News Review

Closed Monday

Melange of City Business

by Betsy Likowski

at the lake park and agreed to draw

largest park. Council also imple-

posal, and put on hold plans to re-

Potties in the Park

As a result of discussion at a

worksession in March and at a

should be a restroom facility in the

park located near the parking lot.

The facility is planned to be two

separate buildings connected by a

courtyard and roof. It is intended

separate stories.)

July fireworks.

Keeps Council til 1:30 a.m.

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, January 1. The office will be open Tuesday, January 2 from 2-4 and 8-10 p.m.

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Thursday, January 4, 2001



It's that time! 2001 is here!

- photo by Jenna Williams

Bursting Fireworks Announce Greenbelt's New Year 2001

by Mary Moien

On December 31 at 6:50 p.m., a spectacular display of fireworks announced the beginning of New Year's Eve in Greenbelt. More than 700 tickets were sold to Greenbelt New Year 2001 and, since children under 5 were admitted free, it was estimated that between 800 and 1,000 Greenbelters took part. The evening concluded with the traditional countdown to midnight with horns and hats, and balloons falling from the ceiling of the Community Center gym. Of course, Auld Lang Syne was

by Sandra Lange

of teaching, but Jaime Whitfield

is excited as the school year be-

gins at Greenbelt Elementary and

she prepares her second grade

This is only her second year

The Start

Although it was freezing outside, a hearty crowd of Greenbelters gathered at Braden field to see the opening fireworks. The show was spectacular. Each burst was long enough and full enough to be the finale. Circles and stars and colors filled the sky. There was plenty of noise too with shells bursting overhead. Finally a ground display read "Happy New Year" and everyone trooped inside to continue the festivities.

The Venues

There were more than 20 acts and activities taking place in five

now!" They went obediently, but

often return in the morning on

their way to their new classroom.

Jaime Whitfield bonds with her

kids, and they with her. So it's

minute breaks and her 30-minute

lunch copying or laminating. Be-

cause the school has no art

teacher, she has to gather materi-

had until the end of October com-

mented that she seemed to fre-

quently miss eating lunch,

Whitfield replied, "That's okay. I

cially complicated because she

was also planning her wedding at

the end of the second week of

school. She would be on her

honeymoon for one week, and ev-

erything had to be ready for the

Her busy schedule was espe-

have a lot to do."

When the student teacher she

als for that day's art project.

2nd Grade Teacher at Greenbelt

Jaime Whitfield Is Popular

venues. The main site was the Community Center, but revelers fanned out to the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Arts Center and the New Deal Café for other action. The teens had their own party in the Youth Center.

In the Community Center, the Trinidad & Tobago Steel Band started up as partygoers donned hats and leis to help them get in the mood. Down the hall, KayDee Puppets entertained a roomful of children. In another room, the Goddard Storytellers were weaving stories for listeners of all ages. And those were but

substitute teacher.

See NEW YEAR, page 9

A product of the Prince

George's County school system

herself, Whitfield attended Mar-

tin Luther King Middle School

At the October meeting, the **Laurel Hill Laundry Room**

A fire extensively damaged the home of Philip Larkin and family at 12A Laurel Hill Road shortly after midnight on January 3. The family was alerted by a smoke detector and smelled smoke in the laundry room area. They were able to get out of the house safely as were the families in the other three houses in the row. There were no injuries. However, there was total loss of personal property in 12A. There was also smoke damage and hole in the mof of 12B

To get out of the cold, families in the entire row went to the homes of neighboring families. According to Greenbelt Fire Chief Randy Krob, a blocked up dryer in the laundry room caught fire. The fire extended into the room and a little bit of the fire extended into the first floor living room, then went up the outside wall into the bathroom and the attic.

Eyewitness Earl Kepler of 14 Court Laurel Hill Road looked out his second story window and could see flames shooting out of the roof. Flames were also reflected on his bedroom wall. "There was lots of smoke," he said. Kepler and his neighbors in 14 Court, Karl Hille and Bernie Cullinan commended the Greenbelt Fire Department for their prompt arrival and profes-

Because of the nearness of the

council decided it did not like the Significant movement, though no architect's proposed building matefinal decisions, were made affecting rial - split faced concrete makey parks in the city at its regular sonry block. This is the material council meeting on Monday, De- used at the restrooms in Schrom cember 18. Council approved most Hills Park and is a low mainteof the building plans for restrooms nance material.

City staff presented council with up a resolution to add a further six plans for the facade of the layer of protection to Greenbelt's building. After some discussion council voted 4 to 1 in favor of a mented a program to reduce false facade of mainly stone with secalarms, discussed a car sharing pro- tions of wood. Councilmember Thomas White said he preferred a organize the Department of Public facade of stone with sections of Works. (Other council actions at asphalt shingle because he thought this meeting that lasted until 1:30 in it was the lowest maintenance conthe morning have been reported in struction.

Council will decide on a roofing material at a later date. City Plans for restrooms in the staff will look into a new building "Buddy" Attick Lake Park were material that looks like wood but is once again looked at by Council. more durable.

Conserving Parkland

Council unanimously moved to regular meeting in October, council begin work on adding a further had reached a consensus that there layer of protection on the city's largest piece of parkland. The wooded area between Ridge Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is about 200 acres in size and is used for passive recreation. to adequately serve the needs of The three parcels, Parcel 1, Parcel park users on typical days; it is not 2, and the 72 acre surplus school planned to be large enough for spe- board property were acquired by cial occasions, such as the 4th of the city about 10 years ago. A proposal put forth in 1987 to de-

See COUNCIL, page 4

Erupts in Nightime Fire

by Barbara Likowski

sional job of putting the fire out.

power lines, they had to wait a few

minutes to make sure the electricity was off, then put the fire out

Greenbelt's Fire Department was the first department on the scene and had put the fire down in 10 minutes according to Chief Krob. Most of the damage was done to 12A, Krob said, but there was also damage to 12B. Other fire departments on the scene were from Berwyn Heights, Branchville, West Lanham Hills, Glenn Dale, and a unit from Bladensburg.

According to Overdurff, manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), a maintenance man was sent to spend the entire night at 12A. First thing in the morning GHI workers boarded up the building so that it was secure at all times. An insurance adjuster was called in. Further information will be forthcoming.

What Goes On

Mon., Jan. 8, 8 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tue., Jan. 9, 7 p.m. ACE Meeting, Municipal Building Wed., Jan. 10, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession, Com-

pensation and Benefits Study, Community Center Thur., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting.

Hamilton Place

no surprise that they are reluctant and graduated from Laurel High classroom for 24 new students. to move on. During the first week of classes There's a lot to do to prepare in elementary education from many of her students from the for each day's lesson. Whitfield Bowie State. At the end of her previous year came back to greet arrives at school early to complete first year at Greenbelt Elemenher and to ask to be in her room her preparation for the day's lestary, she had job offers to transagain, "No. No." she exclaimed. sons. A long line at the school's fer to Anne Arundel County, only operable copy machine which offered her more money. means she will spend her 20-

But Whitfield is committed to Prince George's County. "Someone was here to teach me," she remarks, "and I want to be here for others. Money isn't everything, " she adds. "My heart must be in Prince George's

County." Whitfield likes Greenbelt Elementary and praises principal Katherine Curl. She remembers Curl saying to her during her initial interview, "We have some challenging children here." She appreciates Curl's honesty and understanding nature. "She's there for you when you need

Whitfield reflects. See WHITFIELD, page 2



Jamie Whitfield

Letter

Screens Needed On Storm Sewers

Come back, Blackie Bagman Baggins!

Blackie was too big for just

"Blackie" was the obvious name for a cat with shiny black fur punctuated only by stylish white paws and chest. The "Bagman" part comes from the bagpipe-like sounds he makes when he's squeezed.

The "Baggins" part, I'm not even sure how to spell, let alone explain. I chalk it up to the British roots of his "owners," my long-time neighbors.

Befitting them, Blackie is a cosmopolitan. In fact, a friend and I have drunk cappuccino with Blackie in his screened-in porch, on one of the numerous occasions I was fortunate enough to be catsitting him.

I became part of Blackie's extended family.

It was obvious to anyone in 3 and 5 Courts Laurel Hill as to who was boss. Tail upright, he patrolled these townhouses day and night to keep other cats, dogs, and people in line. One of his stops involved checking my patio doors to see that my three indoor cats knew who rules.

Many people enjoyed Blackie's antics. Until this Christmas Eve. I returned from vacation to learn that Blackie had met the same fate as my cat Tish-Tish in 1987 - he had entered the growing ranks of the Greenbelt disap-

Like all those who lose these family members mysteriously, we are left to search and guess. Certainly, for a healthy cat like Blackie, the disappearance is likely to require a human hand, intentional or otherwise. Was he hit by a car, kidnapped, shot, stoned, or poisoned? Is he being held captive in someone's loving home - the best option. Like many cats, he had substitute

Or was he killed by a dog or wild animal? Could he have wandered out of his territory and gotten lost?

Unfortunately, a telephone tip raises the possible scenario that he fell down a storm sewer grate at Westway and Crescent.

I first discovered how open these sewer grates are when I lost Tish-Tish. In our search for Blackie, we discovered that one of the sewers, near the library, has the remnants of a screen that would prevent debris - or scared animals - from falling in.

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Correction

The free open house of the International Folk Dance group will be held in the Youth Center, Friday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. The wrong location was published in last week's paper.

We Goofed!

Janet Goldberg, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Kenny Gray, Aquatic and Fitness Center were named County Heroes 2000 on November 8. Their names should have been included in our Year 2000 Honorees article.

Volunteer Opportunity

Doctors Community Hospital, in Lanham, is seeking friendly and dependable people to support guest relations efforts as volunteers at the Information Desk. People who are available to volunteer for four hours per week and would like to work in a hospital setting should call 301-552-8602 for a volunteer information

Food and Friends **Needs Winter Drivers**

Food and Friends, an organization that delivers nutritious meals throughout the area to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses, is planning ahead and lining up volunteer drivers for upcoming winter

Regardless of bad weather conditions, Food and Friends must continue delivering meals and groceries to the people they serve. When weather conditions are bad, many volunteers are un-able to make their regular deliveries, leaving the organization with a reduced ability to deliver critically needed meals. In severe weather conditions, Food and Friends deliveries must be reduced to "critical need basis." Extra meals known as storm bags are delivered to ensure each person has enough food even if the weather worsens.

Volunteers with four-wheeldrive vehicles are needed to assure that every client can be reached despite the weather. Those with four-wheel-drive vehicles who are able to make food deliveries for Food and Friends are asked to call 202-488-8278.

I ask that public works officials revisit the pros and cons of such screens, considering the advantage of closing off one of the nightmare scenarios we who lose pets must ponder our entire lives, unless our companions return.

Don Comis

WHENDIDED

(Continued from page 1)

Whitfield has ambitions to take more college courses next year and eventually to become an elementary school principal herself.

Whitfield's goals for the year include helping the students write well, use complete sentences when they speak, and become more "strategic" readers. She emphasizes summarizing what has been read, predicting what will happen in a story from the photographs, and reviewing the sounds of vowels and consonants.

Desks The children's desks are arranged in groups of five so that

those with more abilities in a certain area can help others. "Often children can explain to each other something that is more easily understood than if an adult ex-

plained it," she says.

Volunteers would be most welcome in Whitfield's classroom. "Some children are not doing their homework," she notes, "and I need someone to help them." For those who don't complete their assignments, she takes them outside with her during recess and makes them finish. But she is not happy about doing that as she feels children need time to play and restore their energies.

This year's expeditionary learning project is focusing on multiculturalism. As part of the overall theme, second graders will be studying family traditions. Whitfield would like someone to come into her classroom and talk about holidays celebrated by different nationalities and ethnic

She would also love to have a volunteer talk to the children about any aspect of the nature theme. Last year a parent discussed different kinds of rocks with the students. Other topics might be flowers, herbs, butterflies, birds. Math tutors also are needed. She tries to encourage students who are frustrated and feel they can't do something as easily as other students.

Whitfield recognizes that not all children come from ideal homes. "I have to be there for the children. I have to be their role model," she says. "Children need a lot of reinforcement and a lot of structure. Parents are working hard and don't always have time to give," she notes. Gesturing about the room, she says, "This is a child's comfort zone." Whitfield is particularly sympathetic to the struggles of working parents, coming from a single-parent household herself.

Beautiful School

I wish more people would get involved in the school," she

"No coffee, no smoking, no sugars, no excitement ... and you should live a full, but rather dull, life." exclaims. "We have a big beau- day may be, Whitfield says some-

The Old Curmudgeon

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No matter how horrible her

Volunteer

If you wish to volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary School, please call:

PTA Membership: Rebecca Roper, 301-474-5382

Kindergarten: Ann Sowers, 301-345-3462

Reading/Writing: Ramona

Aquilera, 301-982-7005 Math & Science: David

Lange, 301-577-3686 Art projects: Tina Scites, 301-441-8689 (call after 5:30

pm or weekends) Computer support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Office or library support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Field trips, Multicultural Dinner, Career Day, and other special school programs: Rita Ralph, 301-513-0436

General support: Diane Siegel, 301-345-7569

tiful school here, and people thing will happen to make her should want to keep it beautiful laugh and feel good about her choice to become a teacher. She remembers the day she told a child to write the date on her paper and the child wrote "the date." Whitfield laughs. "Children depend on you and think the world of you. It is a joy to be a part of someone's life. It's so big to them," she muses.

Maryland Leaders Honored at Cathedral

Washington National Cathedral will sponsor a special service. Maryland State Day Worship Service and Celebration, to recognize people and leaders of Maryland. This is a major event expected to draw almost a thousand participants from around the state. Church and political figures who will participate include Senator Paul Sarbanes, Representatives Steny Hoyer and Wayne Gilchrist.

The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 21 at the cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Washington,

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Monday, January 8 at 8:00pm City Council Meeting (live)

Tuesday - Thursday, January 9th & 11th

"Perils for Pedestrians" 2 & 6 pm 2:30 & 6:30pm "ACE Reading Program-Greenbelt Elementary 2:45 & 6:45pm "Springhill Lake Elementary School

Celebration Time" 3:45 & 7:45pm Replay of City Council Meeting of 1/8

> PUBLIC ACCESS-301-507-6581 Wednesdays & Fridays Call for Schedule.

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet January 9 at 7:30 p,m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in At the Library the Board Room.

Regular Board Meetings for the month are January 11 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

Walk the Azalea Trail

Join a park ranger on a onemile walk on the Azalea Trail in Greenbelt Park. Wear comfortable footwear and meet at the Sweetgum picnic area near the park entrance on Saturday, January 6 at 10 a.m. For more directions or information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Hard of Hearing Meet For Speech Reading

The January 11 meeting of the Prince George's County group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), will feature Kathy Mellott of College Park Hearing Services. Mellott's topic will be "Help with those Missing Words." Most hard of hearing persons hear sounds but have difficulty comprehending speech. It is the missing sounds that sometimes makes understanding conversation a guessing game. To learn more about speech reading, plan to attend the SHHH meeting Thursday, January 11 at the ties. Visual artists are also in-Greenbelt Community Center at 2

For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

Punchin' Judy Ticky Tack Tech Talk

Chat with Cyberia@home.mom

Q: My daughter spends eight hours a day playing games on her computer. Will this hurt her wrists?

A: I dunno, but it can't be doing her report card much good.

Q: I am told that 2001 is the real millennium. Will this cause a glitch on my computer on January

A: What planet are you from and how have you survived this

Q: I met this boy in a chat room and he wants to meet me in "reel" time at my place. Does this mean he wants to go fishing in Greenbelt Lake?

A: Better check on his "real" time spelling ability before reeling this one in. He may be angling for more than a flounder.

Q: Why does water come out of my monitor every time I turn on

A: Are you sure you are not downloading your washing ma-

Community Events

Children's Programs

Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, January 10, 4 p.m. Bookids discussion group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, January 11, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Programs

Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus, a workshop for

Recyclers Honored By City with Plaque

Greenbriar was recognized by the City of Greenbelt in November for its outstanding recycling efforts. A plaque was presented to Barbara Smith, president of the Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors. Nancy Waruch, vice president of the Greenbriar Community Association, also attended the ceremony. The plaque is located in the lobby display case at the Greenbriar Community Building.

Collage Workshop at Arts Festival

by Nicole De Wald, Greenbelt's Arts Co-ordinator

While Greenbelt's New Year celebration may qualify as the city's first arts festival of 2001, it will by no means be the last. On the first Sunday of each month, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will continue to host a series of mini arts festivals known as Artful Afternoons at the Greenbelt Community Center. From noon until 5 p.m. guests are invited to meet the Center's Artists in Residence, tour the studios, visit the art gallery, and enjoy free performances and activivited to bring in their work for an open discussion. There is something new to see, hear, and do at each month's program.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on January 7, Marilyn Banner will lead a free collage workshop for guests ages 12 and up. No prior artistic experience is needed in order to participate, as workshop activities will emphasize lively and spontaneous creation. Participants will work on individual and collaborative projects formed by Banner's own approach of working in an intuitive way. All materials will be provided.

Marilyn Banner's work is included in more than 100 collec-

tions in the United States and abroad, including the permanent holdings of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and National Jewish Museum. She has exhibited widely on the east coast and has been the recipient of several honors, including four fellowships from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Her exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center continues through January 31. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Visitors are encouraged to call 301-397-2208 before visiting to ensure that the gallery is not in use for a scheduled event.

Greens Meet Monday

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the police station's public meeting room. Greens meet the second Monday of every month.

Agenda items this Monday will include local environmental and social justice issues, as well as organizing to build the Maryland Greens.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-486-0744.

Parents to Learn About Homework

Parents wishing to help their grade-school children with homework but who throw their hands up in fear and confusion instead, Greenbelt Library has the answer to their predicament.

On Tuesday, January 30, the local branch is offering a onehour workshop, beginning at 7:30 p.m., entitled "Parent Empowerment: Quest for Homework Suc-

Registration, beginning this week, is required for this free session, which is funded by the Maryland State Department of

A pilot study done four years ago to assess library information services to children in Maryland libraries found that 88% of questions were about school assignments.

The January 30 workshop offers knowledge, tools and confidence to parents taking their children to a library and wondering, as they enter, "what do we do now?" This workshop can save parents time and frustration by preparing them to help their children tackle school assignments most effectively.

Millennium Topic For Poetry Plus

The Poetry Plus discussion group will meet on Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Library to talk about poetry with the new millennium as the topic. The group is open to all who enjoy poetry. Anyone interested may bring poems to be copied for the group to

Governor to Address Local Businesses

Governor Parris Glendening and other elected officials will speak about today's priority legislative issues at Legislative Night 2001, a program sponsored by the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. The speakers will discuss such topics as education, transportation, economic development and public safety and its effect on the business community.

The program will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt on Monday, January 8 from 6 to

For further details call the Chamber of Commerce at 301-731-5000.

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Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Spring Soccer Registration



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Register for the Spring Soccer Season at the Greenbelt Youth Center Saturday, January 13th 10-12, Sunday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 17th 5:30-7:30 Questions or for more information call 301-794-0100.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

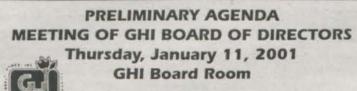
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the oldest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members, and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentation is scheduled as follows:

SATURDAY - January 20, 2001 11:00 a.m.

Please call the receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

> GREENBELT HOMES, INC. **Hamilton Place** Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



Key Agenda Items

- Member Request for Exception to Purchase Second GHI Membership and Occupancy Rights
- Member Request for Exception Purchase of Occupancy Rights for Use by Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.
- Scheduling
 - Managers Evaluation
 - Work Session on Maintenance Issues
 - Board Photo

Regular Board meetings are open to members.



City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters,

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.

COUNCIL

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velop the then privately owned Parcel 1 sparked a political firestorm of opposition to the proposal, then the city acquired the parcels.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested at a recent meeting that as part of the millennium celebration year the city take action to preserve the city's greenbelt. The city staff researched the idea of land conservation easement. Staff recommended against an easement because it is usually used in relation to private property; its perpetual nature means future city councils are restricted in their decision making ability toward these lands, which a council cannot do; and the workload required is heavy.

Roberts said he would like to see "any kind of mechanism that says this is a property that shouldn't be developed." He asked staff to see if a super majority requirement could be put in place; that a council vote of 4 out of 5 be required to make decisions on this parkland. City staff was directed to draw up a resolution that will be discussed at an upcoming council meeting that defines the parkland area, envisions its use as parkland and develops a management plan.

Reducing False Alarms

A program to reduce residential false alarms was approved by council. It will start with a sixmonth phase that emphasizes education and outreach to the public. This should give the public time to learn about the program and work on system operation problems that may cause false alarms. Staff will report back to council in six months.

Two years ago the council established a false alarm reduction program. The emphasis had been on reducing false alarms in nonresidential systems and there has been a 54% reduction in these types of false alarms.

Car Sharing

Council decided to have a worksession on the idea of car sharing and have city staff go to Green Ridge House to talk about the issue. The idea of a group of people having joint access to one or more vehicles so a person has use of a car part time had been put forward as a possible solution to parking problems at Green Ridge House. City staff researched the issue and prepared a

This is an idea that should be said seriously, explored councilmember Alan Turnbull. He felt that the full onus should not be put on Green Ridge House residents to get a pilot program MASS SCHEDULE: going.

However Roberts said that the program is supposed to address the parking needs at Green Ridge House



You're Welcome Here

St. George's **Episcopal Church**

Episcopal/Anglican Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, just south of Greenbelt Rd (MD 193), Glenn Dale

301-262-3285

Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing) 10 am Education for all ages 11 am Sung Service

State College Trust Holds Info Meetings

The Maryland Prepaid College Trust and the Prince George's County public schools are hosting parent information nights throughout the county to provide parents and grandparents with the opportunity to learn more about how the Trust can help make college more affordable. All parent information nights are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, January 9, a meeting will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Beltsville. For information call the Maryland Prepaid College Trust at 1-888-4MD GRAD (option #4).

The Trust is a state program designed to provide families with a way to save for a child's future college education by locking in today's contract prices. The Trust is backed by a Maryland legislative guarantee. It is open to children newborn through tenth grade. It offers flexible tuition plans, and affordable payment options, and can be used at nearly any college nationwide.

Parent information nights are open to the public and are not only for parents of students at the host schools.

Staff Reorganization

Council refused a plan to reorganize the top positions in the Department of Public Councilmembers Works. thought more discussion of this was needed. They also expressed concerns about major staff reorganizations just before a long awaited in-house pay and benefits study is due to be completed. A worksession on this study is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10. This will be the third staff recommendation to the council this fall without the benefit of the comprehensive pay and benefit review, complained White. "How many of these midcourse corrections are we going to have?" he asked. A system needs to be in place, said Councilmember Edward Putens. He said he did not want to go changing people around in positions based on personalities.

The key proposals had been to upgrade by one grade the superintendent of operations and create an assistant director position. This would relieve some of the workload on the director of the department and the superintendent of operations.

Bowie Borders Site Of Cartoonists Show

by Barbara Simon

"Art Inside the Borders: Work by Kids from Mister Geo's GAVA Comic Book and Animation Classes" will be on display at Borders Bookstore in Bowie during the month of

Mister Geo (George Kochell) teaches cartooning, comic book and animation classes for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) at the Greenbelt Community Center. The animation classes are taught in cooperation with GATE (Greenbelt Access TV).

On Saturday, January 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., children can join Mister Geo at Borders to create and color their own mini-comic to take home. They will create their own characters, then draw, ink and letter each page of a brand new story in an original comic book to color.

January 13 is also a Borders Benefit Day for GAVA. Patrons may pick up a coupon at GAVA's information table at the store to present when they make a purchase that day. GAVA will receive 15% of the cost of each such purchase.

Winter cartoon, comic book and animation classes in the Greenbelt Community Center will begin the week of January 15. Call 301-474-2192 for information about classes or the Borders exhibit.

National Arboretum Seeks Gardeners

The National Arboretum in Washington, the nation's only funded garden, is seeking volunteers to help maintain the gardens and plant collections. Volunteers will be trained in botany, plant identification, pruning, weeding and integrated pest management. Beginning January 16, there will be a four week training course on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers work weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. a minimum of four hours a week. A one year commitment is required. For an application call Mary Ann Jarvis, volunteer coordinator, at 202-245-4565.



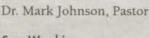
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Marriott Residence Inn Plan Okayed by Council

by Maria Piazzola

At its December 18 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council approved a detailed site plan for a Marriott Residence Inn at the Golden Triangle.

Brentwood Hotels recently purchased the 3.51-acre parcel of land and plans to build a 120-guest-room hotel and onestory gatehouse with on-site parking. The development, which is located at the end of the Golden Triangle Drive adjacent to the Courtyard by Marriott, will total 92,757 square feet. A Brentwood Hotels representative attended the meeting to explain the purpose of the planned extended-stay

Mayor Judith Davis said she agreed that Greenbelt needs an extended-stay facility.

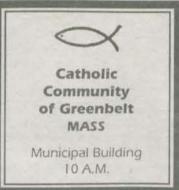
"It fits a different niche than the other hotels we have," Davis said. "It's for a longterm stay for families, business people and people who are relocating.'

Earlier, in February 1998, the city had approved a site plan for a 61,400 sq. ft., 140unit hotel on the property. But in response to concerns raised

by city staff and the Advisory Planning Board, a revised site plan was submitted to improve pedestrian circulation, landscaping and traffic patterns. The owner has agreed to provide a two-foot high landscaping bed at the base of an 8 by 2 foot monument sign for the hotel.

The owner has also agreed to enter into a formal easement agreement with the city for a future pedestrian/bicycle overpass at Kenilworth Avenue.

Councilmember Edward Putens gave his personal approval to the plan just before council formally approved the detailed site plan. "Marriott has a reputation as a good quality chain," Putens said. "We welcome you."



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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.

Unattended Child

Unit block of Parkway, Dec. 22, 7:40 a.m., a 31-year-old female resident was arrested after she allegedly left a 4-year-old unattended in her residence. The child left the apartment and entered the hallway, where a witness found the child and notified police. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary and Theft

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Dec. 21, 1:48 p.m., a VCR and compact discs were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out a bedroom window.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 22, 6:15 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

8200 block of Canning Terrace, Dec. 23, 4:46 p.m., someone attempted to enter a residence by tampering with a door lock. Entry was not gained.

Party City in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 23, 5:09 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart.

Fashion Bug in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 23, 5:43 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a stroller.

Ashley Stewart in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 27, 5:21 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a break room.

Jeepers! Indoor Playground in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 27, 7:32 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from a locker.

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Dec. 27, 9:16 p.m., someone broke a sliding glass door of a residence.

Wendy's at Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 28, 1:52 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a

Fraud

Columbia Bank in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Dec. 22, 11:10 a.m., a 38-year-

old female nonresident was arrested and charged with fraud after she allegedly attempted to pass a forged check. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1994 Land Rover with Maryland tags M16940, Dec. 22, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a brown 1987 Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags M509918, Dec. 23, from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane; a green 1995 Dodge Caravan with partial Maryland tags M24___, Dec. 24, from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway; and a blue Plymouth Voyager with Maryland tags ABG46B, Dec. 27, from the Greenbelt Metro station.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9200 block of

Nominations Sought Honoring Volunteers

The United Nations has declared 2001 the International Year of the Volunteer. The Prince George's Volunteer Center will celebrate with volunteers around the world and honor its citizens for their outstanding volunteer work throughout the community.

The Center is asking Prince George's County citizens to identify and nominate individuals, groups, fraternities and sororities, businesses or corporations who have contributed their time, efforts and talents to improve the quality of life for residents. Previous nominees who were not selected for an award may be renominated.

Nominees may be friends, coworkers, neighbors, civic leaders, coaches, tutors, mentors and community leaders. Anyone, regardless of age, who has made a significant contribution to volunteering may be nominated. Special

Edmonston Road, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, 6000 block of Breezewood Court, 6200 block of Springhill Court, 7800 block of Emily's Way, and 7500 block of Mandan Road.

recognition will be given the businesses/corporations that provide assistance to the volunteer mission in Prince George's County. Special projects undertaken by a business, or individual projects completed by employees as volunteer service may be nominated.

All nominations must be submitted by Saturday, January 20, to the Prince George's Volunteer Center, P.O. Box 187, Hyattsville, MD 20781. People who would like to have a nomination form or who have questions about the nomination procedure should call the Volunteer Center at 301-699-2800. Winners will be announced and their award will be presented at the Prince George's Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony on Thursday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt.





GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building Council Room
January 8, 2001
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Consent Agenda Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
- 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

- Prince George's County Sheriff's Department - Role of the Department in the Community

7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)

* 8. Minutes of Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

* 10. Committee Reports

 Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2000-2 (Scooter, Skateboard & Bicycle Safety)

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 916, to
Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods
and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated
Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each
Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), 1st
Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12. Green Ridge House Tenant Selection Guidelines
- 13. Follow-up on Plan to Upgrade City Playgrounds
- 14. Red Light Camera Program
- * 15. Approval of Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance
- * 16. Appointments to COG Boards and Policy Committees for 2001

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at
www.ci.greenbelt.md.us
Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk



Volunteer Needed for Focus Group

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is establishing a citizen's focus group for the I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study. This is a study of possible improvements (e.g., additional ramps) to the beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station. This focus group will help identify local concerns and issues associated with the proposals developed by SHA staff.

The Greenbelt City Council is seeking a citizen volunteer to nominate to join this task force. It is anticipated that the focus group will begin meeting soon. If you would like to be considered for this task force, please submit a letter of interest to Kathleen Gallagher, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 by January 19, 2001. If you have any questions please contact the City Offices at 301-474-8000.



KARATE with ARTURO

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* Karate (beginners) - 132202-2
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* Karate (All Levels) - 132201-3

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A Review

Greenbelt's New Year 2001 Fete Had Much to Offer

by James Giese

This was our first time to Greenbelt New Year celebrations. There was a lot to like about it, but it still could have been better. Also, there was an awful lot that went on that we didn't get to see. Greenbelt New Year 2001 was primarily designed for families with kids. We didn't have any to bring along.

We started off with the fireworks. They were great! These were not Independence Day fireworks, but they were tailored for a New Year's Eve celebration. While lacking the giant skyrockets and their awesome bursts, the display made up for it with plenty of razzle and dazzle, lots of big booms and gorgeous displays of shimmering silver and gold. The Department of Public Works did their usual great job in setting off the show, which lasted longer than I had expected.

We were disappointed in the size of the crowd watching. We were at the end of the Youth Center by the baseball field. Perhaps there was a larger group at the softball field. It seemed to me though, that the number watching did not justify the ex-

We slipped around behind the Youth Center gym. That gave us a solid wall to rest our aged backs against while waiting for the show to start. Also, the building blocked out the area lights in the parking lot and along the walkway.

Getting Started

We had to take off for an open house after the fireworks and didn't return until after nine. Our first stop was the entrance lobby to the Community Center to get a schedule. We were immediately impressed to see the many volunteers, many of whom we knew, working their tails off to make the celebration a great event. Our hats off to them.

It would have been nice to have seen a schedule in advance in the News Review, or to have gotten one when we bought our arm bands. We were disappointed to see that many of the events had already taken place. and that the number of choices for us to go to were rapidly dwindling.

Magician

It appeared that we had only a few minutes to get over to the theater to see Eric Henning's last magic act of the evening. We took off right away, not even taking time to buy a tee shirt (we never did get to buy one). It turned out that our haste was unnecessary as the start time was not 9:15 as we had thought, and the show started late. We enjoyed the prestidigitation very Henning was good enough with his hands that I couldn't tell how he did things even when I thought I knew how he was pulling off the trick. He lacked the pizzaz of the more prominent magicians of today, and I missed the lack of a shapely female assistant. The stunt of pulling silver coins out of the ears and hair of audience members was cute, but grew tiresome after awhile, although I suppose all the young people who volunteered to let him find where they had silver coins hidden were delighted with this part of the act. The act that puzzled me most was the transfer of a wedding ring from a ribbon to a

wand. Although I didn't see him do it, I could figure out how he got the ring onto the wand, but I couldn't see how he could get the ring off the ribbon. The magic rings that kept coming apart and then being rejoined together were also very intriguing, although it's a stunt I've seen done before.

All in all, Henning's act was a good way to start off the evening's entertainment, but I don't know if I would want to see him again unless he came up with new material.

Scottish Dancing

Although we would have liked to have stopped in at the New Deal Cafe to check out their entertainment, our schedule indicated that we had less than a half-hour left to see the Scottish dancing. My wife, an ex-Irish dancer, wanted to check that out. There were two squares (rounds) of dancers, many new to the dance and a small group watching. The dances being done with live musical accompaniment were not unlike the Irish dancing done at Ceilis. If this event had gone on longer, we might have gotten out on the dance floor, but, alas, their time ran out.

By now, there were only two events going - the cabaret and DC Motors in the gym. We chose the quieter music of John Hill in the cabaret, generally known as the multipurpose room. I was disappointed to see so few tables and chairs set up. I expect that this limited the audience size. Fortunately, someone left at the right time and we got to sit

John Hill was great to listen to. He did a variety of songs including a moving rendition of Auld Lang Syne well after his show was scheduled to end. It's clear that he enjoyed performing as much as we enjoyed listening.

Slow Refreshments

Unfortunately, I missed much of the end of his show by stand-



Good music and good food bring New Year's Eve revelers to the New Deal Cafe.

- photo by Jenna Williams

ing in line for refreshments sold appeared to thoroughly enjoy by the New Deal Cafe. As usual, I found service with them to be slow. While I am sure more volunteers would have helped, it seems to me that better organization is needed. Coffee was a single item on the menu, so I or- started up again. We joined the dered it. After receiving a cold crowd in blowing our free horns, cup, I was told that the percolator was still heating the coffee, but that the decaf was hot. I would have ordered decaf to begin with if I had known. With the two coffees, I bought two giant cookies. They were great.

After John Hill finished, we rushed down to the gym with 15 minutes to go until the new year. It was a mad house: It looks like this year's turnout exceeded last, and that the event was a success. The dance floor was crowded with squirming, jumping bodies, while all seats were taken.

DC Motors is a pretty good band, although its music is a little more modern than we are. They remind me of the Hubcaps, another group that used to play a lot in Greenbelt until they got too well known and expensive. However, the younger generations them.

We were looking forward to lengthy speeches from the mayor and council, but the band played right up until a ten-second countdown to midnight, and then then shared a kiss as the band played on. We, however, turned into pumpkins, and headed back

Greenbelt New Year is certainly a great alternative to expensive champagne dinners, hightabbed night clubs and excessive alcohol as a way for the entire family to celebrate. Our hats off to all those who made it possible.

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Dad enjoys a New Year's Eve dance with his daughter. - photo by Jenna Williams



Line dancers pose for a picture.

NEW YEAR

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a few of the offerings. Decorations were everywhere, thanks to the artists in residence at the Community Center, with the help of many children.

At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Eric Henning entertained young and old alike with old-fashioned magic and legerdemain during three separate performances. He roamed through the audience picking silver dollars from the ears, hair, and coats of unsuspecting participants. Some of the tricks were geared more toward the young in the audience, while others were geared toward adults. All had a good time.

Jukebox

In the Arts Center, the Millennium Jukebox put on two shows. The "jukebox" was made up of 15 children and 12 adults who sang a song from each decade of the century. According to Chris Cherry, Greenbelt Recreation Coordinator, the jukebox "really was a good show." The singers ranged in age from four to 76 years of age.



Eric Henning

Kelley Jo Wallace, the youngest member of the troop, accompanied them on the violin.

At the Youth Center, teens were being entertained with music, games, and food. At the New Deal Café, singing groups entertained while participants had a chance to relax and have a bite to eat. Food was available at several locations.

Community Art

This year there was an emphasis on community art. Community Center artist in residence Elizabeth Morisette, with help from young Greenbelters, produced banners that hung from the ceiling of the gym. Another

artist in residence, Mike McMullin, helped elementary schoolers produce the stage backdrop, which consisted of long rolls of wallpaper painted with figures from nature. There were outdoor sculptures crafted by an artist but painted with the help of children from Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's School, and students who attend afterschool educational activities at the Community Center. Hair became a medium as sculptor and hair stylist Debra Nesbitt and Joyce Cox created wild hair sculptures that could be seen on teenagers in all locations.

Millennium Passport

New this year was the Millennium Passport, a booklet given to each participant. The passport describes activities that will take place during 2001 in Greenbelt. There is a spot to obtain a stamp when a person attends the event. At the end of the year, there will be prizes. If a person attends enough events and obtains enough stamps, he or she will be eligible for a free t-shirt and free admission to next year's New Year's party.



- photo by Jenna Williams Emory Harman and friends enjoy the music in the gym.

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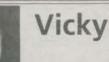
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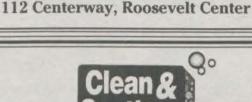
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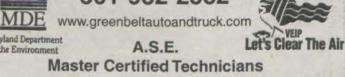
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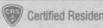


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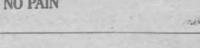
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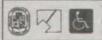
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