

State Highway Officials Present Case for Intercounty Connector

by James Giese

“The proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC) project is intended to link existing and proposed development areas between the I-270 and I-95/US 1 corridors within central and eastern Montgomery County and northwestern Prince George’s County with a state-of-the-art, multi-modal, east-west highway that limits access and accommodates passenger and goods movement. This transportation project is intended to increase community mobility and safety; to facilitate the movement of goods and people to and from economic centers; to provide cost effective transportation infrastructure to serve existing and future development patterns reflecting local land use planning objectives; to help restore the natural, human and cultural environments from past development impacts in the project area and to advance homeland security.”

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) presented its case for construction of the

ICC based upon this purpose stated in its brochure provided at the first of four public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement for the ICC. The hearing was held at Greenbelt on January 4 in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Although many of those attending in the less than half-filled auditorium were opponents of the project (some bearing signs), the audience courteously listened to the presentation made by a variety of officials.

Wesley Mitchell, the SHA project manager for the ICC told of the four stages of a highway development process – planning, design, acquisition of right-of-way and construction. The ICC study is in the planning process that considers location, general design, etc. While the ICC dates back to a 1950 proposal for an outer beltway and has had two project planning studies done between 1979 and 1999, the current study began with a workshop in June 2003.

Mitchell said that there were 300 alternative routes suggested of which 18 received preliminary evaluation. All but three were dropped, including a public transportation only alternative. Left were the corridor one and two alternatives plus a mandated no-action alternative. The no-action alternative takes in to consideration the impacts of all planned projects within the ICC corridor, long range plans for the area and maintenance and minor highway improvements. “This alternative will not satisfy project and building needs,” Mitchell declared.

Alternatives

The two build alternatives take different routes through much of the study area but share similar design characteristics, Mitchell said. The basic design features are based on context-sensitive design principles, highway safety functionality, environmental stewardship, visual char-

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Supporters, Opponents Speak Out at Greenbelt ICC Hearing

by Thomas X. White

Starting promptly at 7 p.m. the public comment portion of the hearing on the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) got underway in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday evening, January 4. About 52 speakers came to the podium to register either opposition or support for the proposed transportation facility that has been debated fiercely for the past 50 years.

With the public hearing moderated by Arthur Millstein, a representative from the Federal Conciliation and Mediation Board, the public comment session was conducted under strict hearing ground rules for sign-up, time limits, transfer of times from one registered speaker to another and a strong admonition that all testimony be offered in a courteous and constructive manner. By and large the rules were generally adhered to, with some strong and hard-hitting comments delivered “courteously.”

Public officials, who were allowed to speak first, were allowed five minutes. All other individual speakers were allowed three minutes. Individual speakers could receive a single three-minute block of additional time transferred from another registered speaker and a few speakers took advantage of that provision to expand their time to six minutes.

Court reporters were also available at the school to take private testimony for anyone preferring that approach and comments on the ICC DEIS could be submitted electronically at <http://www.iccstudy.org>. Comments can also be submitted by mail to the ICC Project Manager Wesley Mitchell, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-301, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Leading off the public comment was County Councilmember David Harrington providing for the record the official opposition to the ICC and the DEIS of the Prince George’s County Council. Harrington also lamented the turn-down by the State Highway Administration of a requested additional public hearing in the Laurel-Beltsville area. He said people in that area of Prince George’s County deserved to have a public hearing in their neighborhood.

Harrington also raised an issue echoed by several later speakers that the proposed ICC facility is a direct contradiction to the Brookings Institution landmark “Region Divided” study of the inequalities in the Washington Metropolitan region, with the western suburban areas having a surplus of jobs, affluence and infrastructure and the eastern suburbs, primarily Prince George’s County, underserved by mass trans-

portation, jobs, shopping and other economic benefits. “The ICC would seriously exacerbate the conditions described in ‘Region Divided,’” according to Harrington.

Andy Fellows and Eric Olson, members of the College Park City Council, also spoke in opposition to the ICC, as did Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Leta Mach. Their comments focused primarily on the potential devastating environmental impacts of the project if either build alternative were constructed.

Roberts took particular aim at the so-called “Environmental Stewardship” section of the DEIS, which in his view is an at-

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What Goes On

Monday, January 17

City and GHI offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

Wednesday, January 19

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession on Economic Development Corporation (stakeholder), Community Center

Saturday, January 22

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, “Buddy” Attick Park



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

College Park City Councilmember Andy Fellows (left) and Mayor Judith Davis (right) were among the many representatives of local governments and organizations to speak against the ICC. Stewart Schultz (center) coordinated the rally and press conference. For more photos, see page 9.

Rally by Environmentalists Opposes Planning for ICC

by Thomas X. White

Using the first of four public hearings scheduled to consider the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) on the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC), the Save Our Communities Campaign staged a rally and held a press conference just inside the doors of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Monday, January 4. The purpose of the rally was to voice the concerns of local officials and smart growth and environmental organizations about the controversial east-west connector highway.

Organizations participating in the Save Our Communities Campaign include the Audubon Naturalist Society, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, the Chesapeake

Bay Foundation, Clean Water Action and the Sierra Club. Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth conducted the press conference and released the campaign’s initial critique of the voluminous DEIS. The document had been published and made available over the holiday period by the Maryland State Highway Administration.

“The state’s own study of the ICC shows it is a lose-lose situation for Marylanders,” Schwartz said. “The governor is asking Maryland taxpayers to go into debt spending \$3 billion or more for an 18-mile toll road, one

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Council Reacts to AIMCO’s Plans for Redeveloping SHL

by Sandra S. Smith

More ballfields, recreational areas, green space, internal transportation and especially more citizen input to the plans for redevelopment at Springhill Lake was the initial response of the city council at a December 20 meeting with AIMCO executives, owners of the Springhill Lake property. This meeting was council’s first opportunity to hear more about redevelopment plans for the 40-year-old, nearly 3,000-unit apartment community.

Councilmember Edward Putens’ call to “tear it down” and build something special is moving closer to reality with the first actual plans and drawings. But first, Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers had many questions and specifics they wanted to hear addressed; among them, the location of the elementary school; how the plan advances affordable housing and, more specifically, affordable home ownership and how citizens in Springhill Lake and throughout Greenbelt will be involved.

By the end of the meeting, council had decided that it needed more time to review the plans and agree upon a unified stance, that the city’s planning staff needed more time to review the plans in detail and that AIMCO needed to schedule opportunities for citizen comment and review as soon as possible.

Patti Shwayder, senior vice president of Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), presented the plans. She began by recalling the charette held a year ago in Beltsville to initiate the planning process. The plans, she said, had grown out of the charette so there should be “no surprises.” She felt the plans exemplified the highest standards of urban planning, with a variety of homes in a mix of styles that would complement Greenbelt and the metro area.

The plans call for a neighborhood center, with small pro-

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Letters

Squirrel Delinquents Playing the Grinch?

"Aha! They're at it again and nothing is sacred!" I thought, when I read of the peculiar vandalism committed against the McLeods' Christmas light cords ("Grinch on Plateau?" Letters, Jan. 6). Coincidentally, some possible suspects are pictured on the same page as the complainant's letter: the squirrely stars of "Grin Belt."

I suffered the same consternation over similar damage to the chain link fence around my yard here on Crescent Road. An inspection showed that most of the links connecting the horizontal rails to the fence were cut or apparently filed, some severed, others nearly so. Angry thoughts of fence-hating, night-prowling, file-brandishing vandals filled my head. Fortunately, a suburban Samaritan helped clueless me understand the indiscriminate gnawing needs of our friends, the squirrels. I replaced the links with stainless steel wire and have had no problem since. A rare victory, squirrel-wise.

I cannot attest to the circumstances, nor evidence, up on Plateau Place. It is a shame indeed if someone actually cut a string of lights intended to bring joy to everyone. Nonetheless, it is certain that there, as everywhere in Greenbelt, the furry four-footed delinquents far exceed the two-legged variety, in industry as well as numbers.

Neil Williamson

THANKS

Please accept my apology for the delay in sending you this overdue letter to thank the News Review and especially Dea Zugby for the article she wrote in reference to the Gigliotti family in the August 12 issue of the Greenbelt News Review, "Four Generations Serve Country in Its Wars."

The delay was due to my being on travel so much and visiting family out of town during the Christmas holidays.

The entire Gigliotti family have resided in Greenbelt since 1963 and have had the pleasure of reading a number of fine articles in the Greenbelt News Review. You must be proud of the staff as has been noted in the past and now by the fine story of Dea Zugby.

My son Gregory is now in Kosovo with the Maryland National Guard and his son Jake is in Fallujah and Baghdad with the Marines. As of this date both have been in that part of the world over six months and both also wish to express their thanks to all of you at the Greenbelt News Review.

It is stories like this that help give the military good morale. Also I know that they are both proud to serve this country and especially the people back home that are thinking of them.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous and a very Happy New Year.

Vincent J. Gigliotti, Sr.

Writers Group To Meet

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group is Friday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. All writers are invited.

Mayor Judith Davis To Lead COG Board

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has elected Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis to head its Board of Directors. Arlington County Board Member G. N. Jay Fiset and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams will serve as vice chairs.

"It is an honor to assume the role of chair," Davis said. "It's important that we work out issues of regional concern here at COG, where we have many members who do very important work."

Greek Dancing Resumes Here

by Chris Tennant

The Greek Dance group of Greenbelt will resume their activities by hosting an open house dance party from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 16 in the Dance Studio of the Greenbelt Community Center. In addition to demonstrating dances from various parts of Greece, the group will also teach newcomers simple pan-Hellenic dances engaged in at Greek festivals held throughout the Washington area during the late spring and early fall. Admission to the event is free but guests are requested to bring a snack or non-alcoholic drink to contribute to the refreshment table.

The present round of dance classes will run for eight weeks and will meet in the dance studio on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The first half hour is devoted exclusively to newcomers and is aimed at teaching the most popular and basic dances done at local festivals, while the second half hour is spent on teaching new dances to the group as a whole. During the remaining hour, the group reviews dances learned earlier and enjoys dancing to their favorite selections.

State Legislators To Speak to Dems

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The 22nd District Legislative team, Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healy, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross, will report on the key issues facing the 2005 legislative session.

"There are a number of critical issues facing the state and the county and the Roosevelt Democratic Club wants to involve and inform as many citizens as possible on the critical choices we face. Now, more than ever, each and every one of us must step up to the plate, get involved and invest our time and talent in securing the quality of life we want for our future," according to Roosevelt Democratic Club President Bill Hunt. "Our legislative briefings are always popular and informative events and our 22nd Legislative District team is doing a great job for the citizens of Greenbelt and the entire legislative district," Hunt added.

All concerned and interested citizens are invited to attend. Members and guests are reminded to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided by the Hospitality Committee, chaired by Mary Chapman. Call 301-982-0111 for more information.



Our sympathy to Henry Wynkoop and family on the death of his wife Betty.

Condolences to Linda Holien and family on the death of her husband Eric.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelters Bernie Novak and Joseph W. Hess, Sr.

Congratulations to Noah Desch, son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive. Noah was named to the dean's list in computer engineering for the fall quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, a private engineering, mathematics and science college in Terre Haute, Ind.

It's a boy for Recreation Department employee Nancy Wilmot and husband Rob. Falcon John weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. on January 3, 2005. Congratulations to the Wilmots.

Grant Aids Green Ridge House

The City of Greenbelt has been awarded a three-year grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide a full-time service coordinator for the residents of Green Ridge House and the Greenbelt residents on the wait list. The coordinator will report to Christal Batey, community resource advocate, and will work three days a week at Green Ridge House and two days a week in the Municipal Bldg.

The role of the service coordinator will be to ensure that all residents are enrolled in the appropriate federal and state programs and receiving services they deserve as well as to coordinate health-related speakers and events for residents.

Finally, the coordinator will help advocate on behalf of the residents with various agencies such as the Departments of Social Services, Social Security and/or Veterans Affairs. The GAIL program hopes to fill the position during the month of January.

Join us to view

INVISIBLE BALLOTS

A film by William Gazecki, 2004
About Electronic Vote Fraud

Monday, Jan. 17, 4 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center

Discussion lead by
Bob Ferraro, TrueVote MD

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THEATRE

Week of Jan. 14

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Friday

Kinsey *5:10, 7:35, 9:50

Saturday

Polar Express *12:45

Kinsey *2:45, *5:10, 7:35, 9:50

Sunday

Polar Express *12:45

Kinsey *2:45, *5:10, 7:35

Monday

Polar Express *12:45

Kinsey *2:45, *5:10, 7:35

Tuesday-Thursday

Kinsey *5:10, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

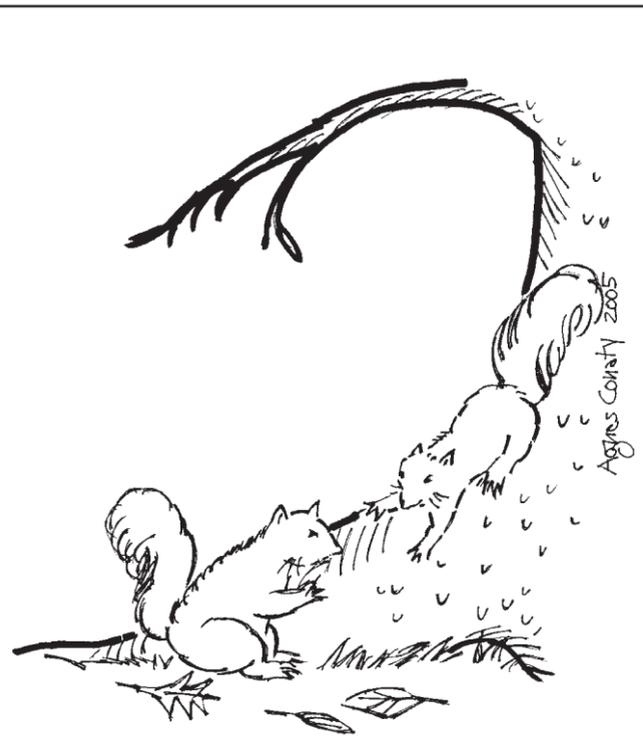
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Ice Raiders Ace First 2005 Game

by Ken Fox

The Ice Raiders go 6-1 in their first game of the new year, on January 7! Icing their hockey with four unanswered goals in the first period of play, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School hockey team defeated Huntingtown by a score of 5-1, marking their sixth victory in seven Maryland Scholastic Hockey League games.

Leading the Ice Raiders with single tallies were captain Matt Fox, Joel Cannon, Zev Gurman, Mike Kerdock and Mike Roberts. Assists went to Dan Adkins (2), Cannon and Kerdock. Goalie Josh Harab made 21 saves, including 11 in the final period.

At the Library Children

Tuesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime, newborns to 24 months with caregiver. Limited to 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 19, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 14 to 36 months with caregiver, limit 15.

4 p.m. – Bookids, ages 8 to 12

Lois Lowry's "The Giver."
Thursday, January 20, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

Adult

Wednesday, January 19, 2 p.m. – Adult Book Discussion, Stephen Carter's "The Emperor of Ocean Park."

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Space Chat Friday About Spacecraft

Goddard will hold its monthly Space Chat on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Goddard Visitor Center. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Conor Nixon, a research scientist in the Laboratory for Extraterrestrial Physics at Goddard. He will introduce the spacecraft Cassini and Huygens, cover mission highlights of the first six months, the Huygens probe mission to Titan and late breaking news about the historic event.

Participants are invited to dress warmly and bring binoculars to stargaze with the Goddard Astronomy Club afterward if skies are clear.

Space Chats are a monthly series of free interactive presentations for the public held at the Goddard Visitor Center to inform the public of the latest findings in space and earth research at Goddard. Presenters are Goddard scientists, researchers and program managers. Space Chats are free but advance registration is required. More information and online registration is available at <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/spacechat/home/index.html> or by calling Karen Miller at Goddard at 301-286-9041. The webpage at <http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/vc/contact.html> contains driving directions to the lecture.

New Homebound Book Program

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is starting a Homebound Book Program in partnership with the Prince George's County Library System.

The goal of the program is to offer homebound residents access to books, books on tape and large-print books. Participants will be interviewed by GAIL staff and will choose the specific categories of books desired. A program volunteer will deliver books once every four to six weeks.

Those wishing to volunteer to deliver books to the homebound in Greenbelt or to enroll in the Homebound Book Program should contact Belicia Swinson at 240-542-2036. Training for volunteers delivering books will be Monday, January 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. or Saturday, February 12 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. All ages of homebound Greenbelt residents are welcome.

Community Events

Star Party to Be Held on Jan. 15

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party this Saturday, January 15. The event will take place at the Wolfe Field on Northway Extended. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. Sunset will be at 5:10 p.m. and good viewing should begin no later than 6:45 p.m.

As a special treat, Comet Machholz should be visible in the constellation Perseus. Other objects visible will include the planet Saturn, the Pleiades and the Great Nebula in Orion. A second star party will be held next Saturday, January 22.

In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, the star parties will be cancelled without further notice.

Golden Age Club

by Florence Holly

The Golden Age Club meeting opened Wednesday, January 5 with the salute to the flag. A moment of silence followed in honor of our troops and those gone from us. "God Bless America" was sung.

President Ellie Rimar called for the installation of newly elected officers for 2005: president, Betty Maher; vice-president, William Souser; secretary, Bunny Fitzgerald; treasurer, Robert Terrell; and corresponding secretary, Rachel Algaze. Officers were installed by Karen Haseley.

New by-laws were given out to the members. The 50/50 was won by Theresa Scullen and Catherine Holcombe.

Come to the Golden Age Club for the new year. It is going to be an interesting one!

Judges to Speak At Mishkan Torah

The Honorable Deborah Chasanow, a Federal Court judge and the Honorable Sherrie Krauser, a District Court judge, will be guest speakers at a program at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, January 23 at 1 p.m. The program will offer glimpses into the legal system from two distinct perspectives. The speakers will provide personal insights into the processes of the law. The public is invited to participate in this free program. The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Program on Ukraine At New Deal Café

Matt Schultz and Bill Varettoni, former Peace Corps volunteers to Ukraine, will read excerpts from letters they wrote, during their service from 2000 to 2002 in a program at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, February 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ukraine has been featured prominently in news headlines recently because of the country's disputed presidential election.

The event is intended to give people a greater understanding of Ukraine as a country, beyond what is portrayed in the news media. The readings will also shed light on the lives of Peace Corps volunteers – the daily routines, small achievements and setbacks of living in a foreign country.

The event is free and open to the public. After the readings there will be time for questions about Ukraine and Peace Corps service.

New Deal Hosts Performers

Appearing this coming week at the New Deal Café are a variety of performers. On Saturday, January 15 "Starlight Shimmy," middle eastern dance, performs. Next is jazz, with "Jazz in the Morning" on Tuesday and Alex Martin on jazz guitar on Wednesday. On Thursday Steve Haug, street minstrel and folk music historian, appears. And on Friday, Verlette Simon, a jazzy, soulful singer performs.

Explore Meatless Alternatives

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Greenbelter Deborah Taylor, a cook for the New Deal Café, on Friday, January 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center Dining Room. This presentation will be on meatless alternatives for low-fat living.

Ever been "turned off" by tofu or wondered what TVP and tempeh are? And exactly what do Boca burgers and those frozen meatless sausages taste like? Taylor will explore the options that meatless alternatives offer to those wanting to use meat substitutes in their diet. Attendees will look at recipes and sample some of the different types of products available at the grocery store.

Taylor has been a vegetarian for 20 years and has been cooking for the New Deal Café since it opened in Roosevelt Center.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Note the time and place change for the presentation on January 21 – 1:30 in the Community Center Dining Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

"Fall Prevention" Lecture Offered

A lecture, "Fall Prevention," will be given by "Ask the Experts" on Tuesday, January 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at Green Ridge House. All are welcome to attend. RSVP to Belicia Swinson at 240-542-2036.

GHI Notes

January 17 – GHI offices will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

January 18 – Member and Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

Ad Hoc Management and Technology Audit Committee, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

January 24 – Pre-Purchase Orientation, 7:15 p.m., Board Room

January 26 – Architecture and Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

January 27 – Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

Coalition and GATE Present Film Series

The Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George's County and Greenbelt Access Television will present a progressive film series starting with the film "Invisible Ballots: A Temptation for Electronic Vote Fraud" to be shown on Monday, January 17 at 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

William Gazecki's 2004 film for American Media's Reality Zone shows a host of problems that have emerged in the nation's new high-tech elections: technical errors, fraud and tampering, absence of paper-trail accountability and conflicts of interest on the part of election officials.

A discussion will follow, led by TrueVote Maryland activist Bob Ferraro, a director of its Campaign for Verifiable Voting. Ferraro can report on supporting evidence gathered by TrueVote poll watchers around the state.



Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Greetings and Happy New Year!

New 2005 Sports Fee



\$135.00-	1st Child
Additional \$80.00-	2nd Child
Additional \$55.00-	3rd or more children

We are pleased to announce there will **no longer** be **individual sport fees**. GBGC now offers **one sports fee** per year regardless to the number of sports your child (ren) participates in within that calendar year. (*Example., if your child registered for Spring Soccer, your child can play Fall Soccer, Cheerleading, Football and Basketball.*)

Be sure to call the registration line for registration dates and times. (301) 794-0100 ext. 7

- The Sports fee includes a \$30 non-refundable registration fee
- Registration includes the \$20 County fee

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION



Tuesday, January 18
Thursday, January 20
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Youth Center

The following is needed if new to the Club –
Proof of Greenbelt residency
Copy of birth certificate
Small picture that we may keep

Check or money order \$135.00 1st child
(additional) \$80.00 2nd child • \$55.00 3rd child or more

For more information please contact
Kim Paz, Soccer Commissioner 301-794-0100

Obituaries

Bernard Allen Novak

Bernard Allen "Bernie" Novak, age 59, a former long-time Greenbelt resident, died on November 8, 2004, in Alaska where he lived for the past 12 years. While living in Greenbelt he enjoyed sitting in the Center and near the lake, going to the Labor Day Festival and talking to neighbors on Crescent Road.

He was preceded in death by his parents Benny Novak and Lynn (June) Harris formerly of Empire Place, where they were original homeowners in Lakewood, and one brother Hugh Novak.

Mr. Novak is survived by daughters Heather (Marsh) Lorscheider, Columbia, Md., and Cassandra (Cassie) Novak, Baltimore; grandchildren Bailey and James, Jr., of Columbia, and Antonio and Joshua of Baltimore; brother Bob Novak; sisters Teresa Brown, Martinsburg, W.Va., and Kathy Harris of Laurel; and many nieces and nephews.

Call Heather Lorscheider at 410-772-0506 for more information or to make donations in lieu of flowers. A tree will be planted in Greenbelt in his memory.

Mary E. Wynkoop

Mary E. "Betty" Wynkoop died on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, in Bradenton, Fla. She was born July 9, 1929, and grew up in Washington, D.C.



In April 1954 she came to Greenbelt and became active in helping to organize while becoming a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. She was very active in the auxiliary serving in most of the offices and would have received her 50-year service pin at the annual banquet this March. She was also a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136.

Mrs. Wynkoop was a devoted stay-at-home mother until her children became teenagers. She then started driving a school bus for special needs children. After working for Prince George's County Public Schools for nearly 20 years she retired in the late 1980s.

Mrs. Wynkoop had many friends in Greenbelt but when one of her dear friends moved to Palmetto, Florida, she went to visit and fell in love with the area. In 1985 she and her husband, Henry decided to purchase a second home in Tropic Isle in Palmetto. She loved to go to Florida. Before her retirement she would spend the summers down south when she was not driving the school bus. When her husband retired from his second career they decided that they would split their time 50/50 between Greenbelt and Palmetto. They would spend five months in Greenbelt and seven months in Florida. That was her 50/50. She so loved it in the south but also didn't want to give up the family home and leave her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Although she had been in failing health this past year, she was determined to see her home in Florida one last time. So in late November she and her husband returned to Palmetto.

Mrs. Wynkoop is survived by her husband of 54 years, Henry (Koop) Wynkoop; daughters Nancy (Jay) Reminick and Patricia A. Washington; son John (Dicky) Wynkoop; four grandchildren Tommy, Barbie, Jeffrey and Kimberly; and five great-grandchildren Matthew, Tiphonie, Patrick, Little Jeff and Jakhari. She also touched the lives of Theresa, Kristine, Shanta, Chantel, Linda, Nanette and Ves, as well as other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 or the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic Region.



Eric S. Holien

Greenbelt resident Eric S. Holien, age 46, died of respiratory failure on January 10, 2005, at his home. He had resided at 4 Hillside Rd. since 1990 and he did landscaping work in the community.

He was a graduate of High Point High School and a member of the Greenbelt National Guard, Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Greenbelt American Legion.

Mr. Holien is survived by his wife Linda; two sons Joshua and Matthew; stepdaughter Adriane; two grandchildren Amanda and Alexis; his parents former Greenbelters Wayne and Mary Anne Holien of Beltsville; and his brother Mark of Beltsville.

Memorial services will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 18 at 11 a.m.

Joseph W. Hess, Sr.

Joseph Wellington Hess, Sr., 77, a retired traffic research engineer with the Federal Highway Administration, died December 20, 2004, of respiratory failure at his home in Bethesda. Mr. Hess had Lewy Body Disease, a degenerative neurological disorder.

Mr. Hess lived in Greenbelt from 1958 until 1979, when he moved to Bethesda. He retired from the Federal Highway Administration in 1983 as a deputy chief in the Traffic Systems Division.

He was born in 1927 in Sunbury, Penna., and enlisted in the US Army as an infantryman during his senior year in high school, 1944-45. He served in General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters during the occupation of Japan.

Mr. Hess graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1951 with a degree in agriculture-forestry and later studied civil engineering at the Univer-

sity of Maryland and Catholic University. In the 1950s he worked as a design engineer on the F-86 Sabre jet for North American Aviation and later worked for six years in Alaska as an engineer of road and bridge design.

A wrestler, baseball player, trapper and hunter in his younger days, Mr. Hess was an avid golfer, softball player and tennis player while living in Maryland. He enjoyed classical music and opera, amateur photography, stamp collecting and traveling - visiting over 40 countries. For 35 years he held Penn State football season tickets.

Mr. Hess is survived by Eva Haak Hess of Bethesda, his wife of 26 years; his first wife

Solange Trudel Hess of Greenbelt; three sons from his first marriage, Karl Hess of Miami, Fla., Daniel Hess of Olney, Md., and Joseph Hess, Jr., of Boise, Id.; two stepchildren Arne Haak of Orlando, Fla., and Ann-Louise Haak of Chicago, Ill.; sister Jane Hess Hasek of Atlanta, Ga.; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Hess was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held on January 24 at noon at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., at V Street. Burial service will be at 2:30 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends Club, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



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fessional offices and services such as a coffee shop and dry cleaners. There will be a village green and several lakes. Parking will be underground for the most part and alleys behind buildings will keep cars away from view. Better sidewalks will facilitate moving around the development. She supported internal transportation, which would unify the communities and recognized the need for access to city-wide and Metro transportation.

AIMCO staff had already met with the Board of Education and there was agreement that there was room to build the elementary school adjacent to the existing middle school and that a community center can be located in the area as well. Council doubted that there would be sufficient space, especially after the Greenbelt Middle School is renovated and expanded. AIMCO staff responded that independent consultants had advised the school board that all this was possible and there would even be no need to relocate the bus lot.

Putens asked about the development's impact on Eleanor Roosevelt High School, reminding the AIMCO team that all high school students in Greenbelt are guaranteed attendance at Eleanor Roosevelt.

This issue had not been addressed yet, AIMCO responded, and the meeting moved into a general discussion on density, another main concern of council. Councilmember Rodney Roberts thought that the new project would be as dense and potentially unmanageable as the current development.

Housing Mix

Shwayder asked for flexibility on the mix of apartments, condos and townhouses. She said they foresaw building some of each and then letting the market determine, in part, how to proceed from there.

At this point, Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that co-ops offer good value and that Greenbelt is certainly familiar

with that type of ownership. Others indicated that there needed to be sufficient density to have a vibrant, urban environment with citizen involvement and support of quality-of-life amenities, exemplified in the arts, for example.

Putens described the density issue as one of compromise – sufficient to be economically feasible and to support the community and manageable in terms of space and services.

Ballfields and recreation facilities were another important issue. Council expressed interest in having sufficient ballfields for the Springhill Lake residents as well as to attract residents from other parts of the city. This integration of Springhill Lake and the rest of Greenbelt was important to council and came up repeatedly. Councilmember Konrad Herling reiterated important Greenbelt principles that amenities be centralized and shared and that the arts are incorporated early in the concept.

During a discussion of affordable housing and affordable home ownership, Shwayder commented that there would be a range of prices and rents and that AIMCO was well-versed in creating affordable communities. She did not envision portions of the community set aside for any particular type of subsidized housing but that some people might be eligible and seek their own assistance. Roberts lobbied for more homes, saying that "more apartments in the development is going backwards rather than forward."

Citizen Input

Roberts also thought the process was moving too quickly and Davis urged AIMCO to make opportunities for citizen input to be the next steps. She said she did not want to see plans that were virtually completed without citizens having a real opportunity to participate. Davis then outlined the next steps for the city – council will meet and discuss and agree upon its response and the planning department will review the plans carefully to develop an official response.



City Information

Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of January 17

Monday Route—Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route—Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route—Collected Thursday
Thursday Route—Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 21.

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9am-12noon
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Accepted Items Include:

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For more information please call 301-397-2200.

Meetings for January 17-21

Wednesday, January 19, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session-PGC Economic Development Corp. (stakeholder) Community Center.

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GREENBELT

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS:
301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, January 18 & 20: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 7:00pm "ACE Reading Club presents Springhill Lake Elementary," 7:15pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Middle School," 7:45pm "Attitude is Everything."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:

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acter and opportunities for transit. These design features include: a limited-access, six-lane multi-modal highway without traffic signals except for a US 1 terminus; electronic toll collection at highway speeds with no toll plazas; a reduced roadway footprint due to the use of variable median widths; a lower roadway profile by building the road below ground level where practicable; minimized impacts in park areas by minimizing cuts, using longer bridges at major stream crossings and environmentally sensitive construction techniques; alignments that avoid communities and environmental resources; variable treatment of stormwater management; environmental stewardship feature; sound barriers and screening where warranted; landscaping and use of intelligent transportation systems such as variable message signs.

The ICC would be owned by the Maryland Transportation Authority, Mitchell said. This agency is responsible for the management of all state toll facilities. Toll rates would be determined at the time the road is opened, he said.

Alignments

Corridor 1 Alternative is approximately 18 miles long with two of the miles in Prince George's County. It generally follows county approved master plan routes with some alignment options in the vicinity of Rock Creek and Northwest Branch. There would be seven inter-

changes with an optional interchange at Layhill Road. Also an alternative option under consideration is terminating the ICC at I-95 instead of US 1, which would eliminate an interchange at Virginia Manor Road. This is where a proposed extension to Kenilworth Avenue as a divided highway would end.

The Corridor 2 alternative is about 20 miles long, because in the middle it would bend to the north replacing part of Norbeck Road and passing through Burtonsville. Heading east, upon crossing the county line into Prince George's, the road would run southward in the vicinity of Gunpowder Road until it intersects the Corridor 1 alignment at I-95. The Prince George's section would be about four miles long. There would be one additional interchange over Corridor 1 at an extended Contee Road.

There are variations under consideration at many of the interchanges proposed in both alignments. Mitchell said that a bicycle/pedestrian path along the road was not considered but that alternative bicycle plans had been proposed.

Funding

According to the public hearing brochure, electronic toll collection is a basic design element of both alternatives. It involves a system of overhead gantries, rather than toll plazas, that would collect tolls electronically while allowing traffic to flow at highway speeds. All users would

pay tolls electronically, either through the use of a transponder such as EZPass or through a system known as video tolling.

While highway users are to pay a significant part of the cost of building the ICC by paying tolls, other funding sources are also expected to be used. Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle, or GARVEE bonds, would pay part of the cost with the 15-year bonds repaid from future federal highway grant funds to Maryland. Not more than 20 percent of these grant funds would go to paying off these bonds, leaving the remainder available for other highway projects. Also, there will be limited funding from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund and from special funds earmarked for the project by Congress, according to the brochure.

By 2030, Mitchell said, jobs in the study area are expected to increase by 32 percent and by 46 percent for the metropolitan region. Population will grow 24 percent in the study area and 34 percent in the region. This will result in a significant increase in vehicle miles traveled and considerably worsen traffic congestion, travel time and accidents, if the ICC is not built, he said.

Better Choice

The ICC will provide area motorists a reliable, safer choice, Mitchell said. Travel time will be reduced for many trips during peak periods. By increasing tolls during peak times, travel time reliability can be managed, he

said. The number of jobs available within a 45 minute commute would increase by 27 percent if the ICC were built, he said. By using express buses on the ICC, transit ridership could be increased with buses projected to carry 11,500 passengers a day on Corridor 1 and 9,100 passengers a day on Corridor 2. Both build alternatives would divert a number of trips from the local roadways and improve local conditions.

Approximately 50 miles of local roads would have traffic reduced by 10 percent or more on a daily basis. However, some north-south feeder roads to proposed interchanges would experience increased traffic volumes of more than 10 percent. During peak periods travel time for many trips would be reduced, Mitchell said. For example, according to the public hearing brochure, a trip from College Park to Rockville along Corridor 1 would save 15 minutes, a reduction of 28 percent. Along Corridor 2, the reduction would be 14 minutes.

Many key intersections would also benefit from the ICC, with 39 intersections operating more efficiently if Corridor 1 is built and 35 if Corridor 2 is built. Lastly, accidents are less likely to occur on access-controlled roadways, with an ICC road expected to experience less than 50 crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles traveled as compared to more than 300 crashes on many study area roads.

Environmental Impacts

Heather Lane of the SHA Environmental Division explained the implications of the three alternatives on the environment. She said that the build alternatives would cause no adverse effects to low-income or minority populations. In other matters, Corridor 1 has fewer impacts than building Corridor 2.

The Maryland Transportation Initiative at the University of Maryland performed an independent economic impact study to assess the potential of travel efficiency savings and the economic development impacts that may occur by building the ICC. It found that the estimated annual travel time savings are valued at nearly \$203 million for Corridor 1 and \$172 million for Corridor 2 by 2010 and even more by 2030.

Corridor 1 would have an adverse impact on two historic properties, Lane said, and on seven to 11 in Corridor 2 depending on which variations are used at intersections. There is no effect expected upon any of the federally listed environmentally endangered species, she said. All the alternatives would meet state and federal air quality standards. While there are substantial impacts to floodplains, wetlands and forests, compensatory mitigation is planned to exceed that required for the impacted areas. It is also proposed the state stormwater management regulation and advanced water quality treatments will be exceeded in the construction of the ICC.

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tempt by the state to cover up the major environmental impacts from the build options with window dressing projects of little or no environmental value. Davis gave voice to a rousing denunciation of the ICC project as a "boondoggle," urging in strong terms to "kill this monster one more time."

Supporting View

The only public official voicing support of the ICC was Michael Leszcz, president of the Laurel City Council. Leszcz provided the Laurel City Council's official position. Laurel supports the development of Corridor 1 for the ICC, with the provision that the alignment continue easterly until reaching Kenilworth Avenue extended or US Route 1.

In effect, Laurel's position argues not only for an ICC but for the extension of MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) northwesterly to connect with the proposed Contee Road interchange with I-95. This is the exact reason that the City of Greenbelt has long opposed the ICC. Later speakers decried this position, indicating that this only serves to open up the Konterra area for over-development and would add to the adverse environmental impacts to the Indian Creek watershed and ultimately to the Anacostia River.

Of the remaining 45 speakers, about nine favored the ICC and 36 were opposed. Several of the citizens (or groups) speaking in favor noted that the proposed highway had been on the books for the past 50 years and was long overdue to be built. They feel that it would help reduce their commuting time and provide a safer and more efficient means of travel. Typical com-

ments noted were from Annapolis to Rockville and from Severna Park to Rockville. A few were convinced that an ICC would reduce traffic on the Beltway.

Opponents

Those speaking out against the ICC were from several diverse areas. Most registered strong concern for the environment as their focus; some were bicyclists or proponents of bike trails and pedestrian access. Several speakers noted the potential impact of the northern corridor on the Tridelphia and Rocky Gorge reservoirs and the potential that the regional drinking water supply could be threatened.

Speakers from the Anacostia Watershed Society expressed concern that recent investments by the federal, state and local governments in restoring the Anacostia would be reversed and undone by construction of an ICC virtually in the headwaters of the streams that feed the Anacostia, thus adversely impacting the Chesapeake Bay.

Jim Connolly of the Anacostia Watershed Society argued, "All of our recent gains in restoring the Anacostia could be reversed. We need to think differently and come up with better (transportation) solutions or we will deal a final death blow to an already struggling (aquatic) system."

Others focused on the lack of any critical alternatives analysis in the DEIS and that the DEIS does not show the ICC to be a very effective solution. Some argued that the regional impacts are so extensive that the DEIS should have covered a larger section of Prince George's County

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that adds traffic to the Beltway and damages or destroys over 7,000 acres of forests, farm, wetlands and drinking water reservoirs."

Another speaker, Lee Epstein, director of the Lands Program at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, echoed Schwartz's position. "In 1997," Epstein said, "the US Environmental Protection Agency commented that for a road with such gross environmental and community impacts, it has relatively little effect on traffic congestion. In 2004, that is still the overwhelming conclusion one gets from reviewing the new DEIS," he noted.

"The (DEIS) study clearly re-

in the study area.

Paul Downs of Greenbelt, who has spoken out against the ICC in most of its prior incarnations, invoked the spirits of all of those souls who have testified in other public hearings over the years. He urged that their cries for "No ICC" be listened to.

In response to the proponents' contention that the construction of the ICC has been delayed for far too long, some opponents argued that because it had been put on the plans over 50 years ago, it is no longer able to fulfill the original concept as part of "an Outer Beltway." "Events have overtaken its utility and it is now a bad idea," said the final speaker.

An additional public hearing is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at the James Blake High School, 300 Norwood Road in Silver Spring. Written comments can be submitted for the record until February 15.

futes the notion that an ICC would somehow end gridlock," said Greenbelt Mayor Judith S. Davis.

"Why would we spend record amounts of money on a project that has gotten even more environmentally damaging and still doesn't relieve traffic?" asked Maryland Delegate Barbara Frush, representing Legislative District 21 in Laurel.

Mayor Davis was joined at the press conference by College Park Councilmembers Eric Olsen and Andy Fellows, Greenbelt Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Karren Pope-Onwukwe, member of the Prince George's County Democratic Committee and representing Prince George's Advocates for Community-Based Transit.

The Save Our Community Campaign in their initial review noted several errors in the published DEIS, including maps that hid roads where traffic increased with the ICC and vastly different reporting on the number of forests and streams impacted. In addition, the DEIS does not report the total trips or miles of travel on local roads, preventing an analysis of the degree to which traffic decreases or increases on local roads.

Water quality impacts were also given short shrift in their review, with no quantitative analysis undertaken. Air quality impacts were similarly understudied and under-reported and the state eliminated the analysis of other alternatives that could meet transportation needs.

"When I was chief, Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch for the US Department of the Interior," said Jim Fary of the Montgomery County Sierra Club, who had read the entire

DEIS, "I would have rejected this DEIS as not being a DEIS but the world's largest Environmental Assessment (a preliminary analysis) requiring that a real DEIS be done."

Hearings Follow

Immediately following the press conference and rally, the first of four public hearings got underway in the school auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m. with a presentation on the DEIS findings by the representatives of the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA). The ICC DEIS had been prepared by the MSHA and the Maryland Transportation Authority on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The ICC study was conducted using a streamlined environmental review process involving significant early coordination with federal, state and local transportation, environmental and planning agencies. The streamlined process relies on concurrence between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment. All of the agencies listed above are joint sponsors of the four scheduled public hearings. They are soliciting public comment for their portion of the study.

Other agencies, including the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Historic Trust and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are cooperating in the study.

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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.

Assault

January 3, 5:10 p.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that she was walking on the soccer field at the rear of Greenbelt Middle School when she was approached by a man who first attempted to strike up a conversation with her, then grabbed her and attempted to throw her to the ground. The woman struck the man several times with her umbrella, at which time the man fled the area on foot. He is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'6", 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black leather jacket and a blue shirt.

Robbery

December 21, 8:41 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, the victims advised that they were waiting at a bus stop when a vehicle with several people in it pulled up next to the bus stop. Several of the occupants, one armed with a handgun, exited the vehicle and demanded money from the victims. After obtaining money they fled the scene in the vehicle. Two of the suspects were black males, 18 to 25 years of age, medium height and weight with black hair, wearing black T-shirts, dark colored puffy coats, jeans and black face masks. It is believed that this robbery was related to several others occurring in the county and that the same suspects were later involved in the county in a police pursuit.

January 5, in reference to the attempted strong arm robbery reported September 19 near 53 Crescent Road, a warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with attempted strong arm robbery, attempted theft and assault.

January 7, in reference to a robbery reported October 9 in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, a warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with robbery.

Drugs

January 3, 3:26 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana when a school resource officer and a school administrator stopped the student after they detected the odor of what they believed to be marijuana. The student was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released on citation pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

DWI

December 29, 12:40 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after he was observed passed out in the driver's seat of a vehicle stopped in the roadway. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

January 3, 7800 block Mandan Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged

with theft, two counts of malicious destruction and traffic citations. Police responded to a report of a tampering in progress – a man stole a door from a vehicle. The man fled the scene but was stopped a short time later near Greenbelt Road and Southway. His vehicle trunk was not secured and police observed a vehicle door matching the victim's vehicle inside. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

January 3, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, two 13-year-old resident youths were arrested for theft over \$500, theft under \$500, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and malicious destruction after they were observed inside a vehicle reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police. Both were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system. Investigation is continuing in regard to other possible suspects involved in this incident.

Forgery

January 4, in reference to a forgery reported August 3 in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road, a warrant has been obtained charging a resident woman with two counts of prescription forgery.

Burglary

December 31, 12:31 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence, possibly by way of the sliding glass door. DVDs, a compact disc player and money were taken.

January 3, 2:15 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. DVDs and a duffel bag were taken.

January 3, 3:25 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to gain entry to the residence by prying open the sliding glass door. Entry was not gained.

January 3, 4:18 p.m., unit block Lakeside Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open the rear door. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A white 1999 Ford Excursion, Maryland tags M804294, was stolen from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries and one set of Maryland tags, MMR934, are still unrecovered.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Breezewood Court, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 5900 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 6900 block Hanover Parkway and Schrom Hills Park.

Bandit Caught . . . On Film, that Is!



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

This beaver has been busy cutting down trees at the Greenbelt Lake peninsula. It was spotted near the first bridge.

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Logbook is a planned bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD). The report will include recent incidents, GVFD news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

From January 1 to January 7 the GVFD responded to a total of 20 fire engine and 46 ambulance calls. Those calls break down as follows: three reports of smoke or fire, one automatic fire alarm, one brush fire, one gas leak, 14 motor vehicle accidents and 33 medical calls.

Fatal Accident

In the early evening of January 2, Greenbelt and other area units responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on the southbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway south of the Beltway. Engine 352 and Ambulance 359 from Greenbelt were first on the scene. Upon investigation, it was determined there were multiple injuries in the three-vehicle collision, as well as one fatality. Greenbelt's ambulance transported one of the injured. The Baltimore-Washington Parkway was closed for over four hours for a police investigation of the accident. Greenbelt's fire engine remained on the scene for 30 minutes.

2004 Overview

During 2004, GVFD responded to 1,651 engine and 1,796 ambulance calls. The total of 3,447 was an increase of almost 300 calls from 2003. These calls included numerous fires, accidents and other emergencies that are

documented on the department's website at www.engine35.com.

New Truck

The GVFD recently replaced the aging 1995 Ford F-150 utility truck with a 2005 Ford F-350 crew cab. The utility truck is used for some off-road incidents, bringing additional manpower to a scene and assisting the city during weather emergencies.

Fire Safety Tip

Have a home escape plan. It is important to know at least two ways to leave any room and to make sure everyone in a residence knows where to meet after evacuating. Practice the escape plan, especially if there are small children in the family.

Volunteers Needed

The GVFD is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more, call the station at 301-345-7000, visit the website at www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to public-info@engine35.com or to 301-345-7000.

City Notes

The Construction and Sediment Erosion Control staff inspected Comcast right-of-way construction on Walker Drive, conducted a final site development inspection at Silver Diner, did sediment control inspection at 112 Ridge Road, Patriot West and the Hilton Garden Inn and inspected sewer construction in the right-of-way to the Hilton Garden Inn.

Animal Control staff removed a squirrel from an apartment.

Parking Enforcement staff issued a citation at Mattress Discounters for use of the handicap space for loading and unloading purposes.

The Planning Department staff received notice from the county of approval for the city's animal control facility plans and were informed the permit should be released early in the week of January 17.

Public Works

The streets crew installed a new section of sidewalk along Hanover Parkway near Hunting Ridge and replaced a section at the Community Center.

The facilities maintenance crew worked with a vendor removing an old heater and air conditioning unit from the computer room of the Finance Office in the Municipal Building.

The parks crew began building a new greenhouse in the back of the public works yard.

The horticulture crew removed a hazardous Bradford pear tree, ground the stump and planted a hawthorne on Olivewood Court.

Recreation Dept.

In addition to normal class registrations, all aerobics classes will be offered on a drop-in basis at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

The new Greenbelt Strategy Games Club met for the first time on Tuesday evening at the Youth Center. Twenty-six attended and enjoyed playing a variety of games including chess, checkers, GO, Carcassonne, Quinto, Blokus, Bohnanzo, Lost Cities, Geist and Mystery of the Abbey.

The new knit and crochet group met on Friday morning. This group will create an afghan from donated yarn to give to a local charity.

CARES

Liz Park and Christal Batey of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) met with Leonie Penny and Tom White of Friends of the Resource Advocate and Sabita Persaud, assistant professor at Bowie State University, to discuss the possibility of nursing students providing in-home nursing services to GAIL clients.

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A New Year and Fresh Start For Greenbriar Fire Victims

by Sarah Phillips, Community Affairs Director

The New Year truly does signify a fresh start for the residents of 7806 Hanover Parkway. Exactly 13 months after a three alarm fire swept through 7806, the building passed final county and city inspections. Use and occupancy permits have been granted for all homes. As we enter the New Year the families of 7806 begin anew, settling into their homes.

As of January 3 eight families have moved back, two families are in the process of moving and five of the homes are scheduled to be either put on the market for sale or rent.

Though 13 months have passed, the three-alarm fire which broke out shortly before 10 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2003, burns in the memories of the entire Greenbriar community. The fire took the life of Phase II Board Member Mary Alice Carroll and left all 15 homes of 7806 Hanover Parkway uninhabitable. Four homes in neighboring 7804 suffered major water damage. Prince George's County fire investigators thoroughly analyzed the fire scene but were unable to determine the cause. The majority of the damage to 7806 was covered under the master insurance policy with W. R. Berkley Fireman's Fund

of Washington, D.C. The Phase II Board of Directors contracted with Minkoff Company to rebuild the building under the supervision of their management company, Condominium Venture, Inc.

In the wake of the tragedy, the community banded together to assist and remember the residents, forming a Fire Relief Committee. The committee has worked on a number of events to raise funds for the victims of the fire. The committee has been active in various fund raisers, including the creation and distribution of donation and reminder cards and the "Penny Wars" jars. Committee members have promoted their cause at many Greenbriar events and participated in the complex's spring and fall community yard sales, selling donated items for the Fire Relief Fund. They have successfully sought and received donations, not only from residents of Greenbriar Condominiums, but from neighbors outside of the community, including Shopper's Food Warehouse, the Silver Diner and the Greenbelt Arts Center. To date, over \$11,400 has been raised primarily for the payment of condominium fees on behalf of the fire victims.

Comments Sought On New Green Plan

The Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Prince George's County Council will hold a joint public hearing on the Preliminary Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan. This preliminary plan is the first comprehensive functional Master Plan ever developed for environmental ecosystems in Prince George's County. It address the goals and objectives of the county's general plan and sets forth a long-range vision for conserving significant environmental resources in the county.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in the Prince George's County Administration Building, first floor hearing room, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro. Exhibits and displays will be available beginning at 6 p.m. in the hearing room lobby.

Green infrastructure is defined by the plan as an interconnected network of waterways, woodlands, wildlife habitats and other natural areas of countywide significance. It sets forth a goal, objectives, policies and strategies to preserve, protect and enhance these areas by 2025.

Copies of the Preliminary Green Infrastructure Plan are available free at the Office of the Clerk of the County Council, Room 2198, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro.

Persons wishing to speak at the January 26 hearing should call the M-NCPPC public affairs office at 301-952-4584, TTY 301-

Citizens Concerned about ICC



Greenbelters Barbara and Ray Stevens are interviewed concerning their opposition to the ICC.



Many large boards displayed various aspects of the Intercounty Connector Study by the Maryland State Highway Administration for public viewing.

PHOTOS BY LINDA SIADYS

952-3796 to register in advance or they may register at the hearing. Written comments will also be accepted through February 10 and should be addressed to the Clerk of Prince George's County Council, County Administration

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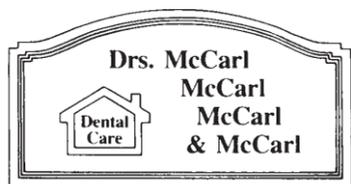
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Applications are available from Senator Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155. Applicants must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The deadline for submitting an application is April 15.

Bereavement Group

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a six-week bereavement-support group for widows and widowers who are grieving the loss of a spouse. The group will meet on Tuesdays, January 25 to March 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover. There is a registration fee except for families whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake. To register call 301-499-4500.

Patuxent Center Has Children's Programs

On Wednesday, January 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. children ages 5 through 7 are invited to "Winter Wonderland" at the Patuxent Research Refuge. This program explores what happens to animals in the winter.

Older children, ages 8 through 10, are invited to attend "Watch Out," a program which looks at poisonous plants (like poison ivy) and venomous animals (like copperhead snakes). It will be held Saturday, January 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Both programs will be held at the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road. There is no charge but advance registration must be made by calling 301-497-5887.

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Part 2

Search Continues for World War II Airplane

by Timothy G. Smith

The reporter, having learned about the 1945 plane crash that killed Lt. Needham, a Navy pilot and Greenbelt resident, wonders if the plane could still be lying in the woods surrounding the Beltsville Airfield. He learns further details by talking with the pilot's son, now living in LaPlata.

On the day of the accident, Lt. Needham (pilot), CDR Fowler (copilot) and seven enlisted men took an R-50 up on a training flight. They intended to do instrument training in the landing pattern at Anacostia but canceled due to cloud cover. Instead they flew over to Beltsville Outlying Field to practice shooting approaches and single-engine emergency landing procedures.

This type of training is often called a "bounce flight" because of repeated landings and take-offs. The procedure was to approach the airfield with one of the two engines shut down, touch the wheels down on the runway, roll for a few hundred feet and take off into the air on the one remaining engine. They would then go around and repeat the process.

On the first approach, something went terribly wrong. CDR Fowler blamed the accident on engine trouble. Just before the plane touched down, they decided to go around and try again. They hit the power, raised the wheels and climbed back into the air. They had gained less than 200 feet of altitude when the good engine failed. There wasn't time to restart the other engine. The plane crashed several hundred yards from the runway, broke up on impact and started to burn.

Most of those on board survived the crash and crawled out of the wreckage injured but alive. One of the seven enlisted men was thrown clear of the wreckage but died from internal injuries sustained on impact. The other six enlisted men survived with various broken bones, burns and other injuries. The pilot and copilot were alive but unconscious and trapped in the cockpit. Despite a major fire and at great risk to his life, one of the enlisted crewmen crawled back into the burning wreckage and attempted to save them. He was able to pull the copilot, CDR Fowler, away from the wreckage, severely burned but alive. However, he was unable to reach the pilot in time. Lt. Needham, Bill Needham's father, died in the fire.

After hearing this account of the accident, my research became a more serious undertaking for me. I had a real story with names, faces and acts of heroism. If the wreckage of this plane remained in the woods, I was more determined than ever to find it. I planned to visit the Beltsville site as soon as I had time off from work.

According to the map, the Beltsville Airfield site was adjacent to the visitor center property. On my very next day off, I threw my old bicycle into the back of the car and headed over. I was hoping that there were roads and hiking trails at the visitor center that connected with the Beltsville Airfield site

so that I could begin searching for wreckage without too much trouble.

I was wrong. When I arrived, I found that all the roads and paths within the National Wildlife Visitor Center (NWVC) grounds were on the opposite side of the property – far from the airfield site. Also, these roads and paths were posted with "no trespassing" signs threatening dire consequences for anyone who strayed from the marked trails.

I studied the map and the perimeter line of the airfield site. I spent several hours on the bicycle searching for another legal entryway into the airfield site, but to no avail. I had had enough. I had ridden for miles and found no open road that allowed civilian access onto the airport property without risk of arrest for trespassing. I turned my bicycle around, rode back to my car and returned home.

It was time to formulate a new plan. I needed access to the Beltsville Airfield property, but without official business I had no legal authority to be there. I decided to take the direct approach. I would write formal requests to each of the government agencies that controlled the Beltsville Airfield property.

I went on the internet and pulled up the home pages for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the NWVC and NASA Goddard. I found the email address of people that I hoped would have authority to grant a permit for me to conduct the search. I wrote short letters to each of them explaining what I had found and why I wanted to search.

The first response I received was from Holly Wood, a representative of the BARC real estate property control office. Wood was very helpful and agreed to provide all the support necessary to secure a permit for my search.

Next I received a response from Brad Knudsen, a refuge manager from the National Fish and Wildlife Service. Knudsen was also very supportive but was unable to grant a permit until he could clear my request with other staff members. There was a possibility that my activities could disturb research projects currently being conducted on the property and he wanted to ensure that everything was safe and secure. I told Knudsen that I understood and would stay in contact with him.

I received no response from anyone at Goddard but that was probably my own fault. Either my message was not addressed to the right person or the request was not convincing enough for anyone to take action. I decided that NASA could wait for now.

In the meantime I had an idea for conducting the aircraft wreckage search without ever setting foot on the airfield property. I would use satellite imagery. There is a free website at www.terraserver@microsoft.com that posts satellite photos of almost any area of the country. The amazing photographic detail available from this website has a resolution of about three meters. That resolution is roughly comparable to a regular photograph taken from the observation deck

of the Washington Monument. Aircraft wreckage can be spotted at that resolution without too much difficulty.

Luckily for me, I was visiting the home of my father-in-law at the time and found that he had purchased a high speed internet connection. The satellite photos I needed take a long time to download by my old telephone modem and use of my father-in-law's high speed internet connection made that task a little easier.

I used the website to search every square foot of the airfield site. According to the website legend, the posted satellite photos were taken in April 2002. That was perfect for me. The photos were not too old and were taken during a season when the leaves in the canopy of the surrounding woods had completely fallen. If wreckage were there, it would be easy to spot.

Using these satellite photos, I was able easily to identify the runways, taxiways and some of the old support buildings for the airfield. The runways appeared to be mostly overgrown with weeds and shrubs, but the general layout was clearly discernable. There was new construction of buildings and roads on the site and it was clear that the days of regular airfield operations had long since



PHOTO BY TIMOTHY SMITH

The wide-open fields of today give no hint of a busy Beltsville military airfield during World War II.

passed.

I searched for hours along the runways and surrounding woods but found no obvious signs of wreckage anywhere on the property. After all my efforts reviewing these photos, I found only two places that looked somewhat interesting. The most promising appeared to be a shadow with the distinct shape or outline of an airplane. It was located in the woods about 200 yards to the south of some buildings on the old airfield access road.

The other interesting place was a clearing in the woods to the northeast of the point where the two runways crossed. It was a small clearing but it was about the size you would expect for an

airplane wreck. It had bright patches that stood out from the surrounding land but no shape recognizable as a plane or building. I printed black and white copies of each of these photos for later reference.

Holly Wood at BARC came through for me the very next week. On April 5, I visited her office and picked up my search permit and a special parking pass. Though the day was very cold and windy, the sun was shining and it was an excellent day to begin the search. I brought along a compass and map for guidance, a camera, a set of binoculars and the satellite photos I had copied from the internet.

(To be continued.)

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