

## Jaeger Tract History Is Rife With Numerous Frustrations

by Virginia Beauchamp

*Despite the contradiction in terms, a newspaper's morgue – its archival record – can breathe life again into a significant issue in the history of the community the newspaper serves. Such is the case with the 40-year saga of Greenbelt and the Jaeger tract, a section of private property abutted on three sides by Greenbelt Park. It was never meant to be this way.*

The first chapter of the story begins with an error in the original Congressional act establishing the park. The park itself was opened sometime in April 1964.

From the start, the Jaeger Tract was always intended to be included as part of the 1100-acre park. Through an unfortunate mistake, however, the bill allocating funds for its purchase listed the Jaeger property at 56 acres. The acreage number at that time should have read 76. Although the owner at once contested the acreage figure, according to our retrospective story on January 30, 1964, "Congress never made a supplemental appropriation."

With Carl Jaeger still owner of the property, he then sold it, in early September 1963, to devel-

oper B. Francis Saul, II. Saul subsequently applied for its rezoning from RR (single-family homes on quarter acre lots) to a classification permitting both low-density and high-rise apartments.

Hearing that such a sale was in the wind, as early as May 1963, Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board (APB), had opined that "it is inconceivable that the subject property should be used for anything but . . . park land. The park is being developed as a passive recreation area with camping sites and nature trails." The city had followed this news with official letters from Mayor Edgar Smith to then-Congressmen Carleton Sickles and Richard Lankford urging that the federal government act to acquire the property.

In September the city was pleasantly surprised to learn that the two Representatives were jointly sponsoring a bill to authorize the National Park Service to purchase both the Jaeger Tract and the other privately-owned parcel on Good Luck Road also cutting into the park as a separate enclave. (This second tract later had its own fraught history two years ago when residents of

a community built on that acreage applied (but were turned down) for annexation by the city.)

The bill later died, following Rep. Lankford's decision to retire. Instead, in November the Prince George's County Commissioners, predecessors of the County Council, denied a zoning request by the developer to build high-rise apartments on the site. The vote by the Commissioners was two and two, resulting in a tie, which meant that no change would occur. (Greenbelt's own Frank Lastner, for whom Lastner Lane is named, had been out of town and unable to vote.) Nevertheless, on Saul's request, on appeal the Circuit Court granted the change in zoning.

### Second Error

However, the City of Greenbelt "as an aggrieved party" had not been notified when the Circuit Court hearing was to be held. In fact, only two of the nine parties to the original proceedings had correctly been notified, as Commissioner Gladys Spellman pointed out. When this information was made public, the County

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## Council Explores Ways to Save Jaeger Tract for Parkland Use

by James Giese

At the November 25 regular meeting, the five members of the Greenbelt City Council spoke carefully, containing their anger at the recent turn of events that resulted in the Jaeger Tract being sold to a private school instead of being purchased as an addition to Greenbelt Park. Only a week ago, the city had thought that its long-term effort to acquire this 17 acre tract was about to succeed and that there was a verbal agreement for the land to be sold for \$1.5 million. The parcel, which is located on the south side of Westchester Park Drive east of Kenilworth Avenue and surrounded by Greenbelt Park on three sides, would be purchased for the National Park Service (NPS) with the aid of a partnership that included the city, Congressman Steny Hoyer, the NPS, the National Park Trust and the Westchester Park Civic Association. Then council learned that the property's owners had sold the land to the Friends Community School, Inc., of College Park

with settlement on November 8.

Council wondered if the owners and their representative had not bargained in good faith with the partnership. They were also concerned that representatives of the school might have taken advantage of the open public dealings of the partnership to secretly offer a higher price for the land. However, council felt that they still did not have enough information to reach conclusions or criticize any actions of others. Mayor Judith Davis wondered what the school, which boasts about its concerns for the environment, was going to tell its students about how they had prevented this land from being acquired by Greenbelt Park.

With assurances from Hoyer's office and other members of the partnership that they are still working to acquire the tract and had not given up, council chose to take steps to further the efforts to buy the Jaeger property.

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## Exxon Station Owners Must Promptly Replace Trees

by Judy Bell

On Friday, November 15 the Exxon station at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway came close to receiving municipal infractions and an "Unlawful to Occupy" posting on the property by the City of Greenbelt's planning staff.

This situation resulted from the cutting down of six Bradford pear trees last June 2. The trees had been shown on the site plan, which was approved at the time the original application to build the station was approved. One of the trees was located on the city's right-of-way. The remaining five trees were on the Exxon station's private property.

Community Planner Kristen Ward had been preparing to do a final inspection of the site on November 15. But after having been given many extended deadlines, station owner Shafiq Umar, it appeared, had defaulted on his agreement to re-landscape the property. As of 2 p.m. Umar had refused to meet with the city staff. However, by 3 p.m. Umar and the station's manager appeared in the planning office.

Umar was told at that time

that landscaping must begin on Monday, November 18 or that a letter had to be presented to the city stating that a contract had been signed with a landscaping company to perform the planting.

When reached for comment, Ward reported that planting had indeed begun on Monday. However, a later update given to the News Review by Director Celia Craze indicated that the plants being put in were "not acceptable" because they were undersized.

A pear tree is to be planted in the right-of-way and other trees, such as oaks or maples, are to be planted on the private property of the Exxon station. Shrubs and bushes are to be planted as well. When a site visit was made on Wednesday, November 20, Ward was told that the oak trees will not be available until spring.

Exxon has two weeks to "get their act together," said Craze. By then they are to "plant what is available and present a contract for what's not available."

Staff will be following up with inspections on Exxon's progress. "We will be pursuing enforcement," said Craze.

## Festival of Lights 2002 Will Open in a Different Location

by Judy Bell

The holiday tree lighting will open the Festival of Lights at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6 at a different location this year. The Community Center front lawn, adjacent to the Community Center welcome sign, will be the new site for the traditional opening ceremony. A 14-foot evergreen will be planted, replacing a smaller specimen at the same location.

The Recreation Department staff has decided that the tree lighting's traditional location on the Roosevelt Center side of the Municipal Building presented too many problems.

The police department was concerned that vehicle traffic endangered crowds that overflowed into the street. Public Works was concerned about flower beds being trampled and having to be replanted or replaced and the existing tree is suffering from some age-related problems.

The Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir and the Suspenders, an a cappella vocal group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, will perform seasonal selections. Santa will arrive on a fire truck at about 7:30 p.m.

### Other Events

On Saturday, December 7 a

community pancake breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. until noon at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. There will also be a children's craft room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center, a men's touch football tournament starting at 9 a.m. at Braden Field and a juried arts and crafts fair at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Sunday, December 8 a studio open house and holiday sale will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. and wreath making from 1 to 3 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. children second grade and younger will receive phone calls from Santa. Parents interested in arranging calls to their children should pick up forms at city recreation centers and drop them in Santa's special mailbox at the Youth Center.

On Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Wacky Winter Workshop at the Youth Center for children in grades one through four. Santa will visit the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

On Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. a Holiday Lights Concert will be presented by the Concert Band.

### Greenbriar Events

The Greenbelt East tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 15 at the Greenbriar Community Building at 7 p.m. There will be a senior Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Building. A children's party with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Museum

"Picturing Victims and Patriots: FSA Photographs from the Depression and World War II" is ongoing at the Greenbelt Museum exhibit space in the Community Center. The historic house museum holiday season will feature "Home for the Holidays, World War II Traditions." Tours will take place every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The historic house museum will be decorated for the holidays.

### Art Exhibitions

"Crossing the Road: Contemporary Korean American Art" will be on view through December 15 at the Community Center Art Gallery. The "Garden of Earthly Delights Revisited: Monoprints by Helga Thomson," will be on view from December 23 through January 24.

### What Goes On

**Wednesday, December 4**

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

**Thursday, December 5**

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

**Friday through Sunday, December 6, 7, 8**

Festival of Lights (See page 12 for schedule of events.)

## The Real Lesson

In a prescient sentence, someone once wrote to this paper: "Of course, those who fight for preservation of green space must win every battle, while the developers must win only once in order for a forest to be destroyed forever." He was writing about the city's long-ago effort, later successful, to acquire Parcel 1, that forested strip at Greenbelt's northern section along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. But the comment gains new currency with last week's news that the 40-year struggle to acquire a portion of the Jaeger Tract to augment the adjacent national park has now been lost.

Over the course of these four decades (not two, as reported in the letter last week) hundreds of people – including several members of the US Congress, a large number of state, county and local officials, countless private citizens and public servants in the National Park Service and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – have worked together to acquire this property for Greenbelt Park, for which it was always intended. Now, just when these officials thought they were on the brink of success, the developer turned around and sold the land to the Friends Community School, Inc., of College Park.

In a statement to another newspaper, a spokesman for the school emphasizes its plan to erect a "green" building and to expand the school's environmental education program. While we appreciate the school's intention to be sensitive to its unique location, we can't help but regret the loss of parkland that construction will entail. The ability of a private group pursuing its legitimate, but narrow, interests to triumph over the larger public good is the real lesson of the Jaeger Tract.

## Letters to the Editor

### A Different Take On Need for Mall

The letter by John Shyroch on November 21 in support of the Metro station development contained several falsehoods. Firstly, he states that the land in question is "loaded with rubbish and industrial waste." In fact, most of the land is uncontaminated and supports a variety of wildlife. I've walked beside Indian Creek, which flows through the property, and seen ducks, herons and other birds. Environmental consultants have testified to the value of this ecosystem. Second, Shyroch writes that the development is "only objectionable to a very few." In fact, many people in Greenbelt and College Park object to several aspects of the project, including the destruction of pristine wetlands, the massive scale and the heavy projected traffic. In the previous city council election, all those elected to the council expressed a desire to minimize the destruction of the environment and keep the development to a reasonable scale. Their election demonstrates that the voters here are largely in support of their efforts to prevent the projected development from damaging our quality of life. Shyroch wants to be able to shop at a mall without driving 20 minutes to Columbia, but if the development is as large as its backers want to make it, he may have to sit in traffic for just as long to enter the massive complex planned for the site.

Thomas Moran  
Plateau Place

### Reserve Judgment

Greenbelters would be well advised to reserve judgment on the recent purchase of the Jaeger Tract by Friends Community School (FCS). As a local resident for more than 18 years, a long-time Sierra Club member, and the parent of a 2000 graduate of FCS, I believe that Greenbelt and the school have much in common. The school embodies Quaker principles of valuing every individual, emphasizing religious and racial tolerance, protecting and enhancing

the natural world and serving the community. I have found these values echoed in Greenbelt's community spirit, which is the major reason why my family and I have never moved.

I am certain that FCS will be a good custodian of this property. Every year that my daughter attended FCS – kindergarten through sixth grade – she and her classmates were involved in one or more major science projects which focused on learning to recognize, evaluate and remedy local environmental problems. I remember them regularly returning – sometimes wet and muddy – to the school from walking trips to check the acidity level in local streams which feed the Anacostia River. As another example, one of my daughter's classmate's sixth grade project was a lengthy examination of the negative environmental impact of large sport utility vehicles.

A commitment to living in harmony with its natural surroundings is both a principle and a daily practice at FCS. I believe that Greenbelt will find that it has gained a new and valuable addition to our community as a result of this purchase.

Peter H. Curtis

### Grateful for Lake

Please accept the enclosed check for \$75.00 and apply it to any maintenance or improvement project in the Lake Park.

We appreciate the serene, restful and beautiful lake. We appreciate the rustic and healthy one-mile hiking/jogging path, as well as the many benches located along the lake. The recent landscaping improvements are quite appropriate and provide quiet and pleasant nooks.

While we are not residents of Greenbelt, we feel this type of activity deserves to be encouraged.

Harvey and Helen  
Eisenberg

**Editor's Note:** A copy of this letter, addressed to the city, was provided to the News Review by the City of Greenbelt.

### One of Very Few

This letter is in response to a Letter to the Editor in last week's paper entitled "Metro Center Needed."

Of interest is the fact that I was contacted last week by a family member who apparently owns two percent of the land intended for the newest and greatest mall for Greenbelt (no names please). As a resident of Greenbelt, I was asked whether I could "help him out" in supporting this new mall and whether I would sign a letter already written and ready for my signature. I asked that the letter be faxed to me for further understanding of the content. After reading this letter, I responded that I had no interest in "helping him out," as I am opposed to the construction of this new mall.

Greenbelt does not need a "newer and better" place for patrons to "shop and dine." Our area has several high quality shopping malls and restaurants and to add another mall merely two blocks from an existing mall is ludicrous! When I stated that we did not need another mall or all the traffic congestion that goes with it, he responded by asking where I do my "quality shopping," stating the county has agreed to "install the balance of the interchange on the Beltway to relieve local traffic congestion" (which would no doubt triple), and that "the new mall will be built sooner or later." I informed said relative that I shop at the new Bowie Town Center as well as Beltway Plaza Mall, all of which have sufficient "quality shopping and restaurants."

I am baffled at the thought that "quality" stores, such as possibly Nordstrom and Lord & Taylor, would actually agree to install their stores in this new mall, but would not be willing to do so at Beltway Plaza Mall, literally two blocks away. What different element of citizens do they think will flock to this new mall?

Suffice it to say, I don't think it makes any sense at all. Why can't this group think of creative ways to upscale existing facilities instead of creating havoc with a brand new facility?

As far as the "tract of land loaded with rubbish and industrial waste," I'm sure these brilliant minds can work together to come up with something mutually beneficial to both themselves and "our" Greenbelt community.

On another note, another acquaintance of mine was also contacted by the same person, and like me, declined to sign this same letter.

But lo and behold, as I opened the News Review over coffee this past Saturday, I was shocked and amazed to see the exact letter I was asked to sign previously, now "authored" by one John Shyroch. Shyroch, who is personally known to me, is not a "resident of Greenbelt" and should not be representing himself as such.

I am now seeing first-hand how political parties and developers work people to obtain a means to their end (profitable for themselves only and detrimental to the citizens it affects?).

Greenbelt is a progressive community, but we just don't need another mall here, do we?

Jenny Hysan

### The Old Curmudgeon



"I am disenchanted with thee . . ."

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### Thank You

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming out to vote on November 5. I extend special gratitude to the 7,000-plus logical voters that shared my vision for District 4. Kudos to you.

Melvin Johnson

### GIAC on Organizing

On Friday, December 6 Mary Camp will present "How to Manage Your Computer Files." The free class sponsored by the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Senior Gallery of the Community Center. For more information call 301-419-8044. Registration is unnecessary; to reserve a copy of handouts call by Wednesday, December 4.

### Greenbelters Keen on Recycling

Due to excellent paper markets, Fairfax Recycling has increased payment from \$5/ton to \$15/ton for all paper collected through curbside residential recycling.

The new Greenbelt East Recycling Drop-Off Center on Hanover Drive is now in operation. Accepted materials at this site include newspaper, mixed paper, magazines and cardboard.

Sixty residents dropped off computer components and other electronic equipment at the last Electronics Recycling Drop-off held at Schrom Hills Park. Approximately 4,000 pounds of electronics were sent for recycling.

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## Rec. Dept. to Host Art and Craft Fair

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will host the 31st Annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, December 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will include a juried exhibition and sale of glass arts, jewelry, ceramics, fabric crafts, paintings and more by approximately 50 area artisans. Admission and parking are free. The fair will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road.

On Saturday free children's craft activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sunday free activities will include a family wreath-making workshop (while supplies last), 1 to 3 p.m.; a photography exhibit reception with Joseph Giordano, 1 to 3 p.m.; an artists' studio open house and sale, 1 to 5 p.m.; and tours of the historic Greenbelt house museum which will be decorated for the holidays, 1 to 5 p.m. For directions or other information call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Giordano Photos Portray Baltimore

The City of Greenbelt announces the opening of a new exhibition at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. "The Longest Night: Photography by Joseph Giordano" features a new series of atmospheric, black and white images portraying Baltimore at night. A journalist by trade, Giordano presents images which emphasize the experience over the mere appearance of the city streets. Ordinary sights such as barber shop chairs and hanging clothes begin to reveal a mysterious new symbolism in Giordano's work as they are transformed by darkness.

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the 31st Annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair and artists' studio open house.

The exhibition will be on view from December 8 through January 31. The Greenbelt Municipal Building is located at 25 Crescent Road. For hours of access or directions call 301-474-8000. For other information call 301-397-2208.



"Barber Shop Chairs," one of the works featured in "The Longest Night: Photography by Joseph Giordano" in his new exhibition at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

# Community Events

## Greenbelt CARES

The weeks of November 11 and 18, the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB) met in College Park. A panel of presenters from the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention discussed the status of the Hot Spots program in Maryland. John Wilson, Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, on loan to the Governor's Office, described additional federal funding sources and the possibility of a MAYSB linkage.

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted its second annual ACE Job Fair. Applicants were invited to attend the fair held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Representatives from local and county schools, school bus transportation and local merchants discussed employment possibilities with attendees.

Judye Hering held a tutor's workshop on campus at the University of Maryland. Topics under discussion included motivation techniques, different learning styles and the importance of homework. Six university students attended the workshop.

## "Pearl Harbor Day" At American Legion

"Pearl Harbor Day" will be held Saturday, December 7 at Greenbelt's American Legion Post 136 on Greenbelt Road. Pearl Harbor survivor Roger K. Thomas, Pearl Harbor Society president, will speak.

A special tribute will be rendered to survivors and their wives who attend and past Department Commander Raymond E. Callegary will be honored. Other speakers will be G. Michael Schlee and D. Michael Duggan of the Legion's National Security-Foreign Relations Commission.

A cash bar will open at 5 p.m.; dinner is at 6 p.m. There is a fee. For information contact Clarence Bacon at 301-571-0423. Mail checks to Bacon at 5450 Whitley Park Terrace, #705, Bethesda, MD 20814-2066. All Pearl Harbor survivors are urged to attend.

## Star Party

On Saturday, November 30 the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a star party at the Wolfe fields on Northway, beginning at sunset. Club members will have telescopes and other optical aids to enhance the viewing of celestial objects such as stars, planets and nebulae. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, the star party will be canceled without further notice.

## Display Outdoor Sculpture

The City of Greenbelt has announced an opportunity for area artists to display their outdoor sculpture in conjunction with the city's annual New Year's Eve festival. Artists should apply by December 13 for inclusion, using an application which is available by fax or e-mail. Artists will be notified of acceptance by December 18. Artwork will be installed on Sunday, December 29 and removed on Sunday, January 5. A \$50 stipend will be provided to each participating artist or collective. No age or residency restrictions apply. For more information, contact Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

## Skate Park Meeting To Be December 11

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee will conduct a public information meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, December 11 at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the recommendation made by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee that Braden Field Tennis Courts 7 and 8 be used for a skate park. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, Attn: Skate Park. For further information call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. If special accommodations are required for a disabled person call 301-397-2200 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD Relay at 711 or e-mail jmceal@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

A pot luck luncheon for the November's birthdays was held on November 20. After the blessing by Shep Odom everyone enjoyed good food and conversation. The birthday honorees present were: Betty Beers, Bernie Giese, Ed Griffin, Jim Holohan, Ellie Oppenheimer, Ernie Rochefort and Anna Stieger. The birthday raffle winners were Bernie Giese and Ernie Rochefort. Genena Halsey will send copies of the poem "One Day Older" to members who could not attend. Janet Brown and Irene Hensel were welcomed back. Rudy Pugliese and Don Davis won the 50-50 raffle.

The December 4 meeting will be the business meeting with the election of officers for 2003. The December 11 meeting will be a Chinese auction.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
**Week of November 29**

Far from Heaven (PG13)

Friday  
\*5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday  
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Sunday  
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Monday - Thursday  
\*5:10, 7:30

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## Learn About Genes At Genealogy Meeting

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present Thomas H. Shawker, M.D., speaking on "Tracking Your Genes in Genealogy: DNA Testing" from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, December 4 at the Greenbelt Public Library. Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance.

A brief business meeting is held to update attendees on upcoming society activities, followed by a short refreshment break and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are always welcome. For further information call 301-262-2063 (Wednesday only).

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

In the display case for December is an exhibit of children's art projects from Concordia Lutheran School.

Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, December 4, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, December 5, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Monday, December 2, 7 p.m. Teen Book Beat for ages 13 to 18.

## Youth Theater To Stage Show

Calling all youth and young at heart of the community who are interested in doing a New Year's Eve Show. The Greenbelt Arts Center Youth Theater organizational meeting and auditions will be held on Sunday, December 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center (123 Centerway next to the Post Office). For minors, a responsible adult or a proper permission form will be needed.

Those present will discuss and vote on the material available, hold auditions for the selected items and assign the various tasks involved in the production of the final presentation, considering the preferences of each individual about personal involvement. Come ready to share interests, talents and ideas.

Rehearsals and work parties will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center or the Greenbelt Community Center either after school or on Saturday or Sunday and will include tech and dress rehearsals between December 27 and 30.

Possible choices include "Was it a Star?," "An Implausible Clause," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," "Dateline Bethlehem," "The Hanukkah Bush," "The Littlest Angel" and "True Magic" by Evan Guilford-Blake, a full-length a cappella musical play, with a cast aged between six and 15.

For information contact Ginny Zanner, phone: 301-220-0552, email vbzanner@aol.com; Lelia Zanner-Moors, 202-244-5056, lzmoors@aol.com; or Penny Martin, martinowa@aol.com, or online at www.greenbelt.com/artscenter.



**PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 Thursday, December 5, 2002  
 GHI Board Room - 7:30 p.m.

**Key Agenda Items**

- Member Request for an Exception for Deer Fence Use - 4S Laurel Hill Road
- Member Request for an Exception to Build Sunroom
- Member Request for an Fence Exception - 7M Laurel Hill
- Boatyard Rental Rates
- Contract for Replacement of Sanitary Sewer - 2 Ct. Eastway - 2nd Reading
- Third Quarter Financial Statements
- Expenditure Authorization for Year 2003 - 1st Reading
- Allocation of Surplus Funds

Regular board meetings are open to members.

## Advent Puppet Show

7 PM on Friday, December 13



45-minute show put on by the Columbia Baptist Fellowship. Games and treats following the show. A free-will offering will be collected for the puppeteers.




**Berwyn Presbyterian Church**  
 6301 Greenbelt Rd, 301-474-7573


the **Chromatics**

*Hot Wassail*  
(with nuts!)

**Saturday December 7, 8:00 pm**  
**Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD**  
**Tickets: (301) 441-8770**



**Join the Chromatics for our seasonal brew of a cappella cheer!**



<http://www.thechromatics.com/>

### Invasive Plant Removal at Park

Invasive, non-native plants have become a problem for the native plants growing in this area. Join a hands-on preservation activity on Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. at the Sweetgum picnic area.

This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. For information or directions call the park at 301-344-3948 or check the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

### Reading Ranger For Kids at Park

Join a park ranger at Greenbelt Park and discover the fun of reading. This program is intended for ages 6 to 10.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30 at 2 p.m.

For information or directions call the park at 301-344-3948 or check the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

### Chromatics Host Holiday Concert

The Chromatics, Greenbelt's own band of rocking scientists, will perform their annual holiday concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on Saturday, December 7 at 8 p.m. Their unique seasonal brew of holiday classics, pop covers with a twist and thought-provoking downright oddball originals has been a hit with GAC audiences the past several years, reliably packing the house with happy concert-goers who are glad to come out for this harmonious way to kick off the season.

Tickets can be reserved through the GAC box office at 301-441-8770. The Chromatics are: Padi Boyd (Greenbelt), Barry Mahaffey (Baltimore), John Meyer (Westminster), Deb Nixon (Greenbelt), Alan and Karen Smale (Gambrills).

### Kindergarten Options Discussed

Greenbelt Nursery School is sponsoring a panel discussion on kindergarten options available to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. The meeting will take place on Monday, December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road.

The program aims to help parents choose from the array of possibilities in the area. Among participants are Prince George's County Public Schools' Magnet Office, Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's School, College Park Nursery and Kindergarten, Friends Community School in College Park and St. Bernard's School in Riverdale.

Greenbelt Nursery School offers this program to its members and to all interested parents at no charge.

For more information call 301-474-5570 or visit their website at [www.greenbelt.com/gnsk](http://www.greenbelt.com/gnsk)

### GES Winter Concert

Greenbelt Elementary School will be having its Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the school (66 Ridge Road). The theme of the concert is "Peace on Earth" and it will include selections by both the chorus and the instrumental students - all in 5th and 6th grades. The chorus will be under the direction of Diana Rumrill and accompanied by Steve Brodd. The instrumental students will be under the direction of Paul Hilliard. Each will feature a selection of holiday and young people's favorites.

### ERHS Holds College Info Night

On Tuesday, December 3 at 7 p.m. the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) guidance department is sponsoring several college-related information sessions. Originally planned as a meeting on financial aid for parents of seniors, there will now also be a presentation aimed at parents of juniors on a variety of things they could be doing this year in preparation for their child going to college. The college fair in October was canceled during the time of the sniper incidents. All ERHS parents are welcome to attend either session.

The financial aid session will be in the school cafeteria while the session on activities in preparation for college - geared to junior parents - will be in the auditorium.

### Writers Group Holiday Party

The Greenbelt Writers Group Holiday Party will be held on Monday December 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. The Café is closed on Mondays so they will be renting it for their private use. Readings and other holiday activities are expected. Meals must be ordered in advance and the deadline for ordering is November 30.

Contact the new GWG Chair Amy Hansen to come to the party and to place an order. She can be reached by email at [amy.hansen@nasw.org](mailto:amy.hansen@nasw.org) or at 301-441-8312.

## Thankful Thoughts

The News Review received the following responses to our request that readers tell us what they are thankful for.

### Thanksgiving Gratitude

I am grateful to live here where we pledge to "foster a community which is respectful, safe and fair for all people" and where we nurture our children, our trees and our spiritual values.

Carolyn Price

### Thankful Thoughts

I am thankful for my family, friends and present good health. Also for our home in this great little city of Greenbelt with all that it has to offer its residents.

Bernie McGee Giese

### Thankful for Volunteers

I am thankful for the many volunteers who take time out of their lives to do volunteer work for this community newspaper. I am also thankful for the support our paper receives from the community at large as evidenced by the overwhelming success of the last voluntary subscription drive. Because of the efforts of so many in the community this paper has successfully completed its 65th year of continuous publication.

That being said, I hope that everyone continues to be aware that this paper can only succeed with the support of the community and that more volunteers to do a wide variety of jobs are always welcome and needed.

Jim Giese



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Daily Mass: As announced  
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 Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.


**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**  
 Dec. 1, 1st Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion  
 Sermon: "When the fig tree put forth leaves"



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 -Baha'i Sacred Writings

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 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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Commissioners voted 4-0 that Greenbelt had a right to intervene in the case. Commissioner Lastner did not vote. (The county attorney had ruled, Lastner said, that his vote would not be legal since he had not been present to hear the evidence in the formal session.)

Spellman argued that the park "was set up for all people in the county" and therefore the Circuit Court erred by holding that persons living more than three miles away from the park had no right to be heard. A petition with more than 2,000 names was subsequently presented on behalf of several county organizations, including the Berwyn Civic Association and Greenbelt Consumer Services, asking that the high-rise zoning decision be appealed.

In a letter to Commissioner Lastner, Mayor Smith described Greenbelt Regional Park (as it was then called) "as the second largest recreational facility in the county. It is centrally located . . . The placing of skyscrapers in the midst of campgrounds may well be considered the greatest planning failure to take place in the county."

When a new hearing on April 7, 1964, was held, Judge William B. Bowie reconfirmed his decision. No person was shown to be "an aggrieved party," he ruled, whose personal property would be damaged by the rezoning.

The City of Berwyn Heights, which had not opposed the original rezoning petition, was now present on the other side, acknowledging its response to public opinion. But Judge Bowie denied its right to protest, since it was too late to present new evidence "after the hearing is over and the door is closed." Apparently the fact that seven of the nine parties had not been notified of that earlier hearing, as was their legal right, would have no effect on what was to be decided.

When informed that the technical staff of the county's planning board had opposed the rezoning, Bowie called their action "reprehensible," since only the board, which supported it, could take a position. "Every person having a piece of land," the judge said, "is entitled to have it in some kind of zoning in which he can use it."

**Appeal**

Despite the city attorney's view that an appeal would likely leave Judge Bowie's decision unchanged, the Greenbelt City Council voted to undertake it anyway; and the Greenbelt Jaycees agreed to undertake a fund drive to raise the estimated \$3,000 court costs for such an action. GHI president Charles Schwan urged members of the cooperative to write to the county commissioners. "Not to permit the Jaeger Tract to be acquired for parks would be shortsighted in the extreme," Schwan's letter said.

The Goddard Space Flight Center also supported the appeal on the basis that industrial and commercial development would generate traffic congestion and create unacceptable levels of radio-noise interference. The National Park Service claimed that the rezoning would so drastically increase the purchase price of the property that its plan for an 18-hole golf course there would have to be abandoned.

And in October 1964 the federal government, in a friend of the court brief by Assistant At-

torney General Ramsay Clark, entered the appeal process: "No reason appears why the United States in the operation and development of its public park should not receive the same protection as would the state or Prince George's County in the development of the same public area."

The Maryland Court of Appeals heard the case on January 21, 1965 and on a legal technicality ruled on February 8 permitting construction of the high-rise apartments. Neither the City of Greenbelt nor a non-Greenbelt land owner who also appealed had proper legal standing as aggrieved parties, the court ruled. Its decision was "not to be taken as approval" of the lower court's decision that the land should be rezoned, however, the Appeals Court said. The City of Greenbelt could be aggrieved only as a representative of its residents, the

court ruled, and "an association or corporate body representing only the viewpoint of its members is not itself aggrieved merely because its members are."

Although Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Department of Interior, showed interest in acquiring the Jaeger property for the park, its sky-rocketing cost with its rezoned status, set at \$2.4 million, put it out of the question. This opinion was reported in the News Review of May 27, 1965, and that fall the paper noted in an editorial, "They're burning the timber on the Jaeger Tract."

**French Opera Music**

The Maryland Opera Studio will perform Poulenc and Massenet music in French during a free concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kogod Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



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lected at the Park headquarters Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Ranger Station everyday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information or directions, call the park at 301-344-3948 or check the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.



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Sealed bids shall be submitted to the City of Greenbelt, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2002. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description, including the serial number. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles/equipment from the Public Works Yard. The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

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- Unit #103 1987 Chevrolet Blazer, Ser.#1GNCT18R8H0174737, Odometer 101,113
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# POLICE BLOTTER

*Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

## Sexual Assault

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 15, 8:20 a.m., a woman was grabbed by a male youth and pulled to a secluded location. He fondled her, letting her go when she said she couldn't breathe. He then fled. On November 18, a 15-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with a fourth-degree sex offense, assault and indecent exposure. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Robbery

9100 block Springhill Lane, November 16, 12:50 a.m., a man was walking down the sidewalk when he was struck in the head from behind with an unknown object, robbed of money and personal identification. The victim was taken by ambulance to Prince George's Community Hospital for treatment of a laceration on the back of his head.

9300 block Edmonston Road, November 16, 8:16 p.m., a food delivery person was trying to make a delivery when three young men came out of a laundry room next to the door he was knocking on. One of them displayed a knife and forced the victim into the laundry room, where the suspects punched him and took money. The suspects then fled. They are described as three men in their 20s wearing dark clothing: one Hispanic, 6', and two black men about 5'10"

Beltway Plaza, November 18, 9:12 p.m., a man was walking to his vehicle in the parking lot when he was approached by three young men who demanded money and his car keys. After one of the three punched the victim, all three fled. The victim was not injured. The suspects are described as a black male in his 20s, 6'1", 150 lbs., medium complexion, wearing dark clothing, a black male in his 20s, 5'10", 120 lbs., medium complexion, wearing a blue jacket and dark pants, and a black male about 5', 150 lbs., with a dark complexion and dark clothing.

## Theft

6300 block Ivy Lane, November 18, 8:55 a.m., a wallet was taken from an unattended coat in the lobby of the office.

7500 block Greenway Center Drive, November 20, 3:49 p.m., an unattended tote bag was taken from an office suite.

Greenbelt Community Center, November 20, 8:04 p.m., a woman was getting into her vehicle in the parking lot and had placed her purse in the back seat. A man opened the back door, entered the vehicle and took her purse, then fled on foot toward Lakeside Drive. The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 25, 5'10", 150 lbs., black hair, wearing grey work pants, a black T-shirt over a white T-shirt and a dark baseball hat.

## Counterfeit

Jasper's restaurant, November 21, 11:45 p.m., two women entered the restaurant, ordered and consumed a meal and then paid the bill with what turned out to be a counterfeit fifty dollar bill. They left the restaurant and fled in a vehicle described as a 1998 Honda Accord with unknown Maryland tags. The suspects are described as a black female, 25, 5'5", 135 lbs., short curly brown hair, hazel eyes, medium complex-

ion, wearing a black leather jacket and beige pants, and a black female, 25, 5'6", 140 lbs., brown hair in braids, dark complexion, wearing jeans and a light-colored blouse.

## Concealed Weapon

Area of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, November 19, 9:05 p.m., after a traffic stop, a 22-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of a concealed deadly weapon when a ten-inch knife was found under the driver's seat of his vehicle. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Burglary

8100 block Lakecrest Drive, November 18, 11:43 a.m., someone used unknown means to enter a residence and take a wallet.

## Vehicle Crime

On November 19, in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, two nonresidents, 18 and 19 years old, were arrested and charged with theft, malicious destruction and rogue and vagabond. Upon seeing officers who responded to a report of a tampering in progress, the suspects fled but were apprehended after a foot chase and use of a canine. The two were found to be in possession of tools commonly used to steal from vehicles and located in a bag dropped by one of the suspects was property taken from the vehicle. One suspect was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries incurred during the apprehension and both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a silver 2001 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Md. dealer tag 1A80247, November 15 from the 7900 block of Lakecrest Drive; a grey 1988 Acura Legend four-door, Md. tags ICY7, November 16 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane; a green 1995 Volkswagen Passat four-door, Md. tags CRB302, November 16, from 1 Court of Crescent Road; a 2001 International truck, November 17 from the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, which was recovered November 19 by county police in Oxon Hill; a 2000 Dodge Intrepid four-door, November 17, from the 8200 block of Canning Terrace, which was recovered the next day by Hyattsville Police in

## Man Is Fatally Shot In Springhill Lake

Police released the following information on November 26:

At about 10:56 a.m., police received a citizen's complaint of men armed with handguns in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. As officers were responding to the scene, the citizen advised that the suspects had entered a vehicle and were driving away. Officers stopped a vehicle matching the description given in the area of Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court.

A passenger left the vehicle and tried to flee on foot, running west onto Breezewood Court, with an officer in foot pursuit. The suspect ran between two apartment buildings, at which time he was observed pulling a handgun from his waistband, raising the gun and turning toward the officer. Preliminary investigation reveals that the suspect then accidentally discharged the weapon, shooting himself in the head.

Officers requested an ambulance and performed CPR on the suspect at the scene. The suspect was transported to Prince George's Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead. A semi-automatic handgun was recovered on the scene and a quantity of suspected crack cocaine and suspected marijuana were found on the suspect.

The deceased has not been identified as this is written on Tuesday evening, November 26 and the driver of the vehicle is being held for questioning. Investigation is continuing.

Hyattsville and which involved the arrest of three juveniles; a green 1993 Plymouth Caravan, Md. tags M815756, November 19 from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a black 2002 Hyundai Accent two-door, Md. tags KJP472, November 20 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a red 1989 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags DZK310, November 20 from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a red 2000 Nissan Pathfinder, Tennessee tags HFX372, November 20, from the 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

Four vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were made.



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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

## GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

The 2002 GHI Fall Gutter Cleaning will begin December 2nd. The following courts will be cleaned, weather permitting, during the week of December 2nd.

- 6 through 10 courts Crescent Road
- 1 and 2 courts Westway
- 8 through 16 courts Ridge Road
- 1 through 11 courts Southway

Scheduled updates for this program will be published weekly in the Greenbelt News Review. The contact supervisor for the programs is Paul Hill. He can be reached on 301-474-4161 ext. 122.





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Council agreed to send a letter to the NPS urging it to proceed with condemnation to acquire the land. Council will send a second letter to Hoyer asking that he do whatever he can to enable the park service to undertake condemnation. The requirements of the park service to undertake condemnation are very stringent so it is unlikely that this course of action will succeed. Council expressed its belief that Hoyer had performed "miracles" before in arranging for federal funding of \$1 million that had successfully enabled the partnership to raise the \$1.5 million it thought was needed to buy the land. Council expressed hope that he could come up with one more miracle.

**Letter to Friends**

After considerable discussion as to what the letter would say and who would send it, the council adopted a motion to ask its partnership in the land acquisition to send a joint letter to the Friends Community School expressing their disappointment that the school had purchased the land, preventing it from becoming a part of Greenbelt Park. The city council is hoping that a public outcry over the school's blocking of the sale of the land for the park might cause the school's leaders to reconsider their desire to build their new school facility there.

The Friends Community School, now located in inadequate facilities in College Park, had made known its interest in buying the land well before the purchase took place. School representatives had approached the council with a proposal to build their school on the Jaeger Tract with that part of the land not required for the school being given to the NPS. (Councilmembers took note of a report in another

newspaper that this proposal had now been taken back.) At that time the council had indicated its desire to acquire all the land for the park, and therefore didn't feel that it could consider the Friends proposal.

Councilmember Thomas White felt that the Friends representative had not made a formal proposal and that it would have been inappropriate for the members of the partnership to consider it. Davis thought that the Friends had backed off from trying to acquire the parkland after talking to the city.

**Public Knowledge**

White said that by mid-October council knew that the school was back in the picture trying to buy the land. City Manager Michael McLaughlin identified the time more precisely as the day the News Review came out, October 17, with an article reporting the possible acquisition of the land for \$1.5 million. The following Monday council discussed the purchase proposal at its meeting with school representatives present. The next day, according to McLaughlin, the city learned that the Friends School board had held a meeting about buying the land.

Westchester Park Civic Association member Joe Haskell told council that the association had had held a meeting on October 30 at which Paul Pritchard, president of the National Park Trust, spoke about the need to make a \$10,000 down payment using the funds the civic association was raising. He confirmed that representatives from the Friends School were in attendance. Haskell added that the association quickly raised another \$1,000 and gave the National Park Trust the needed funds within a few days.

Haskell informed council that t he had met with the school's Headmaster Tom Goss on November 11 and expressed the partnership's continuing interest to buy the land. At that time Haskell asked if the school was still interested and was told that they were, but there was no mention of the fact that the school had already settled on the property two days earlier. Haskell also told council that he felt that when a representative of the school had discussed the proposal to buy the land and give what was not needed to the park, he had been later misquoted as saying that Westchester Park had no fundamental objection to the Friends School being located there. He said that that was true only if the NPS purchase fell through. Stating that these were disturbing facts about his discussions with the school, Haskell told the council "Their discussions with me have not been as forthright as I hoped."

**Annexation?**

White pointed out to Haskell that one way for the land to be acquired for the park was for the city to condemn it using its powers of eminent domain. But this would be possible only if the land was annexed to the city. White suggested that this could be done if Westchester Park agreed to be annexed to the city. Haskell responded that the civic association was interested in Westchester Park becoming an independent municipality. As to annexation to Greenbelt, he felt that the association would oppose it. "We have different goals and objectives," he said.

**Approvals Needed**

City Solicitor Robert Manzi was asked what steps the school would need to take in order to obtain the necessary approvals to

**Jaeger Tract Sale Notes from Glen Eugster  
Asst. Regional Director, National Park Service**

The acquisition of the Jaeger Property has been a priority for the city and the NPS for more than 20 years. We've been dedicated to protecting this property because it was part of the original vision of Greenbelt Park and parkland continues to be lost to development in this region. As you may know, the D.C. region loses 28 acres of open space each day to development . . .

Discussion with Amir Ahmad, the owners' representative, on November 10-11. He indicated that they (he and his partners) were planning to sell the property to the Friends Community School, Inc., because they: (1) were willing to pay \$75-100,000 more than we offered; (2) were willing to purchase the land immediately; (3) were able to offer security; and (4) Ahmad also said that he had "stepped beyond his bounds" in negotiating with NPS and that he had lost credibility with his group because of his negotiations with NPS.

I'm troubled by the fact that the owners, within a four-hour time period, changed the deal without talking to NPS or the city. I'm even more concerned that the Friends Community School and the owners ignored the cooperation and commitment that was demonstrated by the community, the city, the state, Congress and the federal government and took this unilateral action. The future of the Jaeger property has been of considerable interest to the public for many years. It's unfortunate for Greenbelt and Greenbelt Park that this decision was made this way.

build upon the property. He responded that the property was already suitably zoned. There is an approved preliminary plan of subdivision for 19 large lots on the property. The school might be able to develop with this plan by using multiple lots for the school site, but if it changed the road location or made other significant changes as he thought they probably would need to do, they would have to file a new preliminary plan and seek new approval.

He noted that the school was a fairly large facility and would have to meet stringent state design standards. At this time it

was not clear to him if the school would have to obtain site plan approval. Manzi thought that the school might have to do a traffic study because of its impact upon morning peak traffic. He noted that any party of record could appeal any of these approvals by the Prince George's Planning Board and that homeowner associations do it often.

Davis said that quite a few Greenbelt citizens who gave donations toward purchasing the land for the park had asked her if they would get their money back if the purchase did fall through. McLaughlin assured her that the money would be returned.

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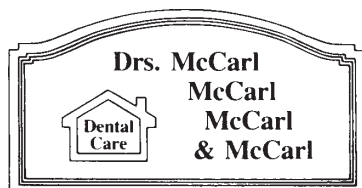
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### Community Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 7, 8am - 12 noon  
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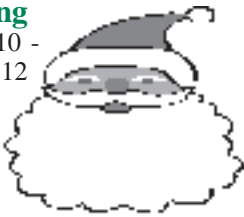
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Saturday, December 7, 10am - 2pm  
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Tuesday, December 10 - Thursday December 12 5:30pm - 7pm  
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Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 1  
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6:45pm - 1am All ages are welcome.



**Advance sales:** 11/26 - 12/30: Ages 0-4/FREE; Ages 5+/\$5;  
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Tuesday, December 24	9am - 5pm	6am - 5pm	12pm - 5pm
Wednesday, December 25	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 4pm
Tuesday, December 31	9am - 1pm	6am - 5pm	12pm - 5pm
Wednesday, January 1	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 5pm	12pm - 5pm

GCC - Greenbelt Community Center - GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center  
YC - Youth Center - SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center

### 2003 WINTER BROCHURE COMING SOON!!!!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department provides extensive recreation services and facilities which are fully responsive to the needs of residents, resulting in self development, satisfying activities, and enriching social and cultural experiences.



## SEASONS GREETINGS