however, point toward possibility of pilot error. These include preliminary findings of federal investigation that plane was neither mechanically flawed nor low on fuel, as well as description of plane's unusual maneuvers by Greenbelt flight instructor.

Capital Improvements At Roosevelt Center

Roosevelt Center redevelopment continues as deteriorated wings of old pool bathhouse are demolished and replaced to create new fitness center. Attempt to reproduce original design of historic building is only partially successful as it is modified for winter use and air conditioning system. Official opening follows Labor Day parade.

Meanwhile, parking lots on three sides of Center also undergo facelift, paid for by \$350,000 in Community Development funds plus other capital improvement money for total of \$454,000. By phasing reconstruction lot by lot, disruption of parking is minimized. Diseased and stunted trees are removed, islands in west lot reversed in orientation, rear lot moved north to accommodate plantings along wall by postoffice, east lot island nearest Co-op moved off for better access for deliveries. New landscaping is in stalled as each island segment is completed. Work still in progress as year ends.

Council Election

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld retires after 22 years on Greenbelt City Council, guaranteeing election of at least one new councilmember. APB Chair Judith Davis picks up fifth seat, as voters reelect four incumbents and raise Antoinette Bram to mayor's seat — the first woman to hold post since 1951.

GHI Fee Increase

In December, over 250 GHI members turn out at membership meeting called by petition to voice opposition to new budget and 4.2% member fees increase. While motion to hold line on budget is dropped, amended motion not to increase fees is adopted after three hours of talk, although Board of Directors Chair Al Freas declares motion "non-binding." Next day, GHI Board sustains member motion, giving staff list of 33 items to consider for budget cuts. At first, Board wants to make hard decisions before new General Manager Gretchen Overdurff begins work in January, but Overdurff, present at both meetings, asks to be involved in making decisions. In interim, GHI operates on three-month continuing resolution at same budget level as last year.

New Metro Station

After years of waiting, citizens welcome December opening of Metrorail station on Cherrywood Lane. Access to station becomes hot topic, as bicyclists seek safe passage to station and bus riders lament poor service both to station and other areas of county. After several boisterous hearings, Metro improves bus service.

Recycling Corner

Newspapers are collected at the curb for citizens' convenience. First remove the slick inserts (usually in the Sunday paper), then place newspaper in a brown paper bag or tied with string. The newspaper belongs next to the yellow bin. Last year, Greenbelters recycled 539 tons of newspaper at the curb.

Fifty Years Ago Holiday re Mars Family Christmas

by James Giese
The worst fire in town occurred the day before Christmas at the home of David L. Sherrill at 14-W Hillside Road. The blaze caused \$1,200 in estimated damage.

It was believed to have been caused by an electric hot plate left burning atop a wooden chest of drawers in the kitchen, the varnish on the chest adding impetus to the flames. Fortunately, the firemen arrived in time to save all the family Christmas presents and their tree and all its ornaments. The Sherrills, who lost all their upstairs furniture, were relocated to 1-D Plateau Place.

Fire Chief John Belton, along with other volunteers of the 19 member department, of which eight were boys aged 15 to 19, responded to three other alarms outside Greenbelt that day. The Chief suffered two burned hands, a blistered ear, a singed eyeball and a frozen toe. He spent Christmas Day in bed.



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GHI Members

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Wednesday, January 12, 1994
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In the GHI Board Room

Light refreshments will be served.