

News Review

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"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." New lights festoon the Municipal Building in Roosevelt Center. Deer graze quietly near the lighted Christmas tree, Santa and his reindeer prance atop the building, which is guarded by a

snowman. Colorful characters adorn the walls. Lamp posts throughout the center are dressed with green garlands, small white lights and a big red bow.

-photo by Prospero Zevallos

25th Annual Festival of Lights Features New Location, Lights

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson
New lights were lit at the Community Center and a new location was found for the Holiday Craft Show, but otherwise the start of Greenbelt's twenty-fifth annual Festival of Lights was wonderfully familiar from past years.

Tree Lighting

On the evening of December 6, relatively warm weather encouraged Greenbelters to attend the opening ceremonies at the Municipal Building. The air was chilly enough, though, that adults and children alike gratefully accepted the Recreation

Department's offers of hot chocolate and cookies. Winter was on the minds of everyone, as became clear when Mayor Antoinette Bram mentioned that Hank Irving was "the snow removal guy," causing the small crowd to erupt into cheers. While waiting for Santa Claus to arrive, Greenbelters were entertained by music from the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Jean Cook of the Combined Choir tried to encourage audience participation by saying, "If you sing more with us, Santa will come quicker."

"Up to the housetop St. Nicholas flew," sang the choir — but in actual fact, Santa arrived in a horn-screaming fire engine. With the aid of Greenbelt's firemen, Santa made his way to the stage, shaking his hands with children as he went.

It was clear that Greenbelt was being visited by a very modern-minded Santa. "See how lucky Santa is!" St. Nicholas declared as he stood surrounded by the three Misses Greenbelt.

Some traditions, however, could not be dispensed with. "If you've been good all year round, See FESTIVAL page 6

Recycling Costs May Force Once a Week Trash Pickup

by Diane Oberg

After three hours of discussion of refuse and recycling issues, only two areas of consensus were apparent among the members of the Greenbelt City Council: that changes must be made to the city's collection programs, and that determining what those changes should be will not be easy. Council met on December 2 with members of the Recycling Advisory Committee and members of the refuse collection crews to discuss the committee's proposals.

The Problems

There are several current problems with the city's recycling/refuse collection system. One is dissatisfaction with the current recycling contractor. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that the city has told the company that it is not meeting the terms of its contract. While that notification

led to a brief improvement, service has again deteriorated and the company has expressed its desire to be let out of the contract. However, the city has found little interest among other companies in picking up the service, although McLaughlin felt more might be interested either with a longer term contract or if they did not have to collect from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). One company has expressed interest, but would charge roughly twice the current cost per household. McLaughlin felt that the city would continue to have complaints with any private contractor.

Even with the current contract, the refuse/recycling fees are not covering costs. For the current fiscal year, the adopted budget shows refuse collection roughly breaking even (a loss of \$300 is expected), while the re-

cycling budget was projected to lose \$26,400. The comparisons See RECYCLING page 13

What Goes On

Sun., Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Greenbelt East tree lighting, Greenbriar Community Bldg.

Mon., Dec. 16, 7:15 p.m.
Council Worksession on historic landmark celebration, Community Center Senior Classroom,

8 p.m. Council meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Wed., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
PRAB meeting, Community Center

Thurs., Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Tour of fire house, followed by Council Worksession with GVFD&RS

7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Playwright Daniel Young Crafts "The Greenbelt Story"

by Sandra Lange

On first meeting Daniel Ray Young, one immediately notices that he is a youngish man of large proportions with a dark brown beard and medium brown eyes. But, one is struck most by the intensity of his speech. For Dan Young, life is an endless drama played out on a stage that he has been privileged to create.

Dan is both the writer and the director for "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story," scheduled to open at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on January 10. The play celebrates Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary.

What does that title mean? Dan explains that, in his research, he discovered that the very first label used by the Resettlement Administration in the 1930s to describe what later became "Greenbelt" was "Maryland Special Project #1." After play-

ing around with such titles as "How Green Is My City," (Dan barely smiles at this), he felt that "Maryland Special Project #1" created more interest. "The Greenbelt Story" was added to provide a more definite explanation of what the play is about.

Over a year ago, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) received a grant from the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation to produce a play in celebration of the city's 60th anniversary. Dan Young was one of three playwrights who was asked by FOGM to submit a sample script. His script was chosen by members of FOGM, GAC and others.

Dan has spent nearly a year in research for and writing of the script. Most of his research was done in the Rexford Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library. See GREENBELT STORY page 11

Plans for 60th Anniversary Celebration Fall into Place

by Emory Harman

The 60th Anniversary Planning Committee has finished its third session as the members set up a gala three-day 60th Anniversary schedule for October 17 through October 19, 1997.

First of all, the Dinner-Dance Committee, headed by pioneer Donny Wolfe, have all but finalized plans for this affair, set for Sunday afternoon, October 19 (2 p.m.) at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt East. Wolfe has nailed down the plans, with both parties signing a contract. Plans are also underway to sign a contract with the popular senior citizen Goldenaires — a twenty-piece band.

Pioneer Ted Fox, liaison with the first settlers, will soon be sending out invitations to this special group, urging them to attend the many homecoming events, like visiting the house where they once lived or visiting friends in the "Blocks" where they resided. Arrangements will be made with GHI to set up these reunions. Recently plaques were placed on dwellings continuously occupied by the original families.

Many other committees have been formed, with the following people serving as chairs: Program Calendar (Betty Lehman), Guests (Ted Fox), Arts (Nancy See 60th ANNIVERSARY page 2

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 envelopes. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very much. 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 our carriers names and addresses, 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, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887, for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

Don't Just Sit There

I thank Mayor Bram and the City Council for giving me the opportunity to speak at the last Council meeting, and appreciate their postponing a vote about the fate of the Northway speed humps until the December 16 council meeting.

The trial period is now over. Speed/traffic studies reported on Oct. 8, 1996 by the city planner show that (since the addition of speed humps) traffic on the Woodland Hills part of Northway has "decreased by 230 vehicles per day." These 230 trips have been deflected onto other neighborhood streets and average speeds on these adjoining streets have also increased.

If you live on an adjacent street which has experienced an increase in traffic and vehicle speed, or if you no longer use Northway because of the speed humps, our mayor and city council need to know.

If you sit back and do nothing, the speed humps will stay. But, if you come to the Council meeting on Dec. 16, 8 p.m., your presence will let our mayor and council know that these speed humps have got to go.

Sue Krofchik

Thanks!

I thank the voters of the Fifth District for their support and faith in returning me to Congress. This was an important election that provided a clear choice. I believe the voters chose a path of fiscal responsibility, common-sense government, sound values, proven leadership, and an effective voice on Capitol Hill. I am proud to represent this District, and will do my very best to continue to serve your needs to the utmost of my ability.

I would also like to thank the Greenbelt News Review for its efforts to keep the citizens of Greenbelt and Prince George's County informed and educated during the important election process. We are truly fortunate to have such a valuable resource on which to rely.

I pledge to continue to work hard to promote economic growth and create jobs in Maryland, to protect our environment and enhance the health of the Chesapeake Bay, to expand and enhance educational opportunities for our children, and to fight crime to make our communities and streets safer and more secure. As we move forward together, I will rely on the wisdom of the people of the Fifth District to guide me in the 105th Congress and beyond.

Steny Hoyer

Correction

After referring twice to Fiddlestyx's music as bluegrass, we're getting it right this time. This band will play some fine old-time music on New Year's Eve at the Community Center. We regret the error.

Oops! Looking for Us?

If you tried to respond to our ad of last week to volunteer to help this paper, and found the basement of 15 Parkway inaccessible and dark, please try again. Only this time come on Tuesday evening to our new offices at the Greenbelt Community Center - the first door on the left, if you enter the Center from the east (Municipal Building) side.

We need volunteers to do a wide variety of jobs including editing and proofing. Maybe if you had volunteered earlier, you would have caught our mis-directions in last week's ad.

News Review Holiday Schedule

Because Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on Tuesday and Wednesday this year, the newspaper office will be open on Sunday, December 22 from 8 to 10 p.m. for editing and advertising. The office will not be open Tuesday and Wednesday.

The same schedule will hold for the following week of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Again, the newspaper office will be open Sunday, Dec. 29 from 8 to 10 p.m. for copy and advertising. Copy and advertising for any of the remaining weeks of December may also be brought to the office during our normal hours next week: Monday, Dec. 16 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 8 to 10 p.m.

B.L. Brant

Letters to the Editor

Just Say "No" To Speed Humps

In December of 1994, the City Council yielded to the request of the Woodland Hills Community Association and voted to direct city staff to install three speed humps on Northway between Hillside Road and Woodland Way and to install additional stop signs on Northway. Council directed city staff to spend city tax money to install speed humps and additional stop signs on Northway on a trial basis. At its August 9, 1994 worksession, Council agreed that these measures should be tried for a one year period and reexamined in September, 1995. This reexamination will be on the agenda at Council's Monday, December 16 meeting at 8 p.m.

Reviewing the written information in the city's records as they relate to the decision to install speed humps and stop signs on Northway is distressing. City staff unanimously agreed that the speed humps were not necessary and advised the Council not to install them. These City professionals included: the Chief of Police, the Chief of the Fire Department, the Director of Public Works, the Director of the Planning Department, and the City Manager.

Interestingly, in the same reports advising Council against installation of speed humps, the staff of the police department, the planning department, and the city manager recommended to council that sidewalks be installed on Northway. Residents of the Woodland Hills community did not want sidewalks on Northway. Furthermore, the planning department staff advised Council that if they did vote to install speed humps on Northway, Council should install nine speed humps. The Woodland Hills community was not in favor of nine speed humps.

Northway residents daily park next to the stop sign island on Northway. It is illegal to park within 30 feet of a stop sign. Has the City's parking enforcement officer ever ticketed these illegally parked cars?

Council's decision to install speed humps and stop signs on Northway disregarded the recommendations of city staff whose experience, education, training and expertise qualifies them to advise and assist Council by providing Council with objective and accurate information on areas and subjects for which council members may not have personal expertise.

The Woodland Hills Community Association represents a minority of city residents affected by the Northway speed humps and stop signs. Council will reexamine the changes it made on Northway at the 8 p.m. council meeting on Monday, December 16. If you want Council to know what you think about the speed humps and stop signs on Northway and what impact Council's decision has had on your neighborhood, I urge you to attend the council meeting on Monday night.

Thanks

Thank you for the phone calls, prayers and cards.

I needed them when I was down and out.

Thanks to you and to my "Honey Ellie"

For moral support I couldn't do without.

Friends and friendly wishes are so important

To someone who's suffering with pain.

I know it was your caring and compassion

That put me back on my two feet again.

Uncle Joe Rimar

Where's My Hammock?

I moved to Greenbelt 5-1/2 months ago. I have enjoyed my new home, the neighbors in my court, and the few people I have met throughout the Greenbelt community. However, the weekend of November 9 (when my daughter got married), my hammock was stolen from my yard. The very first thing I did when I moved in was to hang it. I have a history of rotten nerves (am on medication), and the main reason I purchased this particular house was because it was already set up for a hammock.

It was well worth \$200 but worth more because of the relaxation and peace of mind it gave me. I used it daily up until the few weeks before my daughter's wedding. After all preparations were made, she was married, and she and her new husband were off on their honeymoon and I really needed to unwind. However, my hammock was gone. I survived, but really missed it. I feel to steal something like this is about as low as anyone can get.

I want my hammock returned. If anyone has any information that might be helpful, please write to me.

Nancy V. McGaha
2 G Research Road



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Community Events

Toy Drive Begins December 16

Jeepers!, in cooperation with the Institute for Family Centered Services, will hold a promotional toy drive from Monday, December 16 to Friday, December 20. Customers bringing a new, packaged toy to Jeepers! at 700 Hungerford Drive in Rockville or 6000 Greenbelt Road (in the Beltway Plaza Mall) in Greenbelt will be given a free unlimited wristband.

The Institute for Family Centered Services contracts with over 150 public agencies in a four state area. The non-profit group provides in-home treatment to high-risk families, those who have not responded to traditional services and individuals making the transition back to the community after institutionalized care. They also offer adolescent and family counseling, adoptive and foster family support, substance abuse counseling and independent living programs.

Jeepers! Inc., a pioneer and leader in the children's entertainment industry, was founded in 1988. The company owns and operates two Jeepers! in Maryland, one in Greenbelt, and one in Rockville.

GHI Notes

The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board room.

GHI offices will close at noon on Friday, December 20 for the GHI Annual Holiday Party. For emergency maintenance that day call 301-474-6011.

Members are reminded to bag leaves and place them in their service side yard, then call 301-474-8004 for pick-up service.

Windsor Green Notes

The Windsor Green Recreation Committee has scheduled Windsor Green's Annual Children's Holiday Party with Santa for Saturday, December 14, from 11 a.m. to noon. The party will be held at the Windsor Green Community Center. Children can bring their wish list to give to Santa! Snacks and refreshments will be provided and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

The Mobile Watch Committee will hold its December meeting on Monday, December 16, 7 p.m., at the Windsor Green Community Center.

The December Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend.

Residents wishing to participate in Windsor Green's Toy Drive For Needy Children should bring their donation to the Community Center no later than Friday, December 20.

Free Movie

The movie to be shown on Thursday, December 19 at 1 p.m. in the Community Center/Meeting Room is "To Dance with the White Dog." It features Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn. Come join the group.

Santa Visits Safeway This Saturday

Santa will be delivered to the Greenbelt Safeway store by fire truck this Saturday at 9:30 a.m., where he will spend the day greeting youngsters in his 'Santa House' inside the store until 4 p.m. Children can sit on Santa's lap and have their pictures taken. Each child will receive a small gift of cookies and candies from Santa. There will be Cub Scout and Girl Scout 'Elves' on the scene helping, to add to the holiday spirit.

There will also be gifts and prizes awarded in hourly drawings throughout Santa's visit. These non-food prizes, supplied by such Safeway vendors as Coca-Cola, Hostess, Keebler, Nabisco, and M&M Mars, will include t-shirts, hats, Coke Santa bears, and tree ornaments.

Safeway staffers built the 'Santa House' and its big Santa chair of brightly colored cola cartons near the customer service counter at the front of the store early in the week. All is in readiness for Santa's arrival Saturday morning and his expected horde of little visitors bearing wish lists through the day.

Greenbelt East Tree Lighting December 15

Residents, family and friends are invited to the Greenbelt East Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Bldg. Choir members from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will perform festive songs of the season. Refreshments will be served in the Terrace Room following the ceremony. For more information, please call Barbara Parham (301) 441-1096.

New Library Exhibit

A new exhibit in the Gallery of the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, will be on display through January 3. An opening reception will be held this Saturday, December 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. Regular Gallery hours are Monday to Wednesday, 2 - 5 and 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Thursday to Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m.

The new exhibit of the Gallery, "The Mysterious Life of Objects," is an exhibit by Hyattsville artist Suzanne Koch. Her acrylic still lifes, rich in color and patterned surfaces, focus on everyday objects like her mother's quilts and her daughter's toys.

Concert Band Gives Christmas Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band, Tom Cherrix, conductor, will present a traditional holiday band concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The December 15 program will include such favorites as: "Prelude" from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1 by Bizet, "Overture To a Winter Festival" by James Curnow, "Chanukah Is Here" by Calvin Custer, "A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite," "White Christmas," by Berlin, "The Christmas Song" by Torme', "Here Comes Santa Claus," by Autry and "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer," by Marks.

The Greenbelt Concert Band has openings in most sections for accomplished, adult musicians. Applicants should have at least five years of experience playing in an adult musical ensemble. For information call 301-552-1444 or 301-384-5674.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

At the December 11 meeting of the Golden Age Club, members got into the spirit of the holiday season with a sing-along. Thanks to Adelaide Hinson for accompanying on the piano.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, will be the birthday celebration for the month of December as well as the club's holiday party. Finger foods will be welcomed.

There will be a long holiday recess this year since both Christmas and New Years Day fall on Wednesday, our meeting day. Those meetings will be cancelled. Officers for 1997 have been elected and their installation will be held at the January 8 meeting. Weather permitting, come out and support the new people.

A reminder to all members: be sure to wear your name tags to the meetings as there may be a small fine. Name tags are very important when Golden Agers are socializing.

If other members are like this reporter, they're finding there's lots to do before the big holidays. Don't overdo and stay well in order to take part in the many events planned for Greenbelters.

See you around.

Christmas Concert By Combined Choir

"Do you hear what I hear?" The Greenbelt Community Church will ring with Christmas music when the Greenbelt Combined Choir presents its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is part of the Festival of Lights.

Under the direction of Jean Cook, the choir will sing some traditional Christmas music, such as "O Holy Night" and the French carol, "Jeanette Isabella," as well as a modern arrangement, "Many Moods of Christmas."

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted at the close of the concert. Refreshments will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.

A Snowfall Of Fashion

To see the designs of Elma Scott, go to Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, on Sunday, December 15, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Maryland State Double Dutch League, in cooperation with the Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League presents, besides fashion, a full buffet, entertainment, door prizes, and vendors. Please, no jeans, tennis shoes, or boots. For information about tickets, etc., call 301-324-6988 or 301-459-7509.

Post Office - Greenbelt Extended Holiday Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Now until Christmas, including Dec. 23 and 24

Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dec. 14 and 21

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dec. 15 and 22

Donation Drop-Off

The December Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, December 14, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations are tax deductible.

The Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month. To arrange for a pickup of larger items, including furniture, mattresses, and automobiles, call the American Rescue Workers directly at 301-336-6200. For more information, call Jennifer Foley, City Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

Winter Hikes

Greenbelt Park will conduct Winter Woodland Hikes December 14, 21 and 28. Discover the sights, sounds and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE 474-9744

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 All Seats \$5.00

Sleepers (R)

Fri: & Sat:

(5:00 all seats \$3.00)

7:45

Sun: (5:00 all seats \$3.00)

7:45

Mon: All seats \$3.00

7:30

Tues-Thurs:

7:30

Festival of Lights

Greenbelt Recreation Department (301)397-2200

SANTA'S VISIT

Saturday, December 14, 10:00am-12:00noon

Greenbelt Community Center

Ages: pre-school and up. FREE.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

PRE-SCHOOL LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 14, 12:00noon - 2:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Ages: 3 - 5 (must be potty trained). \$5.00/child.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation department

HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH THE GREENBELT CONCERT BAND

Sunday, December 15, 3:30pm

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. FREE.

Hosted by: Greenbelt Concert Band and Greenbelt Recreation Department

HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, December 15, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

All ages welcome. FREE-bring a dish to share.

Janet Parker 474-6668 or Esther Webb 474-6890.

Hosted by: Gray Panthers and Greenbelt Recreation Department

GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 15, 7:00pm

Greenbriar Community Building

All ages welcome.

Hosted by: Greenbriar Condominium Association

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND COMBINED CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 15, 5:30pm-7:00, 7:30pm

Greenbelt Community Church

All ages welcome. \$5.00/adult. \$3.00/ages 6-12

Hosted by: Greenbelt Community Church



- Coffees, herbal teas & hot cider
- Home-made muffins and pies
- Vegetarian burgers, tortellini and soup

Music - 8:30-10:30pm
No Cover

Fri, Dec. 13th: 2nd Story - World Beat Blues returns
Sat. Dec. 14th: Annette Gallant - Contemporary Folk

Fri, Dec. 20th: Jane Doe - High-energy alternative trio with attitude.

Sat. Dec. 21st: Greenbelt Writers Group
Goddard Storytellers
Holiday tale-telling for everyone!

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-11PM. Greenbelt Community Center 474-5642

OBITUARIES

Martha Brashears

Former Greenbelter Martha Jane Hoffman Brashears, 53, died of an aneurism on December 5 at her home in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

A former resident of the 4 Court of Ridge Rd. and Northway, Marty Hoffman was a member of the Girl Scouts in Greenbelt. She was a member of the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and the Methodist Youth Group. She and some of her family returned to Greenbelt last year for the church's 50th anniversary celebration.

A 1964 graduate of Peninsula General Hospital School of Nursing in Salisbury, Maryland, she was a head nurse at Prince George's Hospital.

In Tennessee she worked for the last 15 years as a charge nurse on first Central night shift at St. Mary's Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her father J. Richard Hoffman who died last March.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Jefferson City; son Michael Patterson and his wife Shawn and grandchild Alex, Knoxville - Jefferson City; sisters Nancy K. Hendrix and Mary Ellen Watson, Jefferson City; Cathy Cutchins, Amherst, Mass; and brother, Thomas Hoffman, Laurel.

In addition she is survived by ten nieces and nephews, a large extended family, many devoted friends and her beloved dogs, Emma, Rat and Chester.

Services were held in Jefferson City.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Jefferson City or a charity of one's choice.

Soloists Showcased At ERHS Concert

The annual Concerto Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School features the Chamber Orchestra playing the accompaniments to several movements from famous concertos. The soloists are outstanding young musicians from the school's department who are selected by audition. This year's concerto soloists are Kyle Freeny (trumpet), Kate Golden (cello), Elizabeth Hofstad (piano), Rosanna Louie (violin), Stephen Lynerd (marimba), Stephanie Matthews (violin), and Kelly Winkel (flute).

Greenbelt students who are members of the Chamber Orchestra are: Stacey Cha, Jan Fitzpatrick, Jill Fitzpatrick, Tara Schwab, and Meadow Wirick.

The concert will be held in the ERHS auditorium on Wednesday, December 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and the public is cordially invited.

Festival of Lights Activities Continue

Greenbelt's Festival of Lights holiday activities will continue this week end and next week with programs and fun for people of all ages.

It's not too late to see Greenbelt Arts Center's presentation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." It runs through Saturday, December 14. Reservations for this comedy are strongly recommended. Call 441-8770.

Santa will visit Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. - noon. Children from pre-school on up are invited to this free event which is hosted by the Recreation Department. All children will receive a picture with Santa. Parents can bring a blank VHS tape and have the visit recorded on video.

From noon to 2 p.m. Satur-

day pre-schoolers ages 3-5 (must be potty trained) can have lunch with Santa for a fee. Reservations must be made in advance for the lunch and craftmaking.

There is something for everyone on Sunday December 15. The Greenbelt Concert Band will present a free concert at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

That evening there will be two dinners. From 5-7 p.m. a free pot luck dinner for people of all ages will be held at the Community Center hosted by the Gray Panthers and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Participants should bring a dish to share.

From 5:30 - 7 an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be held at Community Church. There is a fee.

The annual Greenbelt East Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building at 7 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend. Entertainment will be provided by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chorus. A reception will follow hosted by the Greenbriar Condominium Association.

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual holiday concert at Community Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

In the mood for singing? Join with other Greenbelters to sing holiday music as they go caroling throughout the city. Meet at the Roosevelt Center by the mother and child statue on Friday night, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate in this free event. Refreshments will be served.



Jacolyn Brodsky, age 10, places finishing touches on her clay Chanukah Menorah at Mishkan Torah Hebrew School. -photo by Steve Shevitz



Menorah commemorating the eight days of Chanukah, this year celebrated from sundown on December 5 through sundown December 12. - photo by Mary Moien

Storytelling, Reading At New Deal Cafe

The New Deal Cafe in the Greenbelt Community Center will host a special holiday entertainment event on Saturday, December 21. From 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., the Goddard Storytellers will tell stories and members of the Greenbelt Writers Group will read from their own works and the works of favorite authors. All are welcome to come share the holiday cheer.

Baha'i Faith

"The Great Being saith: Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom." -Baha'i Sacred Writings

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Municipal Building Sundays 10 A.M.

Hadassah Group To Hear Poetry

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Niki Kohn.

The program for the meeting will be "An Evening of Poetry Readings" by Rhea Cohen.

For more information and directions and to RSVP, please call 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.

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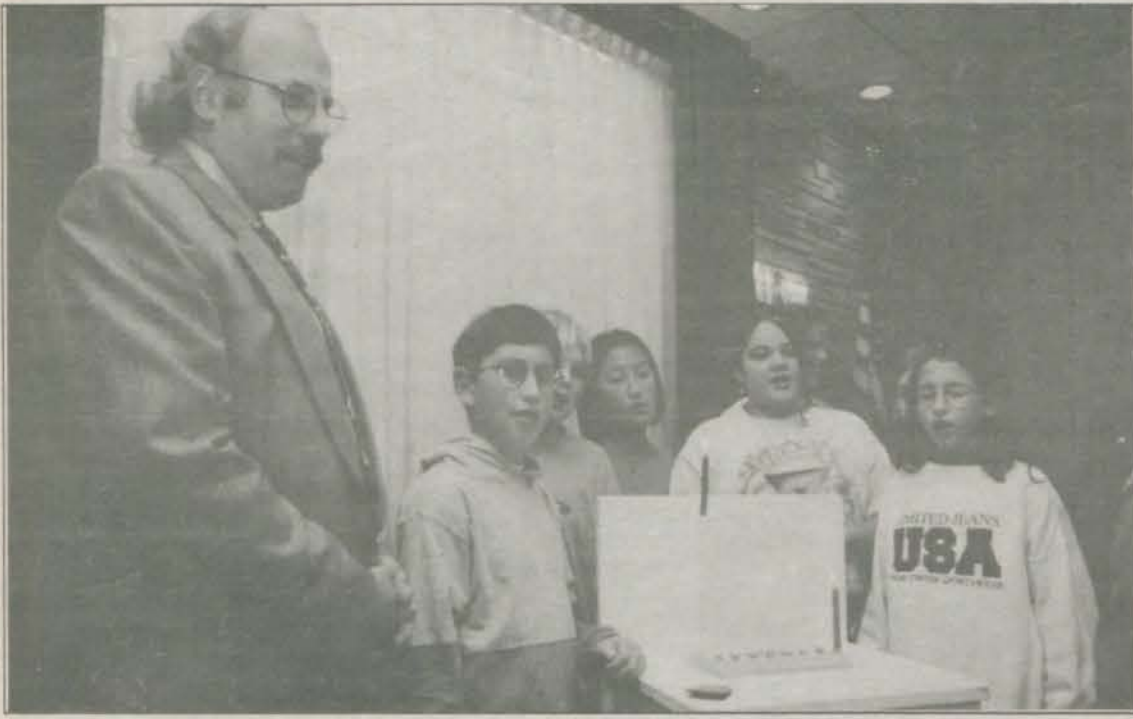
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Rabbi Saul Grife, Mark Blackman, Joshua Roth, Charlene Gehring, Robin Brooks and Janice Weinstein sing Chanukah songs after lighting the Chanukah candle during their Bar and Bat Mitzvah class. -photo by Steve Shevitz

GHI \$6.96 Million Budget Passes

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Homes Inc. 1997 budget had its final reading and passage at the December 5 meeting of the GHI Board of Directors. The final budget approved was for \$6.96 million, up from \$6.8 million in 1996. Increases to the budget were focused in the areas of real estate taxes, trash collection and maintenance. Interest payments and administrative expenses decreased from 1996. Increases in member charges, to be found on the January 1997 payment schedule, averaged 3.5 percent. The increases range from 3.2% for frame homes to 3.9% for masonry homes and 4.1% for the larger homes.

One expense area that has shown substantial increase over recent years is the real estate tax. The GHI budget indicated that real estate taxes have risen approximately 50% between 1990 and 1997, from about \$1.15 million in 1990 to the estimated \$1.67 for 1997.

Speed Bumps

GHI member Sue Krofchik, Northway, appeared before the board to request that the board post a petition requesting the city to remove the speed bumps on Northway. The question of retaining or removing the speed bumps on Northway will be an agenda item at the December 16 City Council meeting. The board agreed to post the petition in the GHI lobby area.

Young Cooperators Program

The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC) has instituted a program to help educate young people about the benefits and responsibilities of cooperative living. Members have recently addressed the GHI board on the issue of increasing the involvement of young people in the GHI community. The board authorized a contribution of \$150 to support the NAHC Young Cooperators Program. The board had budgeted \$1,500 for contributions in 1996 and \$50 remains after this contribution.

Rental Garages

A member on Eastway had requested an exception to GHI's newly-approved Rental Garage Policy. Based on the policy, the member will not be allowed to continue renting one of two rental garages he now uses. The decision was made by management based on the new policy, but the member approached the board for an exemption. The board took no additional action on this issue, letting the manager's decision stand. (Article compiled from information provided by GHI.)



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by Tom Stoppard
December 16th and 17th at 7:30 pm
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REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 16, 1996 - 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Consent Agenda—Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks [] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*
 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Presentations
 7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
 - *8. Minutes of Meetings
 9. Administrative Reports
 - *10. Committee Reports
- III. LEGISLATION
 11. A Resolution to Designate City Officials Authorized to Sign Checks, Vouchers, Purchase Orders, and Payroll Checks for the City of Greenbelt and to Repeal Resolution 761
-2nd Reading & Final Passage
 12. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation," by Adding a New Article V, Entitled "Arts Advisory Board" for the Purpose of Establishing an Arts Advisory Board.
-1st Reading
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 13. Speed Humps on Northway
 14. Request for Additional Payment for Community Center Architect
 15. Approval of Job Descriptions
 - *16. Approval of Extension for Cable Franchise Transfer Review Period
 - *17. Dance License Renewal - Greenbelt Marriott
 - *18. Appointment to Recycling Advisory Committee
- V. MEETINGS

**City of Greenbelt
Board of Appeals**

Monday,
December 16, 1996
7:30 p.m.

Planning and Community
Development
Conference Room
Community Center

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Review of Activities
5. Review of Case Files

¡Prospero Año Nuevo!

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt
Democratic Club

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

Terrace Room
Greenbriar Community Building

Annual Holiday Social
Installation of Officers
with State Senator Leo Green

Members: bring dessert to share and
contributions for the Family Crisis Center
Public invited; call 474-1052 for info.

新年快乐!

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING LIBRARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran



The Holiday Craft Show and Sale found a new home in the Community Center this year.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

FESTIVAL

(Continued from page 1)

put your hands up," Santa commanded. Children's hands promptly shot into the air. "That's not the way I hear it!" Santa chuckled.

Santa was kind, though, and distributed candy canes to all the children present. Even adults were allowed to receive gifts. "Have you been a good person all year?" Santa asked Bram.

"Yes, Santa," the mayor replied in an obedient voice.

"What would you like for Christmas?"

Bram hesitated only a moment before saying, "A fire engine."

"You can have that one right over there," Santa generously declared.

New Lights

Before the celebration was over, the holiday lights were lit—not only the usual holiday tree lights, but also lights belonging to deer grazing under the tree and to various decorations on the Municipal Building. Up on the roof was a light display of Santa Claus and his reindeer-drawn

sleigh—a reminder of how Christmas was celebrated back in the days before fire engines.

Holiday Craft Show

On December 7, the booths of craftspeople spilled out of the Community Center gymnasium and into the hallways. Crafts were also in the process of being made down at the Children's Art Room. Visiting children could construct Santas out of plastic spoons, paint trees with the aid of rolling marbles, and trace the outlines of their hands to create antlers for reindeer. One group of children, though, knew which was the important part of the room. "Okay, let's head for the cookie table," said a girl, and led the rush for the table where children could frost and sprinkle cookies.

Out in the hallway, the Girl Scouts were running a booth which sold such items as friendship tea. One customer joked that the Girl Scouts were being educated through their work. "They're being taught a valuable trade—how to run coffee shops."

At the other end of the hall-

way stood Santa's Mailbox. Parents could drop into it forms requesting a phone call from Santa Claus to their children. The forms even had a space where parents could ask for "good behavior reinforcement"—reminders from Santa that the child should "Go to bed on time," "Listen to mom and dad," or "Straighten your room."

Nearby, the new Greenbelt Game was being sold—"cheaper than Monopoly," the Greenbelt Lions representative explained. Throughout the rest of the building, though, the theme was Christmas. Visitors could buy a sleigh in stained glass, corn husk angels, a candy cane brooch, birthstone angels, snowmen made of buttons, angel earrings, and a pillow decorated with a Santa by Norman Rockwell.

Clay Cows

More unusual offerings entertained alert visitors. Greenbelters could buy a refrigerator magnet featuring the Elvis stamp, a dragonfly in stained glass, lizard earrings, a statue of an African-American Jesus, a wooden kaleidoscope, a clay figure of Eeyore, an oil burner in the shape of a wizard's hat, dragon incense burners, clay cows (complete with clay grass and clay cowpats), an old-fashioned wooden bluebird house, wooden hippo and alligator puzzles, a ring with a happy face, marionette clowns, a Kwanzaa candle stand, a necklace strung with tiny figures of tacos and green peppers, a "Gone with the Wind" switch plate, a Terps bookmark, a quilt that folded into a pillow, and a welcome sign featuring a vulture.

Craftspeople were eager to talk about their work to anyone willing to listen. One craftsperson explained that some brightly decorated objects were zipper pulls: "decorative and functional." Another explained that she had used Windex to

spray down part of a decoration. Yet another went to great lengths to demonstrate how his wooden paddle boats worked: he brought to the Community Center a large basin and filled it with water.

Nearly hidden amongst all the decorations was a little needlework sampler which proclaimed "Greenbelt is Great." It was a sentiment with which many visitors to the craft show would have agreed.

Help Needed For Teen Shelter

The Boys and Girls Home of Maryland located in Silver Spring operates an emergency shelter for runaway and homeless teenagers, as well as long term group homes for boys and girls, and a specialized group home. For the holiday season, trees, children's gifts and help with the Christmas party are needed. Call Ellen Croteau at 301-587-9750.

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2BR BLOCK home says "move right in". Freshly painted interior and brand new wall to wall carpeting. Huge 11x17 MBR. Updated full bath has appealing wallpaper. Bright kitchen has stacking W/D. FREE GARAGE! \$742 monthly \$59,900 plus \$3,000 in closing help!

LOWER LEVEL END! 1BR with huge corner yard! Modern interior with fresh paint & neutral carpet. Open kitchen with big breakfast bar. Separate laundry room. \$436 monthly \$26,900

3BR BLOCK END UNIT! Highly desirable large corner lot. Low maintenance vinyl siding. Great location is within walking distance to the center. Updated kitchen & bath. Tastefully decorated. Separate dining room. \$821 monthly \$59,900

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FREE GARAGE 3BR BLOCK home. Huge eat-in kitchen is loaded w/cabinets & counters, has a big fridge & washer & dryer. Large living room with W/W carpet. Fenced backyard, covered porch & pretty view. Located near the library. \$716 monthly \$1,000 Closing Help! \$53,900

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Leonard & Holley Wallace



Sargeant Oscar Webb and specialist Michael Israel are cooking pancakes for the Lion's Club pancake breakfast at St. Hugh's.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos



City Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Bookland Manager Henry Gershman, Buy-A-Book Program Coordinator Clement Lau, and ACE member Derek Thompson and Marti Galvin (left to right) look over some of the books available in the Buy-A-Book Program.

- photo by Leta Mach

ACE Inaugurates School Buy-A-Book Program

by Jenny Waller

This holiday season, instead of rotting your children's teeth with candy canes, why not nourish their minds with more books?

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has brought the Buy-A-Book Program to the community. This is an easy, accessible process that supplements our schools' libraries with more books for the benefit of Greenbelt students.

The inauguration of the Buy-A-Book Program was held on Saturday, December 7, at Bookland in Beltway Plaza.

Parents, relatives, friends and residents are encouraged to visit Bookland in Beltway Plaza or Crown Books in Greenway Center and donate a book to a Greenbelt school library. Schools have listed the books needed for the growth of their libraries at both locations, making the purchase an effortless process. The books then can be left at the store counter for ACE members to distribute or the donator can personally deliver the book to the school library. Donors will be given book plates which can be used to honor or remember someone.

The inauguration began with an explanation of the program by ACE members. City councilmember Rodney Roberts, on behalf of the council, supported ACE's dedicated efforts. "I think we

should change [the Advisory Committee on Education's] name to the Action Committee on Education," said Roberts.

At the end of the ceremony each ACE member, along with Bookland manager Henry Gershman, donated at least one book to the schools.

With the program's access to the public in the stores, ACE decided to promote the program around the holiday season in hopes of stimulating shoppers' gift ideas. "Why not just pick a book to give to the teacher to give to the library when thinking about a holiday gift," said Leta Mach, the chairperson of ACE.

ACE members said that they feel that the convenience of the program will also help make the program successful. This program is based on individuals' involvement. People don't have to rely on the local government or the board of education in order to help the schools, explained Roberts and ACE members.

What is the public's response?

"People who asked about it seemed very interested and from the questions they were asking I could tell they thought it was a good idea," said Mach.

Marsha Barrett, a member of the Greenbelt Writers Group, expressed her enthusiasm toward the new program. "[The Greenbelt Writers Group] would love to sponsor

a book. It'd be great," she said. "I'm a strong advocate for literacy. If the program is communicated [to the public] that it's easy to participate, I think it will be successful."

Donations Help Students

Clement Lau, the Buy-A-Book Program coordinator of ACE named several reasons why it was important to donate to the school libraries. Besides replacing the books that are not in satisfactory condition, donating extra copies of books to the libraries allows students better access to the books of their choice. When new books are donated, the students will prosper from different material.

"Improvement of the libraries increases the grades and education of the students," said Lau.

ACE plans to continue the Buy-A-Book Program through the holiday season and afterward for as long as possible. Around January the members plan on evaluating the success of the program. The book lists from each school will be updated periodically as donations are made.

Donations can serve as great gifts after the holidays as well, said ACE members. Instead of distributing sweets to students for birthday celebrations, books are a good substitute, Mach said.

ACE members thanked the program's supporters, Bookland and Crown Books. They stressed the generous cooperation Gershman has put forth in order for the program to flourish.



City Councilmember Rodney Roberts displays the two books he bought for Greenbelt schools in the Buy-A-Book Program.

- photo by Leta Mach



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December 1996

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with pride and love that we announce the retirement of Dr. Clayton McClarl, Sr. from our family dental practice. He and his wife Jane will miss all the relationships that have been built over 40 years of practice, but are ready to begin a new phase of life together.

It is difficult to measure a man's professional life just in terms of years of service and accolades, but we feel it would be appropriate to mention a few. Spanning the years from being a Greenbelt youth who met Eleanor Roosevelt, to devoted grandfather, he has been dedicated to various forms of public service.

Clayton Sr. graduated from the University of Maryland in 1952 and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1956. He then joined his brother and father in dental practice in Greenbelt. Beginning in 1980, he welcomed his daughter Sally, his sons Clayton Jr., and Jay, and his nephew David into the dental practice.

His forty years of dentistry have been marked by a commitment to service. He has been the President of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, the Maryland State Dental Association, and various other professional groups and organizations. His career accomplishments have been recognized by his peers. He was the recipient of the lifetime achievement award by the Southern Maryland Dental Society and was elected to the American College of Dentists and to the International College of Dentists.

Perhaps more telling are the many volunteer positions he has held through the years: organizing the Fathers' Show at the elementary school fair; singing in a Barber shop Quartet at the Junior High Parents' Follies; having homecoming floats built in his garage; camping out over night with the kids for the school "Pig Roast;" etc, etc, etc.

You could always tell when "Sr." was in the building by the laughter from him and his patients at the end of his hallway. How many people can say they enjoyed coming to work for forty years? He can.

The laughter will continue as Jane and Clayton are off together to fun destinations. When at home, they'll be busy with their many projects, activities and nine grandchildren.

The "younger generation" looks forward to providing Clayton Sr.'s personal patients with the same care and attention he did. Without you the patients, none of this is possible. We wanted to share with you our fond memories as we thank a wonderful person for an outstanding professional career.

Sincerely,
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Tuesday and Thursday, December 17 & 19

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- 5:30 pm Replay of City Council Meeting 12/16/96
- 7:00 pm "Greenbelt Concert Band Holiday Concert"
- 8:30 pm "Combined Choir Holiday Program"

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Officers were called to the Greenbelt Safeway at the Greenway Shopping Center on Wednesday, November 27 at 4:50 p.m. to handle a report of juveniles fighting inside the store. Upon arriving at the scene, the officers were advised that one of the parties involved in the fighting, along with some associates, had been ejected from the store, and appeared to be waiting outside in front of the store for the other participants. When an officer told the group to leave the area, one youth began yelling profanities and allegedly threatened the officer. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with assault and disorderly conduct. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

The following day, Thanksgiving, police again responded to the Safeway Store on a report of a disorderly person. The suspect was located and told to leave the property or he would be arrested. The suspect left the store.

A short time later, Greenway Liquors in the Greenway Shopping Center reported a disorderly person. The responding police officers identified the man, who was now in the parking lot in front of the store, as the same man who had been asked to leave the Safeway Store. When the man expressed a desire to return to the grocery store, he was told he would have to make other arrangements. The man then became disorderly, according to police, yelling profanities and attracting the attention of other shoppers.

Earl Washington Parkin, 31, of 7107 Lake Drive in

5. The youths were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

A black 1991 Oldsmobile Delta 88 with Maryland tags MLIII was reported stolen from the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road on Monday night, December 2.

Burglaries

Burglaries were reported at the following locations during the ten day period:

5 Court of Laurel Hill Road on November 29 where a camcorder was taken. Method of entry is unknown.

The 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on December 1 where a VCR, electronic keyboard, video gameplayer and two televisions were taken. Method of entry is unknown.

The 7600 block of Mandan Road, also on December 1, where a television, VCR and wrapped presents were taken. Again, the method of entry is unknown.

The 6400 block of Ivy Lane on December 3 where a laptop computer was taken from an office.

The 6400 block of Golden Triangle Drive on December 5 where an electronic pager was taken from an office complex.

Thefts

Thefts were reported at the following locations:

The Ritz Camera Center at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center on November 27 where cash was reported stolen.

The 3 Brothers Restaurant at the Beltway Plaza, where an unattended purse was taken on Friday afternoon, November 29.

The Cellular One Service Center and Showroom on Walker Drive on the same day, where three cellular telephones were taken from a showcase.

Jeepers Indoor Playground at the Beltway Plaza on the morning of December 1, where an unattended cellular phone was taken.

The Giant Supermarket parking lot at the Beltway Plaza

Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 474-5454.

where groceries were reported taken on Monday, December 2 at 6:51 p.m. The victim reported that he had just finished shopping and went to the parking lot to get his vehicle, leaving his groceries and his cellular telephone in the pick-up area. When he returned the groceries and telephone were gone.

An office suite in the 7800 block of Walker Drive where an unattended jacket was taken on December 3.

At the Beltway Plaza, a green Huffly brand bicycle on the same evening.

Also at the Beltway Plaza on December 4, money was taken from the coin box of a video machine.

An office complex in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane where three laptop computers were stolen from a storage room on December 5.

Miscellaneous

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported at the following locations; 7400 block of Greenbelt Road on November 26; 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace on November 29; Beltway Plaza, 6200 block of Springhill Drive, 9100 block of Springhill Court and the 8200 block of Canning Terrace on November 30; the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace (three incidents); the 6400 block of Ivy (two incidents) on December 1; the 7600 block of Mandan Road, Beltway Plaza and the 6 Court of Research Road on December 2; the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane on December 3; and the 9200 block of Springhill Lane on December 5.





Mayor Toni Bram welcomes the crowd at the opening of Greenbelt's 25th annual Festival of Lights.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

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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.

Greenbelt was then arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

An 18-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with possession of an electronic pager on school property. The student had been stopped by the School Resource Officer after he ran from the scene of a fight at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Wednesday, November 27.

Two 17-year-old and one 16-year-old Greenbelt youths were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and possession of a tobacco product after officers found the youths in possession of cigarettes and paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The officers had responded to a report of suspicious persons loitering in a laundry room in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane on Thursday morning December

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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting held on November 12, 1996, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1996-1 (Resolution 848). The Resolution clarifies the Charter by allowing the City Council to establish, by ordinance, the electioneering distance limit for municipal elections.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 22, TITLED "ELECTIONEERING."

The above titled Charter Amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 1st day of January, 1997, unless on or before the 22nd day of December, 1996, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the persons qualified to vote in the regular election of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland requesting the above titled Charter Amendment be submitted to the voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland.

A copy of the above titled Charter Amendment Resolution 1996-1 (resolution 848) is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 301-474-8000 or 301-474-1811 (TTY).

Michael P. McLaughlin
City Manager

GREENBELT STORY

(Continued from page 1)



Dan Young directs the cast in rehearsals for "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" which celebrates Greenbelt's 60th anniversary.

photo by Sandra Lange

Room of the Greenbelt Library. Dan pored over old issues of The Cooperator and the Greenbelt News Review. Some of the newspaper clippings and photographs will be used in the production, which Dan describes as a multimedia event combining slides, videos and film.

He also relied heavily on the printed oral histories and recollections of Greenbelt's pioneer families. Stories, anecdotes, thoughts and feelings have become part of the script. Dan's assistant director, Julie McCullough, interviewed several current and former residents to create a sense of how people feel about Greenbelt today.

The first script Dan produced was very long. "I ended up with a 4 1/2 hour play," Dan stated. He knew that even a hardened Greenbelter would not sit through that much dialogue, so many dearly loved scenes would have to be cut. He describes the production now as similar to a stone skipping across a lake. Many topics are touched upon, but few are examined in depth.

Most of the characters in the play are composites of real people. Other than President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Rexford Guy Tugwell, no real names are used. "I wanted my characters to be generic types," Dan explains. "If I used real people, every one would have a different idea of who should be in the play. I tried to find lines and quotes that would fit a type of person that I wanted to portray."

Once the play was written and accepted by FOGM and GAC, the production began. Casting was one of Dan's biggest challenges. The play is scheduled to open soon after Christmas. Many actors and actresses were reluctant to commit to rehearsals every night of the week during the holiday season. Others were cast in GAC's "Twelfth Night" or other productions, and were not available.

By the end of November, Dan had finally filled all 10 of his positions. Rehearsals are now in full swing. "The cast is recognizing things in the characters that they love — and that's exciting to see," Dan commented.

As a person who came to know Greenbelt fairly recently, Dan is especially excited about the wealth of material on the creation of the city and how it has grown over the years. He was very disturbed about the condition of some of the papers in the

A Review

A Mixed-up Story and With-it Cast Create Much to Like

by Colette Zanin

Performing Shakespeare is no easy feat. Performing it well requires more than a knack for memorization and a nice pair of tights. The intricacies of speech, the characters' eccentricities, not to mention occasional implausibilities in the story-lines, are dependent on the relative gifts of actors at hand. Happily, plentiful gifts are showcased in Greenbelt Arts Center's production of Twelfth Night.

The Plot

Directed by Stephen Cox and Norma Ozur, and produced by Laurie Hardman, the play is counted among Shakespeare's comedies. The story begins as twin brother and sister, Sebastian and Viola, are separated at sea and each presumes the other dead. Arriving in Illyria, Viola, for safety's sake, takes on the disguise of a young man, "Cesario," after which she becomes a page in

Tugwell Room. "Some of them literally fell apart in my hands," he said, a note of agony in his voice. "I photocopied stuff I didn't plan to use just to preserve it," he remarked.

"I hope people will come away from seeing this play and say, 'I want to know more. I want to go to the Tugwell Room and find out what really happened,'" Dan asserted.

With his play, Dan Young hopes to entertain both the person who knows a great deal about Greenbelt and the person who knows very little. But, more than that, he hopes that "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" will challenge the audience into recognizing and preserving Greenbelt's rich cultural heritage.

"Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" will run every weekend in January, beginning January 10.

Duke Orsino's court.

The Duke, who has been unsuccessfully courting Countess Olivia, sends Cesario to see Olivia on his behalf. Olivia instead takes a shine to the latter, believing the page to be a young man. Cesario/Viola, however, finds herself falling for Duke Orsino, but can do nothing about it.

Olivia's household is host to a variety of off-beat characters, including affable, drunken Sir Toby Belch; his dim sidekick, Sir Andrew Aguecheek; and Feste, the sharp-witted jester. The three are joined by Maria, Olivia's serving woman, in a plot to have Malvolio, a priggish steward, put away as a mad-man.

Ultimately, Sebastian and Antonio, a sea captain, arrive in Illyria. Trouble ensues when, unbeknownst to each other, the twins are mistaken for one another in a variety of circumstances, some life-threatening, particularly when Sir Andrew is goaded into challenging Cesario to a duel.

As a result of mistaken identity, Sebastian ends up married to Olivia, after which he and his sister are reunited. The page's true identity as a woman thus revealed, Duke Orsino conveniently gets over his pining for Olivia and joins with Viola. Sir Toby makes good on a promise and marries the serving-woman, Maria.

In the end everyone is happy excepting Malvolio, who is still very riled at the mistreatment he'd been dealt. However, no one else is particularly concerned.

The Cast

The Arts Center production uses real musicians, minimal props and an innovative theatre-in-the-round seating arrangement to effectively support a terrific cast. In such a large group, there are no

misses and definitely some hits.

Tiffany Givens is an earnest, intense Viola/Cesario, bringing a sort of wide-eyed integrity to the part, despite Viola's implicit deception. The other female lead, Pamela Brandt, successfully portrays Olivia as a woman of refinement who commands the attentions of several men. Her dignified self-possession (with all but Cesario) provides effective contrast to the outlandish behaviors of the others.

Gerry Matthews and Thomas Zanner, Sir Toby and Sir Andrew respectively, share several of "Twelfth Night's" funniest moments, bumbling and stumbling through low-brow schemes. They're a couple of likable louts in spite of themselves. Also noteworthy is Sheila Crossley's boisterously charming Maria, who has a lot of fun cavorting, and who holds her own with the aforementioned duo.

Feste, as played by Christian Lepore, is truly inspired. Too often an annoying character who doesn't genuinely interact with other players, the fool can seem a contrivance. Not so here. Dominant in many scenes, Lepore's jester is not only witty, but he sings, dances, and mugs with pizzazz.

Norm Gleichman, playing self-involved, snippy Malvolio, is outstanding. To what could have been a one-dimensional,

loathsome characterization, Gleichman instead brings depth, subtlety and a broad range of expression. Malvolio is still no day at the beach, but comes across less caricature and more human, if woefully misguided.

The Production

Twelfth Night is not the sort of play that a few people and a couple of rehearsals could do justice. It's evident that a great deal of effort behind the scenes went into creating a seamless show. Detailed costumes, quick-paced transitions and very able direction give this cast a platform from which to shine.

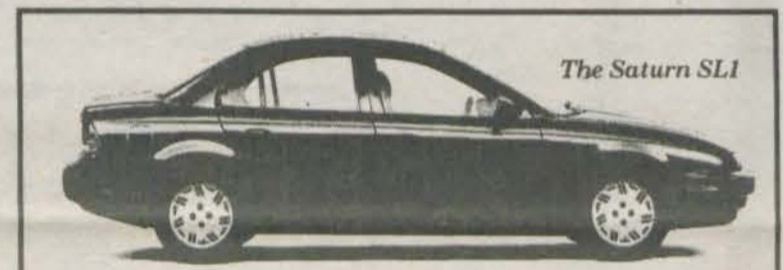
It is unfortunate that "Twelfth Night" is having an abbreviated run of just two weeks. Remaining performances are December 12, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m.

Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

The Meals on Wheels Program, operating out of College Park Methodist Church, desperately needs volunteers.

Lunch and dinner are delivered to shut-ins, some in Greenbelt, on Monday through Friday. It only takes approximately one and one-half hours a day. Volunteers arrive at the church about 11:10 a.m. and are back around 12:30 p.m.

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GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Home-Sitters Service
- Admin. Bldg. Garage Ventilation Contract (1st reading)
- GHI Equity Loan Program
- Schedule Replacement Reserve Work Session
- Resolution - Spending Authorization
- Labor Day Committee Appointments
- Newsletter Committee

Board meetings are open to members

Greenbelt Holiday Season Marred by Six Robberies

Robberies were prevalent in Greenbelt during the Thanksgiving Day weekend and the week ending December 6. All but one of the six robberies occurred in the Springhill Lake area of the city. Four involved the use of handguns. One armed robbery, occurring near the 40 Court of Crescent was closed with the arrest of two juvenile suspects.

On December 4 at about 7 p.m., Greenbelt police received a report of the Crescent Rd. robbery. The victim told the police that she had been walking home from the grocery store when she was approached from behind by two youths. One of them pointed what appeared to be a black handgun at the victim and demanded money. The other robber took the victim's purse and bag of groceries. Both youths then fled on foot toward Ridge Rd.

A citizen advised officers that he had observed two people matching the description given of the suspects running across the Spellman Overpass toward the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Another person told the police two persons matching the description given by the victim had been observed in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway passing between them what appeared to be credit cards.

A K-9 dog and handler were brought to the scene. The dog followed a track to an area across from the Greenway Shopping Center. A short time later, two suspects were stopped by an officer in the rear of the shopping center. The suspects were positively identified as the two persons involved in the robbery. As a result of further investigation, the hand gun used, a semiautomatic BB gun, was also recovered.

Two youths, one from Greenbelt, were arrested. Lawrence Gross, age 16, of 7014 Hanover Parkway, was charged as an adult with armed robbery and the use of a handgun in the commission of a felony. Gross appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where he was held on a \$50,000 bond pending trial. The second youth, a 14-year-old from Riverdale, was also charged with the same crimes.

He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Other Robberies

The first Springhill Lake robbery occurred on Thanksgiving Day at 2:36 a.m. in the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct. The victim told police that he was walking down the sidewalk when he was approached from behind by two men, both armed with handguns. The men demanded money and the victim's cellular telephone. Both robbers were described as black males, 16 to 22 years of age, with thin builds and wearing all black clothing and black knit caps. One was described as being 5'10" in height, the other as 6'1".

On Friday, November 29 at about six in the evening, a woman was robbed when she was about to exit her parked vehicle in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. She was approached by two men, she told police. One man displayed an unknown type of handgun. The victim was ordered from her car and was told to lie on the ground. One of the robbers removed the woman's purse from her vehicle and frisked her pockets. The two fled the area in a vehicle described as a black 1980's American made car.

Ten minutes later, the police received a report of a robbery in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace. A man told police that

he was attempting to deliver pizza to a residence and was about to enter the apartment building when he was confronted by three young men, one wearing a ski mask. One man punched the victim several times, knocking him to the ground. Money was demanded and obtained. The three fled the scene on foot.

A little over an hour later, a woman reported to the police that while she was removing packages from her car, she was approached by two men, both wearing masks or bandannas over their faces. The victim began to scream. She was told to get on the ground but continued to scream. The men took the victim's book bag and fled the scene in a newer model green vehicle, heading toward Breezewood Drive.

The last Springhill Lake robbery occurred on Monday at about 9 p.m. in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace. Another pizza delivery man told police that he had just delivered an order and was returning to his vehicle when he observed someone attempting to hide under a nearby vehicle. The delivery man then ran back toward the apartment building. Two men ran up to him. One displayed a small, dark colored handgun and told the victim to empty his pockets. After giving the robbers money, the man was pushed from behind, striking his head on the brick wall of the apartment building. He was knocked unconscious. When he came to, the robbers had fled the scene.

Parking Lot Rape Under Investigation

On Wednesday, December 4 at about 1:30 a.m. Greenbelt Police officers responded to the 7900 block of Mandan Road for a report of a rape. Investigation revealed that the victim, a 20 year old woman, parked her car in the parking lot, and was walking across the grassy median to a residence when she was approached by a man who threw her to the ground, struck her in the face several times and then raped her, according to police spokesperson Pfc. George F. Mathews. After raping the victim, the man removed money from her purse and fled the scene on foot. The man was last seen running from the parking lot toward the residences in the 7900 block of Mandan Road.

Suspect description: Black male in his twenties, 5'8", a medium build, brown eyes, black hair, and a dark complexion, and last seen wearing a dark shirt, a green jacket, dark pants and gloves.

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RECYCLING ISSUES

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are complicated, however, in that both budgets include some services not limited to city refuse customers, such as roadside park trash pickup, the drop-off recycling center and, as pointed out by committee member Leonie Penney, collection and disposal of the city government's refuse. The actual recycling deficit will likely be higher than projected in the budget, which anticipated \$12,500 in revenues from the sale of recyclables. However, this projection proved optimistic, as prices for recyclables have dropped significantly.

The results of the recent ballot issues also present further concerns to city officials. How will county officials respond to the tight budget conditions imposed by voters' retention of the property tax cap and imposition of tight controls over most other taxes and fees? McLaughlin expressed concern that the landfill disposal rebate, already cut by nearly \$100,000 to \$57,300 in FY97, could be completely eliminated in the not so distant future.

In addition, the city has recently learned that it will soon lose Windsor Green as a recycling customer. McLaughlin expects two other Greenbelt East communities will follow suit. While this will reduce the city's recycling collection revenues, it will also reduce the workload if the city crews start collecting recyclables. Currently, the city has roughly 1,000 more recycling customers than it does refuse customers.

Committee Proposals

The Recycling Advisory Committee proposed that city crews collect recyclables and that refuse be collected just one day per week. Even though this may sound like an even swap, it is not. The weight of refuse to be collected on that single day will be much higher than that currently collected in either of the current weekly pickups, placing a greater physical burden on the refuse crews. In response, the committee proposed that residents, except for those in GHI and those with physical impairments, be required to put

their refuse at the curb for pickup, as they now do with recyclables. In addition, the committee suggested that the city provide each resident with a wheeled refuse container. This would address two concerns: the extra burden on residents and, by allowing use of a lifting mechanism on the refuse trucks, reduce the burden on the crew members.

Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Foley and other public works officials reviewed the proposal, and two alternate proposals with the refuse collection crews. The city estimates that the committee's proposal would save the city \$23,000/year. If the city assumed responsibility only for collecting recyclables from GHI (which city officials believe is a major factor in the lack of interest among private contractors), the city's refuse/recycling costs are projected to increase \$9,399 per year. The third alternative examined would maintain twice weekly refuse collection by city crews, but with refuse collected at the curb, and weekly collection of recyclables by a private contractor.

This "status quo" option would increase costs by \$137,729. In addition, non-GHI residents would have to take their trash to the curb.

Foley told the News Review that curbside collection was recommended even under the status quo option because that is how the Public Works Department believes that trash collection should be done. She said that it currently takes twice as long to collect from the back yard as it would to collect at curbside or from GHI units. In addition, there is increased risk of worker injury involved in dragging the trash from the back yard, especially in bad weather. Foley attributed the increased cost to the likely doubling of the cost of contractor collection (which currently costs nearly \$60,000). She did not specify the other factors behind the high cost estimate for this option.

Each of the plans would

have start up costs of roughly \$50,000 for the containers and public education efforts.

McLaughlin noted that the city staff has not made a recommendation either for shifting refuse collections to just once per week or for using private or city crews to collect recyclables.

Crews' Response

The city's refuse collection crews say that the committee's proposal is unworkable. The major concern voiced at the meeting was the increased physical burden upon the collectors from collecting nearly twice as much trash per day as under the current system. Jeff Keifline said that "we did not agree with any of this." Although the Public Works Department memo said that the "refuse collectors are willing to try out" proposal 2, Keifline charged that they only accepted it because they were told that they would be replaced by contractors if they did not give something up.

Foley told the News Review that, although she had expressed such sentiments, her statement was not intended as a threat. She said that, in talking with the crews, she had expressed concern that if the city did not control its costs, the city trash service would not be competitive with private contractors. Foley added that she had also pointed out past council commitments to protect city workers from job loss.

All of the current city refuse crew members have been working on the trash trucks for at least seven years. Keifline said that he is physically worn out from the trash work. With younger crews, he said, the committee's proposal would "most definitely" be feasible, but not with the current staff. Supported by the other crew members present, Keifline charged that the city "uses us up and throws us out," providing no opportunity for the collectors to advance. McLaughlin took exception to this statement, saying that the crew members have the same opportunities as other city employees.

Keifline added that the biggest problem that the crews face is the way they are treated by the city. He charged that they are constantly being threatened with termination. The city, he said, has a responsibility to provide a safe working environment. It will not be safe, he argued, "if you nail us with this recycling." But, he added, "Nobody is listening to us."

The Public Works Department memo on the three proposals noted that the department "is committed to developing a system to rotate the refuse collectors off the trucks permanently after a period of time. This will prevent physical burnout on the part of the collectors/drivers. A plan will be developed and presented in the future." However, the city officials present did not discuss these plans.

Other Concerns

Mayor Antoinette Bram reported that other jurisdictions, such as College Park and Montgomery County, have gone to once per week refuse collection and are experiencing problems. She asked staff to contact the appropriate officials in these jurisdictions.

Arthur Cousin noted that Greenbelt is currently a "very clean city," and worried that less frequent collection at curbside would lead to having trash piled up on the streets and could lead to dumping. Councilmember Edward Putens showed pictures from Greenbelt East where residents currently put the trash at the curb, not always in proper trash containers. The problem he has with curbside, he said, is that trash gets blown all over and becomes a general mess. He also said that many homeowners do not want "those big containers" sitting in front of their homes.

Councilmember Thomas White said that the city has "tackled this topic" for nearly a decade, back to the original debate and decision to join the county recycling program. He said that the city should "stop doing the numbers and start doing what the numbers tell us." He supported proposal 2 as a way to initiate the city crews into collecting both refuse and recycling, with the expectation that they would eventually assume responsibility for collecting all recyclables.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked staff to evaluate the feasibility of hiring a separate crew to collect recyclables, as was urged by city refuse crewman Larry Dodson. Foley noted that one problem with separate city refuse and recycling crews would be access to the city refuse trucks. Leonie Penney called proposal 2 a "betrayal." This proposal, she notes, would have citizens give up one collection per week, make them take their trash to the curb, and still require a fee increase to balance the budget. Although three-quarters of those who responded to the city's questionnaire were willing to accept once per week collection, the question conditioned this change on preventing fee increases. White responded that the city could "eat" the 32 cent per customer per month deficit, thus keeping faith with the respondents. He would not accept, however, Penney's contention that fees would have to stay fixed for several years to be fair to respondents.

Putens suggested a small pilot to find the advantages and disadvantages of the various proposals. He argued that implementation of either of the first two proposals would be too big a change for the city to do right now.

Councilmember Judith Davis said that the city needs to focus on educating people to recycle and that changing the collection procedures may force them to recycle more. However, she worried that people may get very angry over the changes.

Bram worried about the smell of trash left for an entire week and about the possibility of creating a rat problem in the city. She declared herself "very reluctant" to change the refuse collection citizens now enjoy. "It works," she stated. However, she would be "very happy" to change the recycling procedures, which, she said, do not work.

Roberts was clearly undecided. On the one hand, he liked the idea of once a week pickup, which would likely force people to recycle more. On the other hand, he recognized that it would create problems for the crews and for

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Davis stated that the collection system is broken, but that the city just has not seen the shards yet. The city has a refuse crew that is tired, needs better equipment and maybe a bigger crew, which will cost money. She called proposal 2 a stop-gap measure. She noted, however, that the crews have major problems with proposal 1. Something has to be done, she argued, although she did not feel that council was yet ready to make a complete decision. But, the city cannot stay with the current system.

Next Steps

The mayor summed up the discussion: there was some support for proposal 2 and Roberts had added a fourth proposal for a new recycling crew. She asked the city staff to come up with a specific recommendation.

Mandatory Participation?

Putens noted that several communities in Greenbelt East use private refuse collectors, instead of the city trash service. With a contractor, collection is cheaper and is done right the first time. In addition, all trash (recyclables, special trash and regular trash) is picked up on the same day, with no need to call for special trash pickup. He worried that if the city made unpopular but necessary changes to the refuse and recycling collection, more communities would go to private contractors. He said the city should do recycling collection right, if it assumes the responsibility, and urged passage of a law requiring city residents to use city trash collection.

A Question of Equity

Roberts, after noting his opposition to curbside collection, which he felt will create an eyesore, worried about treating GHI differently than the rest of the city. He said he recognized that street pickup is not practical in GHI, where homes are not always near the street. However, non-GHI residents "will never understand that," he said and will perceive the retention of backyard pickup in GHI as unfair.

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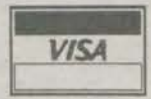
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