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What Goes On
Wed., Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Planning Board
Community Center



GHI Board member Alan Turnbull, Advisory Planning Board Chair Roberta McCarthy, APB Member William Clarke and Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition President Steven Harper take a look at the Master Plan prior to the Greenbelt Metro Area Community Planning Workshop. photo by Prospero Zevallos

Genesis of a Play Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story

by Sandra Lange
The seed for a play about Greenbelt was planted at least 10 years ago, to celebrate the city's 50th anniversary. Somehow, it never germinated then, but never really went away either. Two years ago, as the city's 60th anniversary approached, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) proposed the idea again. FOGM obtained funding from the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation, and the Greenbelt Performing Arts Center agreed to become a co-sponsor. After sample scripts from three playwrights were submitted and reviewed, Daniel Ray Young was selected to write the play.
Dan combines the talents of a writer, a director and an actor. He did not grow up in Greenbelt. He lives with his family in a townhouse in Glenn Dale, near DuVal High School. Knowing little about Greenbelt's history when he started the project was perhaps both an asset and a liability. He went into the project with no preconceived ideas. Consequently, there is a freshness to his script which might otherwise be dry and unappealing to the theatergoer.
On the other hand, at times a stretching of ideas occurs which someone more familiar with the time period bemoans. Over and over Dan would repeat, "This will not be a pageant." In other words, people and events would not be portrayed in an idealized manner that make Greenbelt seem larger than life.
In order to prepare for the project, Dan immersed himself in the books, articles and photographs he found in the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library. During his year-long research and

Workshop Participants Help Identify Planning Issues

by James K. Giese
Ahead of schedule by more than a month, the Prince George's County planning staff responsible for a Greenbelt Metro area study held their initial community planning workshop on January 25 to get community involvement in the planning process. According to Monte Kolste, Team Facilitator for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) staff, the purpose of the workshop and the community involvement process is to identify the planning issues in the Greenbelt Metro station area of concern to local residents and the area's stakeholders and to get the community involved. The area stakeholders are identified as the three municipalities of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights, the major businesses and property owners, County officials and pertinent agencies.
Kolste said that the goal of the project is to come up with a comprehensive planning approach that addresses the issues that are most important to the area's future. That approach will be presented in a report to the Prince George's Planning Board and the County Council. The report will include recommendations concerning development in the area that reflect the consensus of the community.

Time Schedule
Project organization and planning began in the spring of last year, during which time much information about the study area was collected. Also last year, questionnaires were sent to the identified key stakeholders, and



Cast member Cheryl Shutz, left, and writer/director Dan Young are excited about meeting Greenbelt pioneers, sisters Barbara Bonham Young and Mary Bonham England. One of the vignettes in the play is based on their family's story about moving to Greenbelt in 1937. photo by David Lange

Full Funding Campaign Widens

by Eileen Peterson
The postcard-writing campaign in support of full funding of the county's library system widens this week to include Maryland State officials, announces Barbara Simon, president of Friends of Prince George's County Libraries and coordinator of the Greenbelt Friends (FOGL).
State Budget
In a move that caught county officials and library activists by surprise, Gov. Parris Glendening included a \$2 million grant to the Prince George's County Library System in his state budget earlier this month.
The same amount had been provided by the state in each of the last two years. In the spring of 1996, state officials indicated such funds would not be available in 1997. The county Office of Management and Budget asked the library system to cut \$1.6 million (19.6%) from a budget that this year stands at \$15.5 million — which is \$5 million less than it was in 1990. While the county population has grown by over 5,000 people in each of the last three years, "the library system has operated on a flat budget," explains Simon. "This means no allowance for inflation, so even matching last year's budget could not be considered full funding."
Long Road
Last year, the Maryland House Committee cut the library grant from the regular budget, so the governor sent in a last-minute grant that was approved after strenuous lobbying by Prince George's Delegates and State Senator Leo Green, who collectively had heard from thousands of concerned library patrons in recent years and who remembered the over 70,000 signatures on petitions during a countywide Friends of the Libraries' support drive in 1995.
"We have to double our efforts to our County Council members and County Executive to tell them that no matter what happens with state budget, we want them to make a commitment to full

funding for the library — which at the minimum means the same budget as last year's," says Simon, who continues that this is "a terrible way to fund an essential service — with last-minute, crisis funding."
County's Decision
Even if the state successfully passes the grant along to the library, the county could still cut funding, and (says Simon) "leave libraries at less than last year's levels." Emphasizing that there is no more "fat" to cut and that purchase of books, services, staffing and hours of operation are the "blood" that will have to flow if more cuts are endured, she reminds library supporters that an "over 8% rise in the school population since Sept. 93 will create untold education problems if the library system is not given extra funding now."
She urges citizens to drop by the Greenbelt Library to fill out cards to be added to the County Council and the County Executive. Ways to contribute or write or call on their own.

Take Metro to D.C. Without Transferring

What do you call a Green Line train on the Red Line? Metro's Green Line Commuter Shortcut from Greenbelt to downtown Washington, D.C. Metro started the new shortcut on Monday, January 27. During the morning and evening rush hours on weekdays only, Metro provides a transfer-free way for commuters to travel to downtown Washington, D.C., from any of several Outer Green Line Metrorail stations in Prince George's County, including Greenbelt. This new service will eliminate the need for passengers at these Outer Green Line stations to transfer to the Red Line at Fort Totten Station to go to downtown Washington, D.C. locations. Thus, people boarding at one of these stations by the Fort Totten and going to the Red Line — stopping at all the Red Line stations between at Brookland and ending at Fort Totten, Northern

Letters to the Editor

See the Show!

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Position Clarified

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Attention: Skaters

Skating sessions will be held... the Greenbelt Arts Center...

Correction

Leo Green, State Senator... 23rd District of Maryland

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Chamber Supports County Schools

The Greenbelt Chamber of Commerce and the Greenbelt Arts Center...

Creating Chaos At Arts Center

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passengers transferring at Fort Totten on the Red Line to continue their commute into downtown Washington, D.C.

The inner portion of the Green Line, which will connect the two outer sections and provide a direct ride to the downtown area, will be complete in late 1999.

In the morning the Green Line trains will leave the Greenbelt Metro station approximately every nine minutes starting at 5:31 a.m. through 8:58 a.m.

For further information, call Sheila Crossley, 301-552-3126 or Virginia Zanner 301-220-0552.

60th Anniversary Committee Meeting

The 60th Anniversary Committee is planning a meeting on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the senior classroom at the Community Center building.

Genealogical Society Meets February 5

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road.

Community Center Connection

Spring is approaching fast and for those who need a program for kids during spring recess, the Community Center has them.

Community Events

The Gallery Features Curtis Woody Display

The Gallery of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System presents drawings and collages by Curtis Woody.

The show will be on display February 3 - 28. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held on Saturday, February 8, 3 - 5 p.m.

Golden Age Club by Dolores Capotosto

The business meeting will be held on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m., with a board meeting at 10. Many things were discussed at the "open" meeting on Jan. 22.

Fun at Goddard

4-3-2-1 Blastoff! Join model rocket enthusiasts of all ages at the Goddard Visitor Center on Sunday, February 2 at 1 p.m.

GHI Notes

The Historic Preservation Committee will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Blood pressure testing is again available at GHI in the Board Room the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet with the Board of Directors on Wednesday, February 5, in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

February Board of Directors' meetings will be on Thursdays, February 13 and 27. Members are encouraged to attend.

The latest edition (Volume 47) of the GHI Newsletter has been delivered. Anyone who has not received one should call Member Services at 301-474-4161.

GHI Working for You

The Garage Repair Program will begin the week of February 10, weather permitting. Garages scheduled for repair will be those in the worst condition.

Managing Your Money Workshop

Saturdays - February 8, 22 and March 8. 9:00 - 11:00am. \$25.00 resident \$32.00 non-resident.

Photography - Part 2

Thursdays 4 weeks, beginning February 20. 7:00 - 9:00pm. \$32.00 resident \$40.00 non-resident \$10.00 materials fee.

Morning Yoga 2

Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays - beginning February 17. 7:00-8:30am. resident \$40.00 non-resident \$50.00 (10 classes, 5 weeks).

Drop-in classes at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Day, Time, Cost. Includes Rise and Shine, Aquacize, Arthritis Aquatics, Deep Water, Arthritis.

The Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the Post Office) presents

Maryland Special Project # 1 The Greenbelt Story

January 31 and February 1 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00/\$6.00 seniors and students. Auditions for You the Night and the Music Monday and Tuesday Feb 3rd and 4th at 7:30pm.

Spring Kids Drama Classes Open Registration Feb 1 at 1:15 pm. ages 6-8 1:30-2:15 \$50. 9-12 2:30-3:30 \$55. 13-16 3:30-4:45 \$60.

Exploring Bryan's Point History

On Friday, February 7, Virginia Beauchamp, Professor Emerita of English at the University of Maryland, will be the presenter at Explorations Unlimited.

She will be discussing the 5,000 year history and pre-history of the Bryan's Point area on the Potomac shore of Maryland, opposite Mt. Vernon, with a particular focus on Indian and European interactions there in the 17th and 18th centuries.

At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 - 5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 6.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Intramural Basketball Schedule

Sat., Feb. 1, Practice. Wed., Feb. 5, Practice. Friday, Feb. 7, Blue Devils vs "G's" 6 - 7:30 p.m. Bulls vs Cobras, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the following adult classes:

- Managing Your Money Workshop - Saturdays - February 8, 22 and March 8. 9:00 - 11:00am. \$25.00 resident \$32.00 non-resident. Greenbelt Community Center. Photography - Part 2. Thursdays 4 weeks, beginning February 20. 7:00 - 9:00pm. \$32.00 resident \$40.00 non-resident \$10.00 materials fee. Greenbelt Youth Center. Morning Yoga 2. Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays - beginning February 17. 7:00-8:30am. resident \$40.00 non-resident \$50.00 (10 classes, 5 weeks). drop in fee: resident \$5.00 non-resident \$6.00. Greenbelt Community Center.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

474-9744. WEEK OF JANUARY 31 ALL SEATS \$5.00.

Fri: Dalmatians (5:15 all seats \$3) One Fine Day 7:20,9:40.

Sat: Dalmatians (3, 5:15, all seats \$3) One Fine Day 7:25, 9:40.

Sun: Dalmatians (3, 5:15, all seats \$3) One Fine Day 7:25.

Mon: All Seats \$3 One Fine Day - 7:30.

Tues., Wed., Thurs. One Fine Day 7:30.



Michelle Pfeiffer George Clooney ONE FINE DAY

Advertisement for 'The Greenbelt Story' featuring a photo of a group of people and text: 'THE GREENBELT STORY #1 Written and directed by Daniel Ray Young by special commission from the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Arts Center performances: 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays January 31 and February 1 at the Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway for information, reservations please call (301) 441-8770. Funded through a grant from the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation.'

Advertisement for Greenbelt community center: 'The Greenbelt community center is looking for a new staff member to help with G.O.A.L., an after-school program. Applicants must be 18 and looking to work about 7.5-20 hrs. per week. You can pick up an application at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 or call 301-397-2208, 1008.'

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Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Annual All Sport Registration Fair

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club will hold its 2nd annual all sport registration fair on Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997, at the Greenbelt Youth Center, between 7:00 and 8:30 pm. Anyone interested in registering for Basketball, Spring Soccer, Softball, Fall Cheerleading, Football, and Fall Soccer are all encouraged to attend. For further information regarding the registration process, please contact Mel Scites at 301-441-8689.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri-Sat 6-11 pm. Music 8:30 pm. No cover. FRIDAY January 31: Melissa Leo & Eric Ledert (hostile alternative originals). SATURDAY February 1: Melinda & Fannie Z (roots songs and sweet country harmony). Bring this ad for \$1.00 off a cup of espresso, cappuccino or latte from our new espresso machine. Greenbelt Community Center 474-5642.

OBITUARIES

Violet Borenstein

Former Greenbelt resident Violet (Viv) Barron Borenstein died on January 28 in Mesa, Arizona, where she lived.

An early Greenbelt resident, her husband, Jack, managed Greenbelt's first drugstore in the Center. They lived in 33 Court Ridge Road for many years.

Even though the Borensteins left Greenbelt, Mrs. Borenstein kept her membership in Greenbelt Community Church. They were living in Arizona to be near her son, "Dee" Barron.

She is survived by her husband, son and grandchildren.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn 301-474-5285

Our sympathy to Carolyn Anderson, second grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, on the death of her father.

Also, Marie Mach has been named to the Dean's list for the first semester at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. Marie is a member of the Greenbelt Community Church.

Also, a notice from the American Legion, Post 1234, who will be holding a meeting at the War Memorial Building in Greenbelt. He is a member of the Post.

Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Hospice in Prince George's County seeks volunteers to help in various capacities. Volunteer opportunities include direct patient and family care, bereavement and spiritual support, community education, fundraising and administrative support.

Free Tax Counseling Offered to Elderly

The Prince George's County Department of Family Services provides free income tax counseling and assistance to older residents of Prince George's County. These services, which are provided by trained volunteers, are supported by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (TCE). They are available to County residents who are age 55 or older, earn low to middle income, and need assistance in completing their income tax forms.

Tax counseling services are provided at various locations throughout the County. Home visits are available for elders who are physically unable to visit a tax counseling site. Sites in the County include the Greenbelt Community Church, the Greenbelt Public Library, the Greenbelt Senior Center, and the Greenbelt Methodist Church of the Nazarene. Eligible taxpayers may also go to any of the other sites in Prince George's County.

It is necessary for those who need this service to call for an appointment with a trained counselor. Calls for appointments are now being accepted. The phone numbers to make appointments are: 301-248-6604/Voice; 301-277-0076/TDD.

Free Lecture & Slide Show at Arboretum

A free lecture and slide show will be featured at the Yoshimura Center of the U.S. National Arboretum on Sunday, February 9, at 1 p.m.

Dan Chipulis, Assistant Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, will present a talk on Katsura, the Imperial Palace.

For general information, call 202-245-2726.

Audubon Society Nature Walk

Join members of the Prince George's Audubon Society from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, to see wintering birds and other sights of nature at the Fran Under Natural Area of Patuxent River Park in Bowie, located just north of Bowie State University on Lemons Bridge Road. Meet at the gate at 8 a.m. Ground may be damp, dress accordingly. For more information, call Patuxent River



A tree recently felled by beavers lies on the shore of Greenbelt Lake.

photos by Prospero Zevallos

Park at 301-627-6074 or Mike Quinlan at 301-505-4278.



Beaver "sculpture" at Greenbelt Lake.

Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Hillside & Crescent Roads Phone: 474-6171 mornings SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15 a.m. Daniel Hamlin, Pastor "A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

St. John's EPISCOPAL CHURCH ALL ARE WELCOME SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30, 9:30, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9-11 Office hours 9:00 am - 12 noon Monday - Friday 301-937-4292 Corner of Route 1 and Pender Mill Road - Beltsville, MD

Baha'i Faith "The purpose of learning should be the promotion of the welfare of the people." Writings of Baha'u'llah Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 345-2918 226-3160

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS Municipal Building 10 A.M.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Saturday 5 p.m. Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m. Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church 3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666) Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community Feb 2, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. "Lessons of the Grounding" Mark Hayes Religious education at all services. Child care available.

St. George's Episcopal Church Sundays 9 am Folk Service 10 am Sunday School 11 am Sung Service Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds Just South of MD 193, Glenn Dale 262-3285 Actively Seeking and Including All People



Charles McGlamary of Largo holds a handful of chips left by beavers chewing at a tree. "They're gonna have to get those beavers out of there or they'll cut down all the trees," he commented.

Black Pursuits Quiz Competition Begins

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System will sponsor its 12th annual Black Pursuits Quiz Competition this year with funding and support from Maryland Cable, Black Entertainment Television, the Prince George's Journal, WAMU-88.5FM, Jones Communication and Prince George's Community College.

Sixteen teams from Prince George's County public and private high schools will meet and match wits on questions about black history, biography, culture and current events. Defending champion Suitland High School will be challenged by teams from the following schools: Bishop McNamara, Bowie, Central, DeMatha, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Seton, Fairmont Heights, Forestville, Frederick Douglass, Friendly, Largo, Laurel, Oxon Hill, Queen Anne and Surratsville.

The preliminary rounds will be played on Saturday, February 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Television Studio located in Accokeek Hall on the college campus. Eugene Williams, Jr., will be quizmaster for the preliminary rounds. Williams is an educator, actor and singer and the author of two books. Susan Kidd of the news team at WRC-TV, Channel 4, will serve as quizmaster for the semifinal round of competition on February 1.

The two highest-scoring teams will meet in the championship match on Saturday, February 15, at 1 p.m., also at the PGCC Television Studio. Derek McGinty, host of "The Derek McGinty Show" which airs on weekdays on WAMU-88.5FM, will serve as quizmaster for the finals.

The Black Pursuits matches will be shown on PGCC-TV (cable channels 24A/Jones Communications and 25B/Maryland Cable). The preliminary rounds will air February 10-13 at 10 p.m.; the semifinal round, February 14 at 10 p.m.; and the final round, February 15 at 6 p.m. For information and reservations to attend any of the Black Pursuits events, please call 301-699-3500. Call 301-699-3500 for information. Sign language and other accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be made upon request.

Recreation Review

Six of Greenbelt's most talented young thespians met on Monday, January 17 to create and star in their very own commercial. Directed by Bev Palau, the City's Public Information Coordinator, the commercial, which advertises the Recreation Department's Spring Camp, can be viewed on Channel B-10. The next Kids' Quicke will meet at the Youth Center on Monday, February 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. It will feature make-and-bake clay creations with "Sculpey" polymer clay. Advance registration is required.

Weather & Information Hotline Call 301-474-5525 to reach the Greenbelt Recreation department's Weather and Information Hotline. This recorded information line is updated with current recreation program news and class cancellations during inclement weather.

ERHS Tribute Will Honor Dr. M. L. King

The Choral Arts Society of Washington and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir and Women's Choir will present a Black History Month Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Wednesday, February 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The concert will feature music previously performed on January 13 in the Ninth Annual Choral Tribute to Dr. King.

That tribute was held in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where the following Greenbelt students participated as members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir and Women's Choir: Lakisha Davis, Leta Green, Samantha Kling, Mandi Leachman, Aurora Raiten, Crystal Robinson, Shilo Lillis, Candance Smith, Haneefah Wood, Mia Cary, Antonio Fominyia, Nicole Henry, John Jung, Miriam Lemus, Gregory Velichansky, and Kurt Nelson.

Presented by The Choral Arts Society of Washington, the tribute included performances by the Young Adult Fellowship Ensemble of Metropolitan Baptist Church, the KanKouran West African Dance Ensemble, in addition to the two Eleanor Roosevelt High School groups. Arphelius Paul Gatling III served as the

New beginnings for a New Year with Jesus! Reverend Drew Shofner - Pastor Early Morning Worship (Sunday) 8:35 AM Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 AM Worship Service (Sunday) 11:00 AM 7:00 PM Prayer Service (Wednesday) 7:00 PM For transportation or more information call 474-4212 Greenbelt Baptist Church Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOWATT MEMORIAL 40 Ridge Road - Greenbelt - 474-9410 PRAISE/PRAYER SING Wed. 6:50 pm Sunday Bible Studies 9:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Children's Service 11:30 am Dr. Whit Hutchison, Pastor Where there is welcome for the stranger and community with others who seek love and justice.

OASIS Program Offers Continued Learning

The Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools' Oasis Program provides a place for local students, parents, and community to come for continued learning. The Oasis School is housed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The Winter Session will begin February 4 and end April 19, but will be closed during spring break.

Four programs will be offered: 1) Individual student tutoring; 2) Secondary computer SAT practice; 3) Study skills workshop; and 4) Prince George's County Human relations Commission's Study Circles on "Race and Ethnic relations." The tutoring program provides eight weeks of free individual tutoring. Registration is required. The walk-in Computer SAT Practice Workshop will be held every Saturday from 9 to noon. No registration is necessary for the weekly Study Skills Workshop which is held on Tuesday evenings for students in grades 6-9. For more information about the Study Circle, call Julie Huntington at 301-883-6170.

The Oasis program needs more volunteers from the community to tutor or work in the computer lab. For anyone who would like to help, tutoring applications are available at school or by calling the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Office at 301-614-3451 or 301-513-5400.

Philharmonic Concert

Prince George's Philharmonic will present a concert on Saturday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Prince George's Community College, Queen Anne Theatre, 301 Largo Road, Largo. The program, called Symphonic Legends, will include Beethoven's Prometheus Overture, Schubert's Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished"), and Mussorgsky/Ravel's Pictures at an Exhibition.

A special reduced price will be offered for parents or teachers attending with children, (ages 6-17). Tickets for the children themselves are free. A special reduced price is also offered for students and seniors.

For information call 301-454-1462.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering met with Dr. Carl Lardiero, Director of Maryland and Virginia Programs, Bureau of Rehabilitation, Inc., on Thursday, January 23. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss educational programs and options for students who are having difficulty in school. Tutoring, mentoring, GED and the external diploma program were discussed.

Tammy Mountcastle is co-leading a School Success Group at Greenbelt Middle School. The group serves seventh grade boys and will run for six weeks. Various topics will be addressed including organizational and study skills, peer pressure, substance use/abuse, and school attendance.

A TREE OF LIFE TO THEM THAT HOLD FAST TO IT MISHEKAN TORAH SYNAGOGUE 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt - 474-4223 Reconstructionist / Conservative Tues.-Fri. (9-11) Nursery and religious schools (K-7) • Confirmation A Full Range of Social and Religious Activities Friday Evening and Saturday Services Rabbi Saul Grife Cantor Phil Greenfield

Berwyn Presbyterian Church 6301 Greenbelt Road Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. All are Welcome Interim Pastor Rev. Jack Wineman 474-7573

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH Friendly people worshipping God and serving their community. "Blue Jeans Welcomed!" "Dress Down!" Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class Classes 9:50 a.m. Young Adult Study & Fellowship Class 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month Free Breakfast 3rd Sunday of the month! 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Visit us on the Web http://member.aol.com/hcrosslchs/hclchome.htm - Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

PLANNING

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The area's state representatives were briefed. The staff also developed the community involvement process, now begun. Workshops and focus group work will continue to produce recommendations for a public forum. The last step in the process, estimated to be completed by the end of the year, will be the submission of a report to the planning board and county council recommending planning strategies and actions.

Project Leader Joe Chang told the small group of about twenty-five citizens and stakeholders that this study was not a Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ) study, a special study of the close-in area to a Metro Station that results in specialized zoning to make the area a future employment center. Instead this was a pre-TDOZ study that would consider a variety of options. TDOZ being one of them.

Study Area

The study area consists of 1,600 acres bounded on the east by Kenilworth Avenue and Edmonston Road, on the south by Greenbelt Road, on the west by Rhode Island Avenue, and on the north by Sunnyside Road. With the Greenbelt Metro Station in the center of the area, the boundaries encompass the Springhill Lake Apartments, Greenbelt Middle School (at which this planning session was held), the Bellway Plaza, the A.H. Smith and other industrial properties, the Hollywood/Branchville communities of College Park, the USDA headquarters facility under construction, land of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the Metro maintenance and storage yard, the U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt and Capital Office Park.

Focus Area

Within the study area is a focus area consisting of the Metro station and the industrial land to its south to Greenbelt Road, bounded on its east by Cherrywood Lane, its west by the CSX tracks, and its north by the Capital Beltway. The focus area is what the MNCPPC staff had proposed to be a TDOZ. However, the Greenbelt City Council

had urged that a larger area be considered. The focus area consists of about 300 acres and is 51 percent undeveloped. It is mostly zoned for heavy industrial use—91 percent. No one lives in the focus area.

Chang told the participants that the master plan for the College Park-Greenbelt area designates the focus area for mixed-use development while maintaining the existing industrial development.

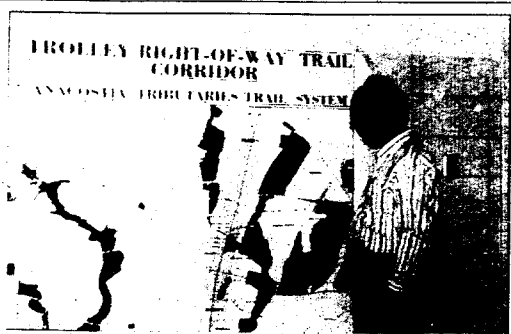
At 1,600 acres, the study area is more than five-times as large. Almost 10,000 people live there in 4,171 dwelling units. The population is expected to grow by 4 percent by the year 2020.

Environmental Factors

When it comes to environmental factors, the focus area, except for the Metro station property, has considerable problems caused primarily by Indian Creek flowing through it from north to south. Except for a small area along Branchville Road and just to the north beside the CSX tracks, the western section of the Bellway Plaza and a narrow strip along part of the west side of Cherrywood Lane north of Breezewood Drive, the area consists of wetlands (128 acres), floodplain (157 acres) and "priority" woodlands (97 acres) that protects the floodplain, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. In addition, according to Stacy Miller, only 10 percent of the focus area, including the Metro station, has soils with moderate infiltration rates for surface water absorption, and 86 percent of the area has soils with very low infiltration rates. In general, development is not approved within the 100-year flood plain.

Traffic Volumes

Transportation Planner Harold Foster provided traffic volumes for the four major roads that bound the study area. Greenbelt Road between the CSX tracks and Cherrywood Lane has an average daily traffic volume of 33,975 according to the Maryland State Highway Administration. Kenilworth Avenue between Greenbelt Road and the Capital Beltway carries an average of 44,975. US 1 near Cherry Hill Road, 48,875, and the Capital Beltway between US 1 and the



Thomas Renahan of Hanover Parkway reviews a trail map, one of the exhibits at the Community Planning Workshop.

photo by Mary Moien

Metro access ramp carries a whopping 202,275.

Winston Hazard of College Park questioned the traffic data for Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. Based on his observations, he felt that Greenbelt Road carried more traffic than Kenilworth. City Councilmember Thomas White agreed with Hazard and the staff agreed to check these figures. Bruce Hancock, the county's trails coordinator, reported that most of the existing pedestrian ways were sidewalks, and bicycleways were streets and roads. He noted that there was now a state grant to put sidewalks on Greenbelt Road where they do not exist. Paved shoulders are to be constructed on Rhode Island Avenue. He also noted Greenbelt's striping of Cherrywood Lane for bicycle paths.

Work Groups

The participants broke up into three work groups. Each was asked to deal with three questions. What are the major issues in the study area? What strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities are there for the focus area and study area? What should the area become?

Some issues identified by the staff were: bike and pedestrian access, economic development, preservation and conservation, land use and zoning, environmental issues, transportation, and parks and recreation. William Clarke of Ridge Road called it a mistake to group bicyclists with pedestrians. He said that pedestrians used sidewalks, but that bicyclists are prohibited from doing so. White felt that economic development was not an important issue because the area was "environmentally challenged." Steve Harper of Ridge Road noted that

Support Meeting For Hard of Hearing

The newly formed Prince George's County group of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will meet Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie City Hall.

The topic for discussion is "Coping Skills," sharing ways to improve speech discrimination in one-on-one and group situations. Also on the agenda is planning a visit to learn more about assisted listening devices.

For further information or directions to Bowie City Hall call 301-474-0345 or 301-262-8174.

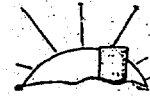
historic preservation was not an issue, because nothing in the area needed historic preservation. Hazard was concerned with the area already being overdeveloped, causing flooding of Indian Creek. He felt the study area was too small — that it is necessary to consider the entire water shed.

Results

After the three work group meetings, everyone came together for work group presentations. Keith Jahoda of Ridge Road and White served as spokespersons for their groups. Each group shared concerns, but also came up with many differences in opinions for the three questions.

After the presentations, the staff advised that all the information would be typed up verbatim and sent to each participant. The staff will also work up the information in another form, combining the results of the work groups. Participants were asked to be members of focus groups that would meet twice during the next five months before a fall public forum.

Greenbelt's Business



Brian O'Mara Is Shareholder in G&O

After over 15 years with the firm, Brian O'Mara, son of the firm's co-founder, officially became a shareholder at Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O).

Headquartered in Greenbelt, G&O is a multidisciplinary design engineering firm serving public and private sector clients with expertise in development engineering, transportation, environmental, and surveying/mapping services. It was founded in 1950 by Marcus F.H. Greenhorne and A. James O'Mara. The latter is still active as Chairman of the Board and CEO of the



Brian O'Mara

firm.

Brian O'Mara began working for G&O in 1977 during summer breaks until his graduation from college in 1983.

Starting out as a company messenger in the mailroom, he later took on more challenging work as an engineering assistant.

"I have grown up with ties to this company," states O'Mara. "I have watched this firm branch out from Maryland to the entire East Coast and Colorado. Being a shareholder enables me to have a vote in the future of the company. I am very excited to have a stake in our success."

A 1983 graduate of Dartmouth College, O'Mara received a B.A. in Engineering Sciences and a B.S. in Civil Engineering. In July 1983, he became a full-time employee at G&O as a civil engineer. He also spent two years in G&O's Marketing Division to learn the administrative side of the business.

Says Larry Courtney, President of the privately-owned firm: "I have known Brian for over a dozen years. He has worked within most of the divisions at the firm and has certainly earned his position as stockholder. I am pleased to see the family tradition continued at G&O."

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., currently employs over 650 professionals in 21 offices across the eastern U.S. and Colorado.

Sanders Joins Weichert Realtors

Elizabeth J. Sanders recently joined the sales team at Weichert, Realtors' Greenbelt Office. Sanders says she joined the company because of its reputation.

NYLCare Names Prichard Director

NYLCare Health Plans of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc., with a regional office in Greenbelt, has named Janice Prichard as its human resource director. In this role, Prichard's responsibilities include human resources strategic planning, employment and training, management development, and employee relations.

Prichard brings more than 20 years of experience in human resources to her new position. Prior to joining NYLCare, she was the assistant vice president of human resources at Carroll County General Hospital. She also served as the administrative director of human resources for the Greater Baltimore Medical Center and Fallston General Hospital.

She currently serves on the board of the Chesapeake Human Resources Association and is the former president of the Maryland Healthcare Human Resources Association.

Public Hearings For WSSC Budget

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will hold public hearings regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 1998. The nearest meeting will be held in the County Administration Building, Governor Oden Bowie Dr., Upper Marlboro, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The snow date is Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. at WSSC Headquarters Building, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel.

Copies of the budget are available now by calling the Budget Office, 301-206-8110.



Edward Harch, CRB, CRS

RSC Names Hatch President-elect

The Residential Sales Council (RSC) introduced Maryland's Ed Hatch, CRB, CRS, as the president-elect during its national convention in San Francisco.

As president-elect appointed by the nominating committee, Hatch is the vice chair of the Executive Com-

mittee and the Board of Governors. He selects the vice chairs of all Residential Sales Committees.

Hatch, president of Ed Hatch Seminars in Greenbelt, is a senior instructor with the RS Council, as well as an instructor for the Maryland Graduate Realtors Institute, where he also served as dean in 1989. Recognized internationally as an educator, Hatch's real estate career has encompassed being an agent, manager and broker/owner. Also, he authored numerous articles for *Real Estate Business*, *Communique*, *National Relocation & Real Estate* magazines and co-authored the book *Mega-Million Dollar Secrets*. He was rated the No. 1 speaker at the 1994 National Association of Realtors Convention in New Orleans.

The Residential Sales Council conducts education courses nationally, providing realtors the opportunity to earn the CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) designation, regarded as the surest mark of agent knowledge and professional success in the residential sales field.



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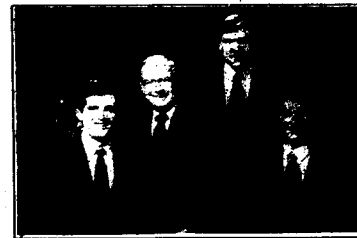
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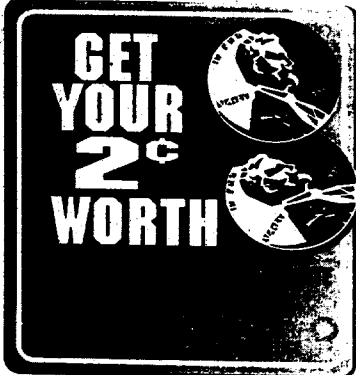
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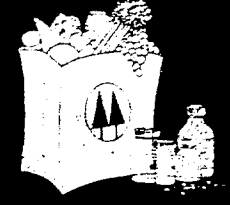
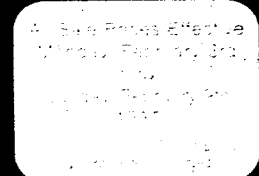
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The Greenbelt Story

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writing, he was continually amazed at the amount of material available and the dramatic quality of the historical events themselves. At the end of the play, one of the actors says incredulously, "Everything you have seen here is all true. It all really happened."

Of course, much more happened than appears in the two-hour run of the play. In fact, when Dan finished his original script, he had a four-hour play and still hadn't written the third act! History buffs who demand strict historical accuracy may be disappointed by events left out or words not stated. The playwright is as subjective as

any of his critics. Audiences, especially long-time Greenbelters, have delighted in recognizing familiar scenes and stories.

What Dan hoped to capture is the fighting, indomitable pioneer spirit of Greenbelt which has threaded its way over the events of the past 60 years. What the play is about is a celebration of Greenbelt — a celebration of the human spirit, the quixotic, funny, sad, wonderful people who came to form a community, both the co-operators and the nay sayers. Friday and Saturday night, January 31 and February 1, at 8 p.m., will be the final two performances.

Don't miss "Maryland Special Project #1" at the Greenbelt Performing Arts Center. Celebrate Greenbelt! Last Saturday night and Sunday's matinee were sold out. Reservations may be made by calling the Greenbelt Arts Center, at 301-441-8770.



Playwright/Director Dan Young and Greenbelt Arts Center President Marie Tousignant, also a cast member, greet attending elected officials after the second performance of Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story.

From left to right are City Councilmembers Judith Davis and Thomas White, Young, Tousignant, Mayor Antoinette Bram and Maryland Delegate Joan Pitkin.

photo by David Lange

School Board Holds Budget Hearing

by Mary Moien

The Prince George's County School Board held a hearing on its FY-1998 budget on January 16 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The proposed budget, to be sent to the County Council, is \$797 million, up from an authorized FY-1997 budget of \$736 million. An additional \$10 million is requested, outside of this budget, to maintain and expand the school facilities.

According to Superintendent of Schools Jerome Clark, the FY-98 budget continues to focus on five instructional priorities: maintaining current services and class sizes for an increasing student population; enhancing school safety; reducing class sizes in comprehensive schools; improving employee compensation; and funding other critical instructional needs. Among these "other" needs are assigning nursing services to all elementary schools; implementing an intervention program to improve SAT performance; expanding literacy programs; and restoring extracurricular activities and intramural athletics to FY-91 levels.

Betty Timer, ERHS PTSA president, was one of several ERHS parents to speak at the hearing. Timer addressed a number of issues. She described how teachers at ERHS teach an additional period each day. In order to bring them into parity with other high school teachers, five more teachers should be added to ERHS next year. Timer referred to school board plans for a new science and technology high school and reminded the board that the current science and technology high schools have to be kept as up-to-date as a new school.

Timer agreed with the Comprehensive School initiative program as two-thirds of the students at ERHS are in the comprehensive program. She complimented the board on their efforts to obtain raises for the teachers this year. Several members of the ERHS PTSA Political Action Committee also spoke at the meeting.

There was also a presentation from the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Community Advisory Board. The emphasis was on the very low math scores in county schools. This past fall only 7 percent of sixth graders passed the Maryland Fractional Math Test. On the other hand, almost half of the same students passed the Reading Test. The Board of Education funds reading specialists in the individual schools. The Community Advisory Board is asking the Board of Education to fund a math resource specialist for each elementary school in the county.



Bruce Bowman, left, was secretary of Greenbelt Mutual Homeowners' Association (a forerunner to Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) when the federal government sold Greenbelt to the residents. Bruce greets Sandra Lange, president of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, and Dan Young, the playwright and director of "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story." FOGM commissioned the play to be written and produced.

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The Lotus Becomes Atomic We - Strives for Planet X

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

"All the wine cases, they're empty; here's a party going down. There's a band playing..." In actual fact, the rehearsal room is littered with soda cans and granola bar wrappers. This is hardly surprising, since the band which is playing consists of four seventh-graders from Kenmoor Middle School.

Greenbelters had a chance to become acquainted with this young rock band when it played at the New Deal Cafe on New Year's Eve. The large crowd at that gig, though, only whetted the band members' appetite for public performances.

The band is made up of four long-time friends: Joe Pugliese of Greenbelt, 12, who plays lead guitar and sings; Yashuah Ford of Lanham, 12, who plays bass; Adam Soderholm of Bowie, 13, who plays guitar; and Dru Baldauf of Greenbelt, 12, who plays drums. The band got its start one day in early 1996 when Dru and Joe were discussing the end-of-the-year school dance at their elementary school. "Wouldn't it be cool if we could get a band together and play at it?" Dru asked.

Won a Bet

They mentioned the idea to their science teacher, and he laughed at the idea of the boys being able to start a band. He bet them that the idea would go nowhere. He ended up having to pay the band members five dollars each.

"We're thinking of turning him in for illegal betting," says Joe, deadpan.

raw," says Joe) and once at a school talent show. The school dance itself was a musical disaster because of problems with the equipment. "But we had so much fun we decided to keep going," Joe says.

Finding places to perform is a problem. "We can't play in bars because we'd get arrested," says Joe. "So we play on stage."

"We never actually play on stage," Dru shoots back.

New Name

Nor have the band members been able to settle on a name. Although the band played at the New Year's Eve party as Lotus, they have recently changed their name to the Atomic We. Joe describes their music as "the Beatles with a distortion pedal." He quickly adds, "But we can't sing as good." Their friends have supported them, and the band even has its own roadies. "They're guys that want to be in the band, but they settle for carrying our stuff," Yash explains.

The band now rehearses in a small basement room in Joe's Research Road home; on the walls are children's artwork and posters of rock bands. After the band members have performed their current set of songs, Joe takes Adam aside and leads him through the chords of a new song which the singer is composing. Joe is the band's songwriter, and he copies his lyrics into a small spiral notebook which includes suggestions to the other band members such as, "Strive for rage."

"It's waltz tempo," he says.



Atomic We lead singer Joe Pugliese belts one out during rehearsal. photo by Justin P. Steele

The first rehearsal took place in Dru's garage — the band members played in their coats because there was no heat. Nor were there any microphones. The boys' parents quickly stepped in. They loaned the band their expertise and electrical equipment, although the band members bought their own instruments. Joe and Adam had already learned to play guitars from their fathers, Yash had learned bass from his stepfather, while Dru learned drums so that he could join the band—"in order to get chicks," Yash says with a grin.

"That's enough motivation," replies Dru. Before the school dance even occurred, the band had already played twice: once at the New Deal Cafe. "We were kind of

picking at the strings of his unplugged guitar. "For a long time it's E, G sharp. . . . Adam, do you know how to do a palm mute?"

Cranberries - or Beatles? Joe and Adam plug their guitars back in, and Yash returns to the room in order to add the bass line. Before he has even finished doing so, Dru has already mastered the beat of the song and is adding the drums. "It sounds like Cranberries," he announces as the song comes to an end.

"No, it doesn't," Joe replies with irritation. "Start it out with a drum roll," suggests Adam.

The music is repeated as Joe sings the chorus, the only part of the lyrics he has composed yet. "We were kind of as the music

ments. "It sounds like the Beatles."

From the doorway, Joe's younger sister Monica says, "Dad wants to know what song that was."

"It's an original," Joe replies. Dru shouts after Monica, "Ask your dad whether it sounds like the Beatles."

The band has now been playing for an hour. Joe, who is dressed in a tee-shirt decorated with pictures of guitars, stretches in his place. Dru uses a wrench to tighten his drums. "Cheap drums," jibes Yash.

To Planet X?

The band members go through the set a second time, then take a break, debating the likelihood of their being able to play at a College Park coffee house, Planet X. They have to send in a demo tape of their group, and in preparation for this they have been trying to improve their work. Joe's father videotaped the band's New Year's Eve performance so that the band members could figure out how to make improvements. Beyond that, what is needed for success is "hard work," as Joe says.

The band starts into the set for a third time. The band members' energetic performance causes interruptions: Joe drops his guitar pick twice, Dru's drumstick splinters, a string on Joe's guitar breaks. The band debates whether to pause so that Joe can restring his guitar. "Restring it!" votes Dru, who has already withdrawn to the adjoining room.

"You guys just want to play video games," Joe complains cheerfully.

A new string is fetched, and Joe loops it around the tuning pegs. "Yash," he says, "one time when Jimi Hendrix was on stage, his string broke, and the roadies came up and restring it while he was playing. I want to be able to play like that."

"You guys, come on!" Yash calls through his mike to the missing band members.

Joe pulls his guitar strap over his head as he says, "I bet you Dru's going to say, 'He fixed it already?'"

Eventually, Yash lures the missing musicians back into the room by banging on Dru's drums. The band members are now well warmed up; during the next number, they begin dancing their way across the blue-grey rug, hopping over the pink slip which records the songs in the set. As the music ends, Joe comments, "We were jumping around during that last song — we should do more of that on stage. It really pumps people up."

"Joe," Yash replies as the band prepares to finish its rehearsal, "the reason we don't jump around on stage is, there's no stage."

"Don't Quit Day Job"

What he means is that the band has so far performed only at small venues. A gig at Planet X or a similar location could bring the band wider recognition and a wider future. All of the band members belong to their school band, and they have been contemplating musical careers. "Don't quit your day job," Joe's father has advised him, but as Yash remarks, the band members are at an age when they are considering their futures.

"That would be cool," Dru reflects. "Get money, just for



The band members of the Atomic We gather for a rehearsal. From left to right are Yashuah Ford, Dru Baldauf, Joe Pugliese, and Adam Soderholm.

photo by Justin P. Steele

doing nothing." "Nothing!" Joe exclaims in protest, perhaps thinking of the number of rehearsals which will take place before their next gig. He says that he definitely wants to do some sort of musical work, part-time if need be, but full-time if possible.

"What if you get your fingers cut off and you can't play an instrument?" teases Dru.

Joe smiles in response. "I'll use my teeth," he says.

Valentine's Day Concert Scheduled

The Prince George's Choral Society will be presenting its Valentine's Day concert on Friday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church's Kidder Hall.

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Arts Center News

by Suzanne Zappasodi
To all romantics, "Stories From The Heart" will be the next offering by the Greenbelt Arts Center's Words Alive Readers Theater. One performance only is scheduled - Monday, February 10, at 8 p.m. Guest producer Jim Lochner will lead two local groups, the Goddard Storytellers and Voices in the Glen, in the pursuit of love... with equal opportunity for the young and the mature lover. Jim promises it will not be a typical Valentine's Day program, but love will abound and triumph.
Speaking of love, Jaylee and Gill Mead, Greenbelt's "angels," saw a performance of "Maryland Special Project #1: the Greenbelt Story" over the weekend and "loved it," according to cast member and GAC president Marie Tousignant. The Mead Family Foundation provided the grant to commission and produce the 60th anniversary play. Final performances, Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m.
Dates to mark on your calendar:
Feb. 1, opening of spring session. Children's Drama and Voice Classes, Keith and Sherry Mervine, instructors. Auditions and registration at 1 p.m.
Feb. 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. - auditions for "You and the Night and the Music," a program of classic favorites scheduled for Feb. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. - Rosebud Musical Company presents music and dance to celebrate Valentine's Day.
Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. - "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard, directed by Larry Zanner, opens for 10 performances.

Blood Drive

Citizens are asked to donate blood to the Red Cross on Monday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center, 99 Centerway, in the Multipurpose Room. The blood drive is sponsored by the Recreation Department and GHI. Please call Betty at 301-474-4161 or Janet at 301-397-2200 to schedule an appointment.

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In the event you did not receive your copy of the Newsletter, please call Member Services at 474-4161.

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Emergencies and Deferral Updates Sought by GHI

by Sandy Smith
The Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board, which held its regular board meeting on the snowy evening of January 9, took up such issues as the role and operations of committees in GHI and a review of the fee deferral programs. The board approved for second reading an expenditure authorization in the amount of \$7.1 million to implement the 1997 budget and discussed a draft policy for weekend or emergency on-call duty of the Maintenance Department.

Clarification as to which problems should be handled after hours and on weekends and which may be appropriately referred to regular hours (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays). In general, calls considered an emergency are those which could result in damage to property, either GHI's or the member's, or which could result in danger to the health or safety of a member. The list of emergencies begins with fire in the unit and ranges through broken fixtures to roof leaks. The board agreed in principle with the policy but asked that the list of emergencies be clarified and reduced as appropriate.

Committees
Recognizing the importance of committees in GHI, board member Nat Shinderman asked the board to review the policy on committees and the procedures in

place to recruit or appoint committee members. The board examined two reports from the Committee on Committees prepared in 1969 and 1993. Discussion ranged from whether to continue to operate under the 1993 policies, whether annual reappointments were needed, or whether to consider three-year appointments. It was suggested that members be recognized for their contributions to the community through their committee work. Finally, Board President Alan Turnbull agreed to work on a mechanism to appoint members to standing committees.

Other Matters
President Turnbull suggested that the board needs to schedule a meeting soon regarding investments in response to a proposed by-law amendment on this topic and to place on a subsequent agenda future investment strategies. The board agreed to request a meeting with the Greenbelt City Council to discuss

Music Festival At Maryland

The University of Maryland School of Music is pleased to present Hornfest '97 on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union Building. Activities include masterclasses, recitals, exhibits, and a meet the artists reception. Featured performers and clinicians are Barry Tuckwell, renowned horn virtuoso and conductor; Peter Landgren, UM faculty member and associate principal horn with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; and Jeff Girdler, UM faculty member and co-principal horn with the United States Navy Band. For information and registration forms, please call the

mutual concerns. The board then recessed to Executive Session.

Note: This article was based on information provided by GHI.

Sign Language Courses at PGCC

Sign Language I and II, courses in how to communicate with the deaf will be offered at Prince George's Community College on Mondays, Feb. 3 - April 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the Largo Campus and Wednesdays, Feb. 5 - April 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A Saturday session will also be offered this semester, beginning February 8 and ending April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Largo campus.

Sign Language III and IV will be offered on Thursdays from Feb. 6 - April 3, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on the Largo campus. These continuing education courses are designed for beginners through advanced students wishing to pursue interpreting for the deaf as a career.

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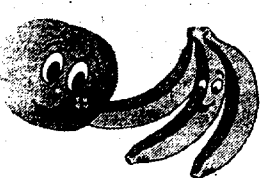


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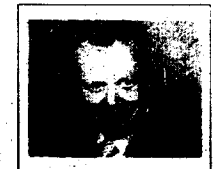
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

On Wednesday, January 22, at 9:03 p.m., three citizens reported being victims of an armed robbery at a residence. Two of the victims advised they were inside a friend's residence in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road when someone knocked at the door. One of the victims opened the door at which time the two suspects forced their way into the residence. One suspect was armed with a shotgun, and the other was armed with a handgun. The suspects frisked both victims for valuables, then told one of the victims to get the person who lives at the residence. The victim complied, and when the subject returned, he was told by the suspect to return to his home. The suspect returned home, where he frisked at gun point and took several pieces of jewelry from the suspect, then asked the suspect where the money was. The suspect advised that the money was in the pocket of his coat, which was in a friend's vehicle in the parking lot. The suspect also advised that his friend was in the car waiting for him to return. One of the suspects went to the parking lot and asked the driver for the coat. The suspect displayed no weapon at this time. The suspect got the coat, returned to the residence and took the money. Both suspects then fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspects are described as follows:

1. A black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'7", 190 pounds, dark brown eyes, wearing a black ski mask, black clothing, and black gloves. He was armed with a black shotgun.

2. A black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'8", 180 pounds, with brown eyes, wearing a white baseball cap, a white shirt, and black pants. He was carrying a black handgun.

At 1:14 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, a citizen reported being the victim of an armed robbery in the area of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace. The victim reported he was walking home when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect demanded the victim's wallet while holding what appeared to be a knife or an ice pick in one hand. The victim then attempted to strike the suspect with his fist, at which time the suspect fled the scene on foot toward the rear of Beltway Plaza. The suspect is described as follows:

A black male, approximately 20 years of age, 5'10", 170 pounds, with short hair and brown eyes, wearing a dark beige or light brown crew neck sweater, blue pants or blue jeans, a baseball cap and a long black leather jacket.

At 7:04 p.m. on Monday, January 20, officers responded to the 6100 block of Breezewood Terrace for a report of an armed robbery. The victim, a fast food restaurant cashier, advised that he was working at the restaurant when he was approached by a suspect. The suspect demanded the victim's cash register and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as follows:

the suspect walked away toward Edmonston Terrace. The suspect is described as follows:

A black male approximately 20 years of age, 6'1", 150 lbs, wearing a green waist length hooded jacket.

At 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, the School Resource Officer responded to a report of an armed robbery which occurred in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The victim advised that he was skipping school with another student, and while walking down the street, they were approached by several subjects. One of the subjects demanded the victim's jacket. When the victim refused, the suspect threatened him with a knife, while another suspect began pulling off the victim's jacket. The suspects then went into a residence in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Officers later responded to the residence but no one was there. The suspects are described as follows:

1. A black male, 16 to 17 years of age, 5'11", 140 pounds, with black hair, wearing a black hat and a thick jersey type shirt with the word "Polo" written on the front.

2. A black male, 16 to 17 years of age, 6', 190 pounds, with black hair, wearing a black shirt and blue jeans.

School Incidents

A student reported being the victim of a strong arm robber at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway on January 17. The victim advised that he left the school and was walking toward the football field when he was approached by the suspect. The suspect asked the victim if he had any money. The suspect then told the victim to empty his pockets. The suspect then punched the victim in the face several times and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as follows:

A black man 15 to 16 years of age, 5'8", 140 pounds, with black hair and a light complexion, wearing a long black cloth coat and black pants.

At 11:45 a.m. on Friday, January 17, the School Resource Officer responded to a report of an assault at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Witnesses advised that during a class discussion, the suspect jumped on top of the victim, a 16-year-old female, and knocked her to the ground. The suspect then began to choke the victim. When the teacher attempted to help the victim, the suspect assaulted the teacher. The suspect was apprehended by a school administrator as he was attempting to leave the classroom. A 17 year old nonresident youth was arrested on petition and charged with two counts of assault and possession of an electronic pager on school property.

The youth was transported to the District of Columbia Detention Center, pending action by the Board of Juvenile and Child Welfare Services. The youth is described as follows:

who advised that he became involved in a verbal dispute with a customer when the suspect slapped him in the face. The suspect then fled the scene in a brown Ford station wagon. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years old, 5'11", with medium build and brown eyes.

At 10:48 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, officers responded to a report of a vehicle being operated with stolen registration plates in the 7000 block of Hanover Parkway. The tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince Georges County Police Department. The occupant of the vehicle was arrested and charged on citation with theft and released pending trial.

At 8:23 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, a 1988 Suzuki Samurai, reported stolen January 10 from Beltway Plaza, was recovered

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 301-807-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

ered by the County Police at Beltway Plaza. No arrests were made.

At 10:49 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, while patrolling the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive, an officer observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police Department. The occupant of the vehicle was arrested and charged with theft and driving with a suspended license. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

Five burglaries were reported: At 7:43 p.m. on Friday, January 17, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. The method of entry is unknown. A purse and its contents were taken.

At 10:39 a.m. on Monday, January 20, a burglary was reported at an office suite in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

At 11:26 p.m. on Monday, January 19, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. Entry was gained by breaking the glass pane door. A television, stereo equipment and jewelry were taken.

At 2:8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, a burglary was reported at an office suite in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive. Cash was taken.

At 7:53 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 6 Court Ridge Road. The method of entry is unknown. Video game players and game cartridges were taken.

At 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, an officer stopped a vehicle in the 6500 block of Cherrywood Lane for a traffic violation. An officer stopping the vehicle observed the driver moving furtively toward the front seat. The driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. The driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. The driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

rested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle.

At 12:20 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation while patrolling the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road. As a result of a consent search of the vehicle, a loaded Taurus .357 caliber handgun and a loaded Lorcin .25 caliber handgun were discovered. A 28 year old nonresident male was arrested and charged with two counts of transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, and a 43 year old nonresident female was arrested and charged with one count of transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle.

Unattended Children

At 7:59 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, an officer responded to a report of three unattended children, ages seven and eight, at Jeepers! Indoor Playground, Beltway Plaza. The guardian returned to the scene approximately 45 minutes later and was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended in a public place. A 20 year old nonresident female was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

At 1:44 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, officers responded to Beltway Plaza for a report of an unattended child in a vehicle.

The vehicle was located with a two-year-old child inside. When the vehicle operator, a 27 year old nonresident male, returned several minutes later, he was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle, and released on citation pending trial.

At 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, while patrolling the parking lot of Greenway Shopping Center, an officer saw a vehicle parked in a fire lane. The officer then observed two children, ages one and seven, inside the vehicle unattended. The operator of the vehicle returned approximately 30 minutes later. The 35 year old nonresident female was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle and driving

with a suspended license. She was released on citation pending trial.

At 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, officers responded to a report of a person attempting to pay for merchandise with an altered check at the Safeway Store. As a result of investigation, a 27 year old nonresident female was arrested on the scene and charged with forgery. She was taken before a District Court Commissioner, where she was held on \$10,000 bond pending trial. A computer check also revealed that the woman also had an open warrant with the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Department. She was taken into custody by the Sheriff's Department.

At 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, officers responded to the Safeway Store, for a report of someone attempting to pass a forged prescription at the pharmacy. As a result of investigation, a 39 year old nonresident female was arrested and charged with theft. She was released on citation pending trial.

At 3:55 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, a citizen reported that her unattended purse and its contents were stolen when she placed it next to her vehicle while she was unloading in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road.

At 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, a citizen reported the theft of his wallet while inside Beltway Plaza Mall. The victim, a security guard, advised that while breaking up a fight inside the mall, his wallet fell out of his pocket. He then observed a subject pick it up and walk away. The suspect is described as a black female approximately 20 years of age, 5'5", 200 pounds, with black hair and a dark complexion, wearing a white coat, dark pants, and dark shoes.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 22 Court Ridge Road, Beltway Plaza, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 7200 block Hanover Drive, and the 8400 block of Canning Terrace.



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