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CFG Listens to Participants Discuss Metro Area Study

by Mary Moien

Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) sponsored a meeting on January 22 to provide an update on the Greenbelt Metro Area (GMA) Study. Jim Inzeo, President, CFG, chaired the forum-style meeting with three presenters - Thomas White, mayor pro tem; Terri Hruby, Greenbelt city planner; and John Krouse, North College Park Citizens Association. Hruby substituted for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning (M-NCPPC) staff, who were unable to attend.

Although recent reports suggest that there are groups interested in development, Inzeo was unable to identify them to participate in this meeting. He indicated that one of the site owners is the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Although a public agency, it has indicated that their policy is opposed to divulging who are potential developers.

Presentations

White, official city representative to the study, presented background information. He referred to the just-finished "Interim Draft GMA Study" report, which was

to be presented to the M-NCPPC on January 29. The study area is on the western edge of Greenbelt, encompassing Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza, the unincorporated areas of the A. H. Smith property, WMATA property surrounding the Metro station, and other small

The study area is one of the most neglected areas of Greenbelt.

areas. The proposed development sites are concentrated in the WMATA and Smith properties.

Development is hampered by a number of factors. The property is surrounded by three municipalities - Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, and College Park. One of the most neglected areas of Greenbelt, it is environmentally challenged and also hampered in access. The new Department of Agriculture building, on the northern edge, has no transportation. Springhill Lake Apartments, one of the largest apartment developments on the East Coast, and Beltway Plaza are both aging. There are also lots

of wetlands and bad soil to deal with.

History of Study

Planning for this study began two years ago. One year ago, a community meeting at Greenbelt Middle School initiated public participation. Fourteen focus-group sessions have been held. White indicated that he was skeptical about the success of the group at the January 1997 meeting. During the entire process, however, he found participation to be very good, including representatives from Berwyn Heights, MNCPPC, Greenbelt, the property owners, and Capital Office Park.

Terri Hruby spoke next, reviewing some of the unique site issues. The Smith property is in an unincorporated area; the Metro site is in Greenbelt. Restrictions are already in place for development, but Hruby pointed out that the Prince George's Plaza station had so many restrictions that no one wanted to develop nearby. In addition to new development at the Greenbelt site, she mentioned redevelopment and revitalization of

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Wetlands Issue Is Debated By Courts, State, Planners

by Virginia Beauchamp

A lawsuit involving wetlands near Waldorf, Maryland may have repercussions for the A. H. Smith property, the News Review has learned. In December a three-judge panel for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned criminal convictions against a developer, Interstate General Corp., which had been accused of illegally filling in wetlands.

In their decision, the Court of Appeals ruled that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers had no authority to regulate wetlands that do not flow directly into navigable waterways, or that were "far" from major rivers or streams. The company had argued that its land was miles from a major river and hundreds of yards from a creek or stream. Traditionally the Corps of Engineers has administered wetlands as a means of flood control.

Currently the Corps of Engineers in this area awaits a report from the A. H. Smith Limited Partnership delineating the wetlands and flood plain that lie within their property. This process must precede a petition for development. The Corps would then rule on whether the development proposal meets its wetlands restrictions or if mitigation plans would be involved.

Apparently the Smith corporation has now held up completing

that report pending a further ruling in the Waldorf case. Federal prosecutors have announced that they will retry the case, as they "routinely" do.

(As we reported earlier, the owners of the Smith property hope that a development proposal involving their tract and the adja-

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cent Metro tract can be presented for approval to the Washington Metropolitan Transit Area Authority.)

Impact of Court Decision

According to a January 4 article in the Washington Post by writer Peter S. Goodman, if the Circuit Court of Appeals decision stands, the Corps of Engineers would be forced "to surrender to individual states decisions about how vigorously to protect some wetlands." However, Goodman also wrote that Maryland, which has "a record of aggressive environmental protection might well move to fill any void left by the Engineers."

The state, in the form of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), had already taken action concerning the Smith

tract. As the News Review reported earlier, a ten-year history of litigation in which the Smith partnership contended that MDE lacked jurisdiction over its sand and gravel operation ended when the Maryland Court of Appeals refused to hear its case.

That refusal left in place an earlier decision by the Court of Special Appeals of the State of Maryland that penalties applied against the company were lawful. Subsequently the company paid a \$49,000 penalty plus \$5,308.34 in interest.

How Far Is "Far"?

Left somewhat murky by the Appeals Court decision in the Waldorf case is what is meant by "far" from major rivers or streams or those "that do not flow directly into navigable waterways." On the Smith tract an unnamed tributary has carried run-off and pollution from the sand and gravel operation into Indian Creek, from there into Paint Branch, into the Anacostia, then into the Potomac and ultimately into Chesapeake Bay. As far north as Bladensburg, the Anacostia is currently navigable for small craft.

According to the Post article, a spokesman for the Corps of Engineers had commented that on the East Coast most wetlands "lie adjacent" to clearly navigable rivers and "should not be affected by the decision."

Approval Sought for Plan For Zoning Near Metro

by Elaine Skolnik

A Sector Plan and a concurrent Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) for the Greenbelt Metro Area will be submitted in draft Resolution form to the Prince George's County Council (sitting as District Council) by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Planning Board. This action was agreed upon at the Planning Board's January 29 meeting. At that time M-NCPPC team leaders led by Joe Chang, project director, and Monty Kolste, facilitator, presented the interim report of the Greenbelt Metro Area Study Focus Group.

The interim report supported the Sector/SMA planning strategy to achieve development in the "focus" area composed of the Greenbelt Metro station and A.H. Smith Limited Partnership properties (see map on page 9). The focus group preferred the Sector Plan/SMA amendment as the best tool to "address comprehensively the community-wide issues, including environmental, transportation, urban design, land use and zoning with a public participation program consisting of a community with the three local municipalities, a planning group and several focus groups."

The report was prepared by the M-NCPPC planning team, in coordination with a community focus group composed of civic groups and elected officials and property owners from the municipalities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt. In their deliberations from April to De-

ember 1997, the group also studied communities and businesses surrounding the "focus" area (see map).

The District Council is expected to adopt the Resolution calling for an amendment to the Approved Master Plan for Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt and Vicinity, no later than February 17. This action would signal the initiation of the Sector Plan/SMA in order to develop a comprehensive approach to the unique development and redevelopment potential around the Greenbelt Metro Station. It would also give the green light for a public forum on April 16, sponsored by the Planning Board.

Public Forum

Chang told the News Review that, in preparing for the upcoming public forum, staff is compiling a brochure describing, for example, "... existing plans, planning issues, boundary zoning, land use, goals, guidelines, Public Participation Program (PPP) and schedules." Following the forum, staff will review and summarize public comments, then transmit them along with the finalized "Goals, Concepts and Guidelines" to the Planning Board on May 7. The M-NCPPC staff will then present these findings at a District Council worksession on May 19 and request final approval by the Council on June 9.

Assuming that a Sector Plan (Master Plan Amendment) and a concurrent SMA is approved, it is expected that completion of

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Moms Morning Out Lets Tots Play - Moms Get Away

by Altoria Bell Ross

When Diane Huisenga gets out, she jets to Europe as a flight attendant. When Nancy Kyllis gets out, she volunteers at her older children's school, and when Lillian Johnson gets out, she takes aerobics classes.

These Greenbelt mothers are able to get out of their homes and into society partly due to the Mom's Morning Out program sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Mothers drop off their three-to-five-year-old children for social, motor, learning, and listening skills development at the Youth Center's arts and crafts room.

This program is not new. It was born about 10 years ago when Julie McHale, recreation supervisor, saw the need for pre-school programming during the big baby boom. Then, six children ranging from three to five years old took the classes two days a week for two and a half hours. Today, 44 children are enrolled, including McHale's three-year-old twin sons.

Teacher Gaye Houchens works with a group of three to five year olds on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and with another set of three and four year olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11:30. The four and five year olds come to her colorful classroom every weekday afternoon from 12:30 to 3.

"I absolutely love it," says Johnson, whose four-year-old daughter is a student in the three-day program. "I think Gaye is wonderful, and she is great with the kids."

Houchens, whose elementary school-age children graduated

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What Goes On

Wed., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. PRAB Meeting, Community Center

Thurs., Feb. 19, 8 p.m. F.O.G.M. Meeting, Langston Terrace video, Community Center



Music producer Albert Peterson (Richard Dahl) is ready to head off to the small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio to the concern of his assistant Rose Alvarez (Sharon Gavin).

Bye Bye Birdie Comes to Greenbelt

by Jim Adams

If you like musicals, the Arts Center is the place to be. If you loved the '50s, reserve your tickets now. "Bye Bye Birdie" is coming to Greenbelt for four weekends, starting Friday night, February 20. Greenbelt has the annual Labor Day Festival and its 50th and 60th anniversary bashes

when people you haven't seen for months, even years come together to celebrate the community spirit.

The small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, comes together, too, with the surprise arrival of an Elvis-like pop-star, Conrad Birdie, who turns the town upside-down, to the delight of the town's teenagers, and the dismay of its parents while he sings a farewell song to be broadcast live on the "Ed Sullivan Show." (For those of our readers under 40, Ed Sullivan was a lot like David

Letters

Timely Movie

Greenbelt Theater's management deserves a hearty "Thank You!" for having the timely movie "Wag the Dog" available so soon. With national media such as The Washington Post and Newsweek magazine referring to this picture, it is a definite luxury to be able to see it at this convenient location (even on a big screen as a bonus).

"Wag the Dog", besides being so timely, has some definite laugh lines. I remember about six different times during last Saturday's 5:20 showing when some good loud signs of amusement broke out among the audience.

If the tail would wag the dog, if the tail were smarter than the dog, then Greenbelt Theater's management is smartest of all!

Christopher K. Scherer

Sonatas and Interludes

The University of Maryland School of Music will present Dr. Louis Goldstein from Wake Forest University, performing John Cage's Sonatas and Interludes for Prepared Piano. The recital will take place on Monday, February 16, at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 301-405-1150.

Park Service Needs Volunteers

The National Park Service is seeking volunteers for trail patrol and maintenance, computer help and clean-up projects. Call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

Education Budget Worksession Re-set

The Prince George's County Board of Education's FY-99 Budget Worksession originally scheduled for February 11 has been re-scheduled on Tuesday, February 17, at 6 p.m. Open to the general public, the worksession will be held in the Board Meeting Room at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. For further information call 301-952-6115.

Correction

In last week's News Review, the choreographer for "Damn Yankees" at ERHS should have been listed as Mia Yamada. The News Review regrets the error.

JoAnn's BOOKS

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GREENBELT CONNECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, February 16 due to Presidents' Day. For more information, call the Greenbelt Connection at (301) 474-4100, or visit *Greenbelt Citylink* on the web at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

will honor City Employees
W. Bowman (Bo) Ferguson
and David Moran
Learn how they serve us

Sat. Feb. 20. 8:00 p.m.
Terrace Room in Greenbriar Comm. Bldg
Social hour Follows.

Join us on Bus Trip to E.D.R. Memorial in Washington, D.C. followed by lunch at the Beijing Restaurant in Greenbelt March 21, 1998, Bus leaves from Library parking lot, 9:30 a.m.
Fee of \$20.00 may be paid at Feb. meeting

Reservations/Rides/Information
301-474-6668

Presidents' Day Waste Collection

Due to Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16 trash collection AND recycling collection will occur on Tuesday, February 17. Collections will occur as follows:

MONDAY	→	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	→	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	→	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	→	FRIDAY

There will be no Friday yard debris and appliance pickups. City Offices will be closed on February 16. Visit *Greenbelt Citylink* on the web for current recycling and refuse collection information at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us, or call Public Works at (301) 474-8004.



"I heard it's Hush-Hush, and Rush-Rush"

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

Registration and Spring and Summer Sports sign-up.

Spring Soccer (Youth born 1984-93)
Softball (Girls born 1980-88)
Baseball (Boys born 1982-85)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AND 15, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER.

New members must have a copy of their birth certificate, current picture and a parent or guardian.
Current or former members may register by phone. Call Mel Scites at **301-441-8689**.
**We need soccer coaches! Please call 301-441-8689 if you can coach!*

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

GIAC Offers E-mail Class

One of the most common uses of the home computer is to send and receive electronic mail. On Wednesday, February 18, the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC), better known as Greenbelt.com, is providing an opportunity to learn more about this valuable resource in a class entitled E-mail Basics. This is the latest in a series of free classes offered by the group. Nancy Revis, president of GIAC, will be the guest speaker for the evening. The class will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library, co-sponsor of this series. Although not required, Greenbelt.com requests that persons planning to attend make reservations if possible. To make a reservation, call Tom Crompton at 301-596-3237.

Goddard Colloquia

The following Colloquia will be held at Goddard Space Flight Center:

February 20 "Return to the Moon" by Harrison Schmitt, University of Wisconsin, February 27 "Hubble Constant: the End Game, by John Huchra, Harvard University.

Both events will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Building 3 Auditorium. Coffee and tea will be served in the lobby beforehand, courtesy of GEWA. Individuals who plan to attend and do not have a NASA badge must contact Carol Krueger 301-286-6878 at least 24 hours in advance.

Explorations Unlimited

Cooperative Spirit Documentary Topic

On Friday, February 20, Explorations Unlimited presents the documentary "The Spirit of Cooperation," at the Community Center Senior Classroom from 1 - 3 p.m. The presenter is Leta Mach, director of Communications at the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA).

Mach, a resident of Greenbelt, has been involved with cooperatives in many ways, serving as treasurer of a cooperative nursery school and newsletter editor of the Maryland Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools. She also is on the News Review staff. Currently, she is secretary of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

The Show

How cooperatives have helped America and how they continue

Community Events

Donation Drop-Off

The February Donation Drop-Off cosponsored with the American Rescue Workers will be held this Saturday, February 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 and will be reused by needy people in Prince George's County. The Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

To arrange for at home collection or for pickups of larger items including furniture, mattresses, or appliances that work, call the American Rescue Workers directly at 301-336-6200. For more information, call Bo Ferguson, currently doubling as Greenbelt's acting recycling coordinator, at 301-474-8308.

Writers Group Holds Reading

The Greenbelt Writer's Group will host its next open reading on Friday, February 20 in the Senior Art Gallery of the Community Center. Sign-up will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the reading will start at 7:30. Poetry, fiction, personal essays, nature writing and other creative genres are welcome. Readers of poetry will be limited to five minutes; readers of prose will be limited to ten minutes.

The reading will be followed by refreshments and conversation.

Democratic Club Plans Two Trips

Two Greenbelt city employees, W. Bowman (Bo) Ferguson, management analyst, and David Moran, city clerk, will be honored when the Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club meets on Friday, February 20 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. Ferguson and Moran will describe their roles and responsibilities in carrying out their duties.

The club members are regularly kept informed of county, state, and national legislation. On Monday, March 16, they will travel to Annapolis by bus to attend the reception given by the three Delegates and the State Senator from the 23rd District, Joan Pitkin, Mary Conroy, Jim Hubbard, and Senator Leo Green.

Instead of the usual March meeting, plans are being made to visit the F.D.R. Memorial in Washington, DC, on Saturday, March 21. The bus will leave promptly at 9:15 a.m. from the Greenbelt Library parking lot. Upon return, those attending will lunch at the Beijing Restaurant. To make reservations for either or both of the trips, or for further information about the Roosevelt Democratic Club, call 301-474-6668. Rides can be arranged by calling the same telephone number.

GHI Notes

GHI employees are celebrating Black History Month. Members are welcome to view the posters and displays throughout the hallways during the month of February.

GHI offices will be closed Monday, February 16, in observance of President's Day. For emergency maintenance that day call 301-474-6011.

The Member & Community Relations Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in the Board Room.

New Deal Cafe
 Open Fri & Sat 7-11 pm
 Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday, February 13 - Ed Weglein (maritime blues)
 Saturday, February 14 - New Deal Valentine's Day Dance
 Friday, February 20 - Mike Ball (Folk & Blues)
 Saturday, February 21 - Stan Brown (pharmacist & troubador)
 Donations for Musicians Encouraged
 Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club's meeting on Wednesday, February 18, will be a birthday party celebrating members' February birthdays. See Solange Hess to sign up to help at this or future parties.

Vice-President Bill Souser and Past-President Irv. Siegel have presided over the past two meetings as President Irene Hensel is vacationing in Florida — lucky her!

Sunshine Committee Chair, June Francisco, reports that Ray Haber is now at the Manor Care Nursing Home on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. Also on the sick list are Ima Davis, Teresa McCleary and Charles Pavlish.

Lion Joe Wilkerson introduced guest, Barbara Jacobs, who announced a fundraiser, "Walk for

the Lion's Eye Bank" at the Beltway Plaza on Saturday, February 21. Registration is at 8 a.m. Walkers can get pledge sheets ahead of time or make a donation.

Martha Kaufman still chooses the movies for seniors, which are usually scheduled on the second Monday of the month.

See a member of the Travel Committee to sign up for the Tuesday, February 24, trip to the Women's Military Memorial and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The bus is scheduled to leave at 9:45 a.m. More information will be forthcoming later regarding future and tentative trips.

Stay well and come to the Golden Age Club meetings, which are held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

At the Library

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Adult Book Discussion. Toni Morrison's "The Song of Solomon."

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime, ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 - 5. 11:15 a.m., Tickly Toddle Storytime, age 2 and parent or caregiver.

Grand Canyon Video

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is showing "Grand Canyon National Park" on Saturday, February 21, at 2 p.m. Meet at the Rangers Station in Greenbelt Park. For reservations or information call 301-344-3944.

1998 SPRING VISUAL ARTS CAMP
 The Greenbelt Recreation Department is proud to introduce a new Visual Arts Spring Camp. The camp will operate during the P.G. County's School Spring Recess. The camp will be staffed with a Counselor and Specialist to meet the needs of each camper.

LOCATION: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
WHEN: Monday, April 6 thru Friday April 10.
OPERATION: The camp will operate from 9 am to 3:30 pm. All campers must be in Kindergarten through 6th grade. A supervised Before and/or After Care program is available from 7-9 am and 3:30-6 pm. Campers should bring their own non-perishable bag/box lunch. A drink will be provided.
PROGRAM: Emphasis will be on pottery, painting, drawing and crafts.
SPECIAL: A letter will be sent out 1 week prior to camp with the week's schedule.
COST: Resident Child \$100.00 - Non-Resident Child \$110.00 Before Care \$15.00/child-After Care \$17.50/child.
REGISTRATION: Begins Mon., Feb. 9 thru Fri., March 27, 1998. LIMITED TO 12 CAMPERS. A non-refundable \$25.00 deposit (deducted from fee) will be required for each child, with balance due March 28, 1998.
 Greenbelt Community Center 1998 Spring Visual Arts Camp 15 Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 301-397-2208

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The 1998 Community Beautification Program will begin on April 6th. Areas included in this program are:

- exterior inspections,
- swale/grade problems,
- exterior painting,
- lawn care & regular yard work,
- fences and hedges

Additional information concerning the Yard Beautification Program and the rules and regulations of the items listed above can be found in the GHI Member Handbook. Of particular concern will be the monitoring of lawns within the community.

LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE MEMBER MEMO AND ADDITIONAL UPDATES WILL BE POSTED IN THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW.

If you have any questions concerning this program, calls should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-0292.

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 Fees \$25, \$15 for additional Siblings; \$60 Non residents,
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Namy Lwanga demonstrates African dance movements to children at the Greenbelt Nursery School.

-photo by Marilyn DiMarco

Namu Lwanga Dances At Nursery School

Ugandan born Namu Lwanga performed at Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten this past January 14, delighting students with her one-woman show of storytelling, music and dance. Namu's flexible repertoire appeals to all ages, and this performance was tailored to a young group. Children from the audience assisted Namu in demonstrating traditional African instruments, including the Endongo string instrument (bowl lyre), and the Amadinda (xylophone). Eager volunteers lined up to learn dance movements after seeing Namu's rhythmical dance routine.

Lesson in Safety

A Ugandan children's story provided a lesson in safety for the children. When a mother leaves her daughter, Nsangi, to go out for work, she warns her not to open the door for anyone — especially not for the wolf lurking nearby. The mother reminds

First Time Attendees Get Bread and Jelly

Neil Ray, Christian Outreach chairman, is visiting Holy Cross Lutheran Church visitors with a unique welcome. He delivers freshly-baked bread and jelly to the homes of those new families or individuals who register their first-time attendance.

Ray also spearheaded the "ice-water" booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Church volunteers were well-occupied to keep supplies of cups, and water, and persons to service the "thirsty throngs." The term "rave reviews" would apply to the reception given this Outreach project.

Ray works at the Cannon architectural firm in the District. He and his wife live in College Park.



Neil Ray preparing to bake fresh bread to be delivered to Holy Cross Lutheran Church visitors.

Gray Panthers Hear Talk on Health Care

An analysis of the health care crisis and current health care proposals will be the subject when the Gray Panthers of Greenbelt meet on Saturday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The speaker will be Beverly Hummel, chairman of the Gray Panthers Health Care Task Force. Hummel also is director of health care for All Speakers' Bureau. In 1994, she was Acting Health Care coordinator for Maryland Citizen Action.

These organizations have made a comprehensive national health care program their number one legislative priority and are working for a national single-payer health care bill. Hummel will also be available to answer questions about long term care needs and how they may be met. A short business meeting will precede the talk, followed by light refreshments.

For information or to arrange for a ride within the area of Greenbelt, call 301-474-6890 or 301-474-6668.

except on Sundays at 2 p.m. There is a fee. Call 301-405-2201 for information.

"Emma" as a Play Will Be Performed

A play based on the novel "Emma" by Jane Austen will be presented on February 11 - 15 and 17 - 22 at the University Theatre, Pugliese Theatre at the University of Maryland in College Park. The play is at 8 p.m.

daughter, and after a time rescues her from the wolf. Nsangi learns the valuable and symbolic lesson that she should also look out the window before opening the door.

Namu Lwanga has performed extensively in theaters and festivals internationally. She is a recipient of numerous prizes and awards, including a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Award, and the 1996 Parent's Choice Approval for both her children's video and audio tapes - "Web of Tales" - volume one.

A TREE OF LIFE TO THEM THAT HOLD FAST TO IT

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A Full Range of Social and Religious Activities
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Greenbelt Community Church
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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..."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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301-474-9410
SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Physically impaired accessible
Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor
Where there is welcome for the stranger and community with others who seek love and justice.

St. George's Episcopal Church
"A Church Where Everyone Belongs"
Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Greenbelt Road (MD 193), Glenn Dale
301-262-3285
<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>
The Rev. Michael Hopkins, Vicar

Sunday Services	Wednesdays
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Meeting to Plan For Youth Plays

"This year, the Arts Center's youth production is changing in order to let our young people take on more of the tasks necessary for any production," says Virginia Zanner, leader of the youth productions. To do this they need the help of interested adults (including parents) who would guide the children in learning first-hand about the running of a play. They would be doing the work, but adults are needed to help them increase their independence and the quality of the youth production. Anyone interested, youngsters and adults, is invited to attend a meeting at the Greenbelt Arts Center on February 22 after the matinee of Bye Bye Birdie. For more information, call Zanner at 301-220-0552.

Coast Guard Offers Boat Safety Course

Flotilla 24, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is again offering its basic boating safety course to the public. This course is offered for no charge, other than the cost of the materials, as a service to promote boating safety.

Classes will be held weekly beginning on Thursday, February 12, for a total of thirteen weeks. The classes will run from 7:30 to 9:30 each Thursday evening at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

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Anyone desiring further information may contact Mary Moscatti at 301-336-8784.

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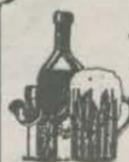
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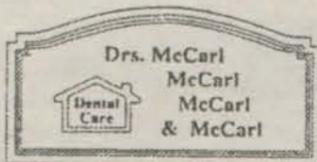


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Strong-arm Robbery

Beltway Plaza parking lot, Feb. 2, 9:46 p.m. - as a woman was getting into her vehicle a man approached. He tried to grab her purse from her shoulder, and a struggle ensued. He threw her to the ground during the struggle, took her purse and fled on foot toward the CVS pharmacy. He ran through the service lanes of the Mobil gas station and got into an older model white station wagon, which headed west on Greenbelt Road.

Assault

7900 block of Mandan Rd., Jan. 30, a resident reported that her ex-boyfriend came to her new apartment uninvited and unannounced. He pulled a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the woman. He fled after speaking to her. No one was injured.

Burglary and Theft

7400 block of Greenbelt Road, Jan. 30, a fraudulent check scheme was reported after several suspects in a taxicab attempted to cash stolen checks. The responding officer located the suspect vehicle in the area and stopped it for investigation. One of the suspects, a non-resident, was found to be wanted on an unrelated charge and also had drug paraphernalia in her possession. She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and with theft and was then released to the custody of the United States Secret Service. The other two suspects were charged with theft and were released pending trial.

TGI Friday's Restaurant, Jan. 30, 12:08 p.m., a diner left her purse, and when she returned, it was gone.

200 block of Lakeside Drive, Jan. 30, money and several expired credit cards were taken in a residential burglary.

Springhill Lake Elementary School, Jan. 30, money and personal property were taken from an unattended classroom.

Beltway Plaza parking lot, Jan. 31, an unattended cellular telephone was taken.

Beltway Plaza, Feb. 1, a white 1989 Nissan Maxima with Maryland tags 940 AGT was reported stolen.

23 Court of Ridge Rd., Feb. 2, a plant was dug up and removed from the owner's yard.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Feb. 2, an electric screwgun was stolen from a restroom.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Feb. 2, a cellular phone was stolen from an office suite.

6000 block of Greenbelt Rd., Feb. 3, a non-resident driver was stopped for an equipment violation, and a registration check showed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen on October 27, 1997. The driver was arrested and charged with theft and with driving with a suspended license.

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Feb. 5, a Glock 40 caliber pistol was taken in a residential burglary. There were no signs of

Winter Military Re-Enactment

Observe 16th century Holy Roman Empire Landsknecht reenactors demonstrating winter camp life and military training of the period on Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the grounds of Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale. The program is free. For further information, please call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-779-5321.

Library Bookstore To Close Four Days

The Novel Endings Bookstore at the Greenbelt Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 23, through Thursday, Feb. 26, for inventory. It will reopen Saturday, Feb. 28.

The store sells used books, magazines, records and other items gleaned from the library collection or donated by patrons.

Volunteers Needed

Friends of the Greenbelt Library is responsible for staffing the store and invites book enthusiasts to volunteer in the bookstore two or more hours a month or help the store in other ways. If interested, please call Barbara Tanen at 301-345-8584 or Eileen Peterson at 301-441-8249.

forced entry.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Feb. 3, 11:16 a.m. the School Resource Officer discovered marijuana in the possession of a resident youth and arrested him. The youth was charged with possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession with intent to distribute on school property.

Southway Road at Greenbelt Road, Feb. 4, 2:26 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle after he observed it making an illegal turn. When the officer approached the vehicle to speak with the driver, he smelled burnt marijuana. A search revealed that the suspect, a non-resident, possessed marijuana and the paraphernalia used to smoke it. He was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Feb. 4, 2:03 p.m., the School Resource Officer responded to a report of truants in the lobby. The officer located two nonresidents, 16 and 18 years of age, and discovered that they were in possession of an alco-

holic beverage. They were arrested and charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage by persons under 21.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6500 block of Springcrest Drive, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway (4 incidents), 100 block of Westway (2 incidents), 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, 6000 block of Springhill Drive, 200 block of Lakeside Drive, 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

City Notes

On Hillside, old parking spaces were blackened out and new ones were marked and painted. The crosswalk light at Green Ridge House was changed. Painting of crosswalks and stop lines in Boxwood was begun. Wooden bench boards at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center were replaced. Trees that fell near the cemetery and in Greenbriar Park during the storm on Jan. 4 were removed, and other storm debris was cleaned.

Seven Lucky Dogs

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting a two mile pet walk Sunday, February 22, at 1 p.m. The walk is limited to seven people, one dog per person. Dogs must be leashed. Meet at the Rangers Station in Greenbelt Park.

Biker Safety Program

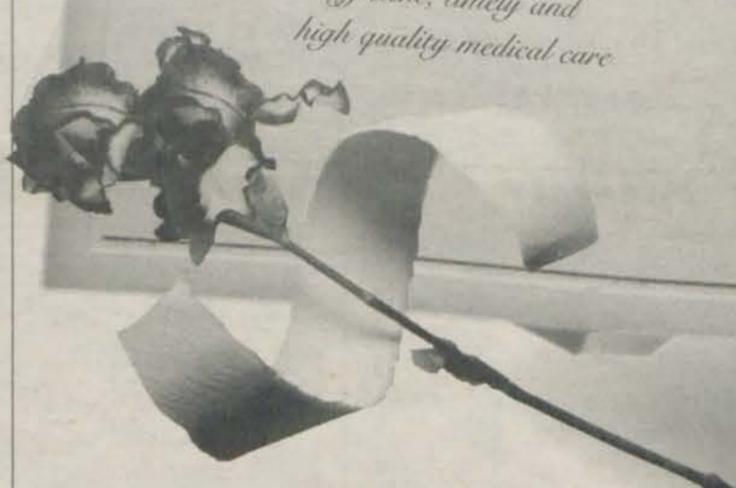
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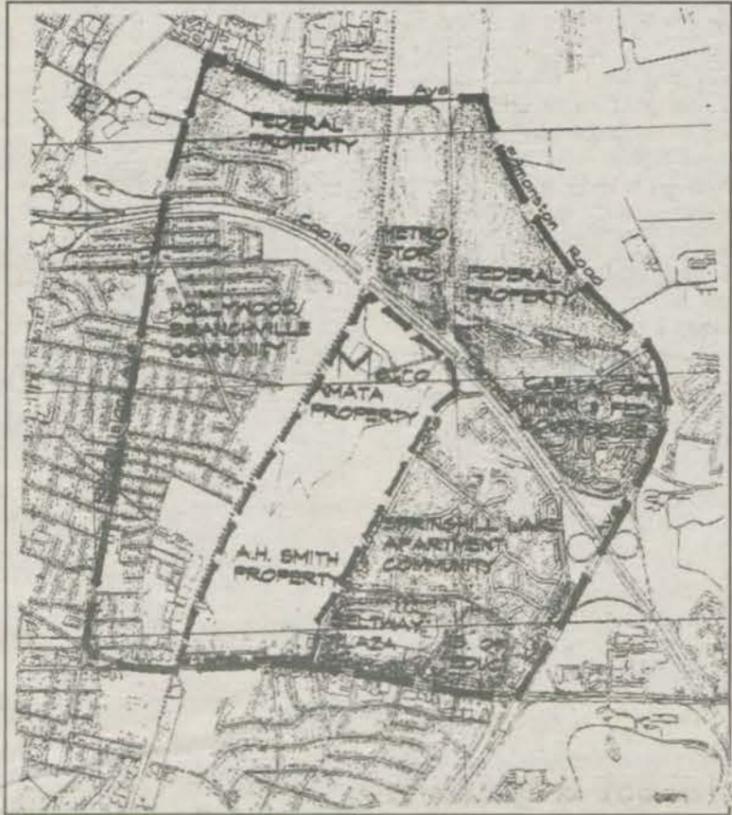
the planning process will occur by fall 1999.

Uncertain at this time is whether Smith representatives will submit legislation to the County Council calling for a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment. This amendment to the existing light and heavy industrial zoning (I-1 and I-2) would allow the Smith property, for example, to develop different uses under these zones. About 51% of the focus area is undeveloped, of which 91% is zoned for heavy industrial use.

group Reed said that the report was "on hold," citing the recent ruling of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He later explained that the decision "called into question the definition of what a wetland is" and that the issue is being evaluated (see separate article on page 1).

Proposals

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is now reviewing development proposals for the Greenbelt Metro Station area. Several proposals have been submitted from developers seeking a partnership with WMATA, including one that is a joint pro-



Outer heavy line delineates study area. Metro/Wmata/Smith property outlined within is focus area. The Sector Plan is generally bounded on the north by Sunnyside Ave., on the east by Kenilworth Ave., and on the south by Greenbelt Road; also included is all commercially zoned property on the south side of Greenbelt Road from Rhode Island Ave. east to the CSX railroad track and then to Kenilworth Ave.

Richard Reed of Wilkes, Artis and Lane, representing Smith, said earlier that a text amendment would take less time to complete than the Sector/SMA. However, the study focus group's Interim Report noted that the Sector/SMA would be a "very effective" planning tool in carrying out the umbrella vision for development of the Greenbelt Metro Station area, both in planning strategies and in involving the public throughout the process. The report rated the zoning text amendment as "less effective" in terms of the foregoing categories.

Also unknown at this time is when Smith's consultant will complete a report delineating the areas of flood plain and wetlands in the focus area. At the January 15 meeting of the study focus

posal for both the Smith and WMATA properties.

Concerned that there is a limited opportunity for input from the city and the public — only one city representative is permitted at WMATA meetings where proposals are discussed — the Greenbelt City Council has requested more representation. Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Development, was designated as the city's representative.



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areas such as SHL apartments and Beltway Plaza.

Hruby also provided more environmental information on the A.H. Smith site. Over half of the property is in the 100 year flood plain. Forty-three percent of the land is wetlands, some natural and some based on the earlier industrial activity. One-third of the property is woodland.

Access to the site is problematic also. Only a one-half entrance ramp to the Metro Station exists from the Beltway, so regular roads such as Kenilworth Avenue, Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane would be used to access the developed site.

Open space is an issue. Hruby commented that the WMATA area is a beautiful site. Recreation should be considered there. Current design guidelines focus on Greenbelt Road as being a gateway to the developed property.

The final speaker was John Krouse from North College Park, a community on the west side of the proposed development. He indicated that he has attended almost all of the focus group meetings and is satisfied with the report regarding environmental concerns. He mentioned that the development site is situated in a low area, which will be overlooked by surrounding communities. A similar comment has been lodged by Berwyn Heights with regard to the siting of the Washington Post printing plant on the south side of Greenbelt Road. Krouse hopes that some of the land will be set aside for recreational use by SHL residents.

Next Step

After the M-NCPPC receives the report, changes may be needed. It will then go to the County Council. It is likely that there will then be a sector plan and sectional map amendment. The county would like to expedite the latter process, but it could take as long as 12 - 18 months. If all goes as planned, the full process could be completed in late 1999.

Film/Lecture Celebrates Black History Month

On Thursday, February 19 the friends of the Greenbelt Museum will sponsor a film, "Home" in celebration of Black History Month. The program will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The film show is a repeat from last year, when it was attended by an enthusiastic overflow crowd. The film is a documentary based on the Langston Terrace dwellings in Northeast Washington, D.C., a New Deal housing project constructed in 1938 for African-American families.

Barr Weissman, who produced this film in the late 1980's, has again agreed to attend and to discuss the history of Langston Terrace and his experience while creating the film.

Langston Terrace provided affordable, clean housing for the underprivileged in the years after the Great Depression. Designed by African-American architect and D.C. resident Hilyard

Robinson, Langston Terrace consisted of 274 housing units. As in Greenbelt, prospective residents had to meet certain requirements in order to qualify to live in this community.

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Houchens, who is assisted by Carol Mealey, carries on upbeat dialogue with the children while leading them in fine motor skills activities. These exercises include writing with a pencil, cutting paper, and gluing dried peas onto construction paper into the shape of the letter of the day.

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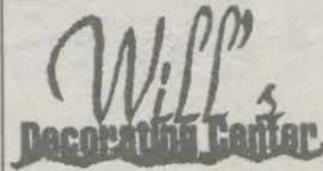
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