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City Is Studying Car Sharing

by Sandy Smith

Car sharing in Greenbelt came a bit closer with the Greenbelt City Council's encouragement of city staff to pursue the program. This action followed a presentation at the November 26 meeting by Zipcar, one of the companies offering car sharing services in the Washington metropolitan area.

Long a council interest and considered essential to improving parking congestion at Green Ridge House and other areas of the city, car-sharing was the topic of a lengthy discussion at the council meeting. Bill Edwards, City Director for Zipcar, described the operations of the car-sharing company, which started in Boston but is now expanding into other areas. The company offers an alternative to car ownership by providing subscribers with access to a car on a reserved basis.

Zipcar charges a member deposit, application and annual fees, as well as a user fee based on length of use and mileage. Zipcar's fleet of cars includes VW Beetles, Golfs and Jettas. Zipcar's reservation system is computerized and subscribers unlock their vehicles with a smart card, which also records the time the car was returned. Zipcar pays for gas and insurance, takes care of car maintenance, and parks the cars in convenient loca-

tions. Subscribers can reserve a car for any length of time and are responsible for returning it to the same reserved location.

Edwards stressed the ease of Zipcar's reservation system and a high level of customer satisfaction. He called Zipcar "the Microsoft of car sharing" because of its advanced technology and reservation system, which virtually guarantees subscribers that a car will be available. In addition to on-line reservations, there is a voice-activated system and a member services representative for those who want the personal touch, he explained.

Community Planner Terri Hruby, who has led the research into car sharing, also presented information to council on another firm, Flexcar, also in this area but with a different method of operation. Flexcar was recently awarded a contract to provide car-sharing vehicles at 20 metro stations, including the Greenbelt metro station, within the next 12 months. Flexcar has lower user fees and minimal up-front costs, she indicated, but Zipcar has an established presence already in the area and an excellent track record.

More Research

Council urged staff to move ahead and determine what needs to be done to bring car sharing to

Greenbelt while not approving a specific plan or vendor at this time. Staff will be continuing its research and discussions with the car-sharing companies and will return to council with a final plan for approval. Hruby said that the city was eager to get started but that it was critical to determine the level of interest in Greenbelt for car sharing.

For example, Zipcar usually requires a minimum of 15-20 subscribers to set up operations in a specific community, but Edwards indicated that if the "demographics look right" in terms of population density and other factors, the company will work with government, apartments or condo management to get a program started. He said that there was no "typical" car sharing patron and that their subscribers ranged from 21, the minimum age, to 65 plus and included singles and families, those without a car and those who need a second car from time to time.

Hruby said that some of the next steps would be talking with citizens and providing them with information on car sharing, determining levels of interest and need, and comparing options. She expected that the first efforts will be to establish car sharing services for Green Ridge House.



PHOTO BY LEONARD WALLACE

The double-pane glass door to Joe's Deli that is normally not used was smashed as burglars gained entry to the shop early Sunday morning.

Credit Union Is Robbed; Generous Joe's Also Hit

by Barbara Bonham Young

Credit Union

"He was very quiet about it," Credit Union Manager Cindy Comproni told the News Review, "and no one knew what had happened until after he left," she said of the robber who escaped with money on Monday, December 3 at about 1:50 p.m. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union had been robbed previously around noon-time last September 6.

The current suspect, described as a white male in his 30s, with brown eyes, 5'5" and thin, wore a red hooded sweat shirt. He passed a note to a teller demanding money and saying he had a gun. None, however, was displayed, Comproni said. After receiving money, she added, the man walked out of the Credit Union past the New Deal Café toward the parking lot.

Police and an FBI agent (because the organization is federally insured), responded to the scene and the Credit Union closed for the day. "We've been here since 1937 and have never had a problem until recently," Comproni said. "We're in the process of installing cameras and are discussing other avenues of beefing up security, because we want our members to feel safe."

Comproni praised residents of the community and police officers for their thoughtfulness and understanding following the previous robbery. Members of both groups stopped in several times "to check on us." However, she mentioned that after the previous robbery, the FBI agent assigned to the case was pulled off to as-

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New Year to Be Rung In In Usual Greenbelt Style

by Patti Brothers

Those who haven't already made plans for ringing in the new year are invited to join their friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2002. This celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever with something for everyone.

This is the final event for the Millennium Passport - the first event was last New Year's celebration. Revelers who bring their completed (or partially completed) passports will have the opportunity to win various prizes - ranging from free admission to the celebration to a weekend for two in Berkeley Springs, West

Virginia. The 2002 celebration's activities will begin with a wonderful display of fireworks on Braden Field and then move indoors - to five different locations.

Community Center

The Community Center will resound with the music of Trinidad and Tobago. Kaydee Puppets present puppet shows. Magic Mike, a magician, will perform "How'd he do that?" feats. Ronald McDonald will be roaming the halls to meet and greet all in attendance. The Goddard Storytellers will be tell-

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Council Wants More Information On a Possible Arts District Here

by Sandy Smith

City Council decided to determine the benefits and limitations of an Arts and Entertainment District in the city before applying for this state designation, and to set city priorities for the 2002 legislative session at its regular meeting on November 26.

Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers expressed tentative interest in having an arts and entertainment district designated within the city of Greenbelt. They felt, however, that too little was known about the potential downsides as well as benefits of this state designation to go forward with an application at this time. This wait-and-see attitude was consistent with recommendations from Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, and David Moran, assistant to the city manager, who had researched this program and developed a plan and time table for possibly applying next year.

Recently passed legislation to create Arts and Entertainment Districts is intended to stimulate arts in a community by providing property tax credits, economic development assistance for arts and entertainment projects, and exemptions from local admission and amusement taxes. The legislation is intended primarily for

areas in need of economic development or revitalization under the State's Smart Growth Program.

Council decided to send a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development expressing interest in the program and the intention of waiting until next year before filing an application. In the meantime the city will enlist and involve key stakeholders, carefully evaluate the benefits and develop vision and management plans, as required under the program. Davis emphasized that the economic impact such as loss of tax revenue has to be carefully considered.

Councilmember Tom White urged the city to develop a vision plan for the arts regardless of whether the city seeks this official designation. Councilmember Alan Turnbull congratulated DeWald for her careful review of the pros and cons of a program which for an arts advocate might be considered "Mom and apple pie." DeWald said that it might be possible to customize something for Greenbelt under the program, to pick and choose the elements which would be most advantageous for the city.

Additional state funding for

the expansion of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was the unanimous top priority of councilmembers for the 2002 legislative session. As City Manager Michael McLaughlin suggested, council felt it was best to focus on a limited number of critical priorities. Other priorities at the state level are to request full planning and zoning authority for the city and to continue opposition to funding of Beltway ramps

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What Goes On

Friday, December 7, 7 p.m., Opening Ceremonies for Festival of Lights and Tree Lighting, Municipal Building.
Monday, December 10, 7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, 1 Greenknolls Place.
Wednesday, December 12, 8:00 p.m., Council Worksession with SHA - Briefing on Purple Line, Community Center.

News Review Needs Your Support

The Greenbelt News Review begins its 65th year of publication this week – and we'd like very much to keep on going to 100, at least. But due to the recent loss of our affordable composition shop at Chesapeake Publishing, the paper is now losing money every week. We need the support of our faithful readers, who realize that without their volunteer-run paper – miraculously still in existence – Greenbelt's much-prized sense of community would begin to erode quickly. We don't want that to happen. Last week we printed an article kicking off the News Review fund drive and there is a contribution form below. Please be generous, because we need to pay our bills while we search for a permanent solution.

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ing stories all night long for people of all ages. The children's arts and craft room will be open once again for a night full of creativity.

For those who feel like dancing, the Scottish Country Dancers will be happy to show you how. Hill & Dietz will provide the party-goers with a full night of sit-back-and-relax music. Personalized hair styling will be available for those seeking a new look for the new year. The Greenbelt Swim Team will provide delicious food all night long. DC Motors will begin the final celebration and ring in the new year in fine style a repertoire spanning the last four decades.

Youth Center

The Youth Center will have lots of activities; sumo wrestling, an obstacle course provided by Talk of the Town, and a karaoke DJ provided by Sight and Sound Entertainment. There will also be a Mr. Greenbelt (yes, Mr. Greenbelt) contest going on! Dave Schuman will demonstrate his great juggling skills in the multipurpose room and conduct a workshop as well. There will be lots of food available for purchase at the Youth Center, so no need to eat anything before coming.

Roosevelt Center

The Arts Center will present a play for the whole family "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." The Old Greenbelt Theatre will have a film festival, and there

The Old Curmudgeon



"I'll say . . . !"

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Hospital Sponsors Diabetes Social

The Doctors Community Hospital, Diabetes Care Center in Lanham, is sponsoring a holiday social on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. for diabetes support group members and former members.

To learn more, call Elaine Stone, 301-552-5134.

Greenbelt News Review
Carrier route near
Roosevelt Center
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Call Ian Tuckman
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**RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, December 10th
7:00 p.m.
1 Greenknolls Place

Donation Drop-Off

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

Truck will be located in the parking lot between the City Offices and the Community Center.

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Don't set your usable household items out for special trash collection-make a donation to the American Rescue Workers so you items can be REUSED!

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
Week of Dec. 7

Man Who Wasn't There (R)
Cats & Dogs (PG)

Friday and Saturday
Man Who Wasn't There
*5:00, 7:30, 9:45
Cats & Dogs
*3:00

Sunday
Man Who Wasn't There
*5:00, 7:30
Cats & Dogs
*3:00

Monday - Thursday
Man Who Wasn't There
7:30

*These shows at \$4.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

will be entertainment in the New Deal Cafe all night long as well. Reasonably priced tickets are available at the Community Center through December 25. Children 5 and under are free. Call 301-397-2208 or stop in to get tickets now (and pick up a beautiful "collector" T-shirt). Tickets and T-shirts will also be available at the craft show at the Community Center this weekend. Tickets purchased later or at the door cost slightly more.

Channel B-71 Schedule
Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access
MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000
Tuesday & Thursday, December 11 & 13

6:00pm "Beltway Plaza Toys for Needy Kids Parade"
6:45pm "Halloween Parade"
7:00pm Greenbelt Museum presents "Race and Realism"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581
Wednesday & Friday, December 12 & 14

7:00pm "Ebony Scrooge"
8:00pm Peace and Justice Coalition of PG County presents "A Public Forum on Nuclear Weapons Defense"

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Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

The Movie of the Month at the Community Center will be shown on Monday, December 10 at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom. "Cinderella" with Ginger Rogers, Walter Pidgeon and Leslie Ann Warren comes to life, and dreams come true in this lavish version of the classic fairy tale.

The movie shines with more than a dozen sparkling production numbers from the immortal team of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

At the Library

Tuesday, December 11, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

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

4 p.m. BooKids Discussion Group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, December 13, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

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

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the November 28 meeting. Souser made the following announcement: There will be a craft fair in the Community Center gym on December 8 and 9. See him for tickets to the Soldier's Home dance on December 14. The Sandy Point Light Show runs now through January 1.

Betty Down, Sunshine chair, reported Molly Reuben is home from the hospital. She urged members to remember Ernie Varda in prayer.

Souser presented Joe McNeal, Community Center supervisor, with two checks - one for \$200 from the Golden Age Club and one for \$100 from the GIVES organization. Joe thanked Golden Agers and GIVES and said the checks will help defray the cost of the New Year's party. McNeal urged members to attend this year.

John Taylor, Travel chair, reported the last trip of the year is to New York City on December 6 and 7.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jane Fendlay and Florence Holly.

Arlene Souser from the Membership committee read the names of November birthday celebrants: Bernie Giese, Jim Holohan, Betty Beers, Helen Stearns and Ed Griffin. Bernie Giese won the birthday drawing.

Delicious refreshments were served including three desserts furnished by Julie Boone, Morningside House of Laurel. The December 12 meeting will feature Morningside House of Laurel on the topic "How to Beat the Holiday Blues."

On December 19, there will be a Christmas party. This is the last meeting of the year 2001.

Springhill Lake Toy Drive

The Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team, in conjunction with Coughlin's Towing, AIMCO and the Greenbelt Lions Club, is sponsoring a toy drive for children who are enrolled in the Prince George's County Transitional Housing Development program at Springhill Lake.

Deposit a new, unwrapped toy in the big decorated box inside the Community Relations Office at Springhill Lake Shopping Center through December 13.

Community Events

Club Offers Stargazers Party

A free stargazing party will be held on Saturday, December 8 at Northway Ball Fields, beginning at dusk. Greenbelt Astronomy Club members will be on hand to share telescopes and binoculars with the public.

In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, the event will be cancelled. For more information call 301-277-4041.

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet on December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The Architecture & Environment Committee meets December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Woodlands Committee meets December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. December 13. Location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

To prospective members of GHI, a free informational seminar about GHI will be held on December 15 at 11 a.m. at the GHI offices.

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for December 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Paint Park Tables

Join a park ranger and neighbors at Greenbelt Park in helping the park by painting picnic tables, cleaning the park; placing mile markers on the perimeter trail and other park projects.

Meet at the ranger station near the campground on Saturday, December 8, at 9 a.m. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

For directions or more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Writers Group Meets

A holiday dinner for members of the Greenbelt Writers Group will be held Friday evening December 14. For more information call Mary Moien at 301-474-4713 or mmoin@aol.com.

New Deal Displays Paul Downs Exhibit

Original all-natural art by Greenbelt resident Paul Downs will be on display at the New Deal Café for the entire month of December. Come and see nature portrayed in the rustic motifs of mountains, cabins and rivers. The wood and clay used in the artwork was collected from fallen branches in the Greenbelt woods and from streambeds in the same area.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's December Donation Drop-Off, which it co-sponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, December 8, behind the Municipal building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

Hellenophiles Host Christmas Party

The Greek Folk Dance Group of Greenbelt will be hosting their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9, at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. The party will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will feature food as well as music and dance. The event is free and open to the public. However, those attending are requested to bring a snack item or non-alcoholic drink to share with the rest of the group during the dance intermission.

Dances from many parts of Greece will be performed by the group, and guests are invited to join in. No partner is required, since all of the dances done will be line dances, some of which will be easy enough for newcomers to pick up quickly. Some of the dances reflect the multicultural influences of other countries in the region, including dances that are performed in Bulgaria, Turkey, and Albania.

The next round of Greek Dance sessions will begin on January 13 and will run for eight weeks. The classes and social events will focus on dances from Northern Greece, including Thrace, an area that shares dances similar to those of Bulgaria. Additional information regarding the course can be obtained at the Christmas party, and those interested can either register for the course at that time or later. Information will also be provided at the party regarding other holiday festivities in the local Greek community.

Book Discussion In Community Center

A discussion of Maxine Clair's new book *October Suite* will be held in the upstairs multipurpose room of the Community Center on Tuesday, December 11 at 3 p.m.

A book signing will follow.

New Deal Plans Lively Weekend

The New Deal Café invites members of the community and their friends to drop by this weekend to enjoy a variety of live entertainment, and perhaps a coffee or snack.

On Friday, December 7, musical talent will share an "open mike" night. Rumor has it that the McMullin Brothers are planning to be part of the performance.

Saturday night, December 8, the Urban Legends will be presented. This is an eclectic folk quartet that blends traditional American folk music, jazz, country, and pop with a healthy dash of spunk and humor.

On Sunday, December 9, see GAC (Greenbelt Arts Center) Reflex, Greenbelt's live improvisational troupe that gives the audience the opportunity to make the laughs.

Learn about Flowers From West & Europe

An open meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 in the Community Center will feature "Wildflowers of the Western United States and Europe."

John Combes, from the Landscape Design Council, will be the speaker. Call 301-345-5356.

Greenbriar Party With Santa Dec. 15

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children 10 and under are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room. There will be a guest appearance by Santa. Parents may bring cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa. Lunch for the children will be provided. Admission is free. Call Tina Murphy by December 13, at 301-441-1096 to register.

Tree Lighting Dec. 9 In Greenbelt East

Greenbriar will host the Greenbelt East Tree Lighting Ceremony on



Sunday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building located at 7 6 0 0

Hanover Parkway. Choir members from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will sing songs of the season. A reception will follow in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. Everyone is welcome. For details, call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Meets

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the media center. Topics to be discussed: before and after school care and Spring Fair. Anyone who is on or is interested in being on the committee for before and after school care should plan to attend. Parents, guardians, teachers and interested citizens of the community are all welcome.

SHHH to Share Funny Situations

The Prince George's County group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH), will meet December 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The meeting will begin with a holiday party followed by a sharing of humorous as well as embarrassing experiences in group situations. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods, a sense of humor, and examples of coping in these situations. Family members and friends are welcome to attend to learn how best to communicate with a hard of hearing person. For more information call 301-474-0345.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

The GHI Fall Gutter Cleanings scheduled for the week of December 10 through 14 are as follows:

- Masonry Homes:
 - 1 Court of Northway
- Free Standing Homes:
 - 135A & 135B Northway
- Frame Homes:
 - 9 through 22 Courts of Hillside Road
 - 49 through 73 Courts of Ridge Road
 - 1 through 5 Courts of Laurel Hill Road
 - 1 through 9 Courts of Research Road

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

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Theme at Magnolia "United We Stand"

by Mary Moien

October 31 was special at Magnolia Elementary School this year. A patriotic theme replaced the usual Halloween costumes. All 744 children at the school took part in a project of singing and marching. The students, dressed by class in red, white or blue marched with flags around the playing field forming the outline of the United States. Fifth and sixth grade peer mediators held the banner "United We Stand" and other children were dressed in their native costumes. Several parents were on hand, some also in native dress.



Magnolia Elementary peer leaders hold flag at ceremony.

School counselor Wendy Deemer stated that the teachers and students decided to hold a

special party this year, one that would "show our diversity" and how all are unified in one country. Deemer indicated that one-third of Magnolia students speak a language other than English as

their first language. These students represent more than 30 different countries.

All students marched out of the school and took their places on the large outline of the United States that had been drawn in the grass. Many hand-held flags were waving. Then Principal Phyllis Gillens, dressed in bright red, led the students in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following that, each class sang a patriotic song, including "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Sing Out for My Country," "Fifty Nifty," and "If I had a Hammer." The students in foreign dress passed by in a Parade of Nations. The program ended with all students singing "This Land Is Your Land."



Mrs. Apena (in native dress) and her daughter, Oyin, hold the Nigerian flag.



Magnolia student Kevin Pham and his little sister Kristine in Vietnam dress.

PHOTOS BY MARY MOIEN

Choral Society Gives Top Notch Program

by Nick Mydra

Last Sunday I had to work so I didn't get to the Prince George's Choral Society's annual Christmas Concert until well into the second half of the program. Doing a review would be out of the question. Instead I have an observation. The Christmas Concert was performed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. It had the familiar Christmas songs, and for some the audience were invited to sing along. Vocal soloists and a brass quintet along with resident organist Stephen Pruitt rounded out the participants.

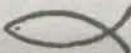
What a wonderful musical organization. Such a gem to be discovered in P.G. County. With a full house last Sunday a lot of other people know of them, too. Musically they are top notch. You can thank Phillip Hale their music director. Having a chance to talk to him about the organization gives you a sense that he knows where he wants to take the Choral Society and broaden and expand their music base.

You also get a lot of bang for your buck. Sunday you only needed 10 of them. I didn't really realize how many people were at the concert until I got in the after-concert buffet line to try some of the food the Choral Society offered the audience. It was a veeery long line. As a food critic I would give a thumbs up.

Again, what a gem of a musical organization. In case you're interested, their next concert will be in February.




Condolences to Jon Bell and his wife, Judy, on the death of his father, Phillip Bell, of Concord, New Hampshire.


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

MASS SCHEDULE:
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.
Daily Mass: As announced
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Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

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101 GREENHILL ROAD
301-474-4212
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor
Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm
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Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted
Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

Donate a Vehicle

Avoid the year end rush and have donated vehicles towed before the holidays. United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) urges donors to call now to donate so vehicles can be removed with minimal wait. Donations must be made by December 31 to receive credit for the current tax year.

To donate a car or other vehicle, call 301-262-4993, extension 16, or, for faster turnaround, donate on the Internet at www.ucppgmc.com. UCP handles all details including paper processing, towing the vehicle and selling at an auction. The whole process can go very quickly. There is no charge to the donor.

For tax purposes, UCP provides a statement of estimated retail value from the N. A. D. A. Appraisal Guide for autos/trucks, 1983 or newer. They pick up vehicles anywhere in the area. All vehicles are accepted, running or not, car or truck. Trailers, boats and RVs also are accepted.

All proceeds go to UCP to help support its many programs, including employment training, community living training, community living supports, summer respite for children, and career development for high school students, and others.

Obituaries

Carl T. Bond

A memorial service for Carl T. Bond will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 3 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi.

Community Church To Hold Concert

Choirs from the Greenbelt Baptist Church, Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, and the Greenbelt Community Church will present separate short programs of Christmas music at the Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads, on Sunday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Jean Cook, former director of the Combined Choir, will also perform. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.


The Community Church's Youth Group will sponsor a spaghetti dinner prior to the concert at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call 301-474-6171.

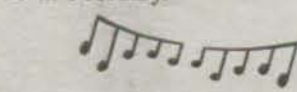
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Barbara Wells and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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301-345-2918 301-220-3160
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at the Greenbelt Metro station.

Council was deliberating priorities and strategies in preparation for the annual legislative dinner on December 13 with Greenbelt's state delegation and the county council representative. There was some debate on the relative importance of speed monitoring cameras and the theater bond bill, the latter already drafted by state Senator Leo Green. Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported the speed monitoring cameras as a safety issue; Councilmember Edward Putens thought it important but not the top priority and one that he would classify as "other issues" to bring to Greenbelt's legislative representatives. White spoke in support of the theater bond bill and ultimately the others, with the exception of Roberts, thought that the theater bond issue should also be included in the top priorities. White, Putens and Turnbull would lower in importance the speed monitoring cameras to see first how effective the red light camera program is. Turnbull hoped that there would not be a steady stream of income from tickets for those who run red lights but that behavioral changes and safer driving would be the outcome. White and Roberts were also concerned about the adequacy of school facilities, especially cafeterias and restroom areas. Turnbull suggested that the Jaeger tract funding also be addressed in the meeting, both as a state and county agenda item.

Boards and Committees
For the most part, councilmembers agreed to continue their assignments and discussed their individual responsibilities as liaisons to various city and regional boards and committees. Turnbull and then others mentioned that often they could not attend the many city commit-

tee meetings but tried to fulfill their role as liaisons by reading minutes, keeping informed, talking with members, and working electronically when possible.

Recycling Awards
Cindy Murray, Public Works staff liaison to the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, announced the winners of the recycling contest. The residential winners - based on neatness and appropriateness of sorting - were Julia and Eugene Stratchko of Greenhill Road, Kathy and James Kirby of Laurel Hill Road, Kathy and Charles Kendall of Ridge Road and Bruce Kuhl, also of Ridge Road. They received new blue recycling bins identifying them as contest winners and the usual T-shirts, but this time made of recycled fabric.

Organizational winners included Greenbelt Homes, Inc., which established an office recycling program under the leadership of Joan Krob, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Junior Civitans and Ecology Clubs. Julia Eichhorst, GHI board president, and ERHS vice principal and club members accepted those awards.

Murray also reported on a very successful Lake Park cleanup which netted over 40 bags of trash, from bottles to tennis balls. Davis offered that she had participated in the event and had located the park quicksand. She expressed thanks to all the citizens who participated and to the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. The recent electronics recycling day generated over 3,000 pounds of equipment and Murray indicated that another day will be scheduled in January for people to recycle their old computers after the holidays.

Flag Football Game Supports Firefighters

by Larry Hilliard

This year's Pete Labukas Tootsie Roll Bowl Flag Football Game was held on November 12 at Braden Field. The Tootsie Roll Bowl is hosted by St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus, the St. Hugh's Catholic Youth Organization, and the St. Hugh's Office of Youth Ministry.

About 60 young people participated and raised funds to support firefighters who were affected by the recent tornado and the events of September 11. Robyn Dwyer of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute was awarded the game ball by Liz and Kathy Labukas, daughters of Pete - the first Tootsie Roll Bowl chairman.



PHOTOS BY AGNES AND AUSTIN CONATY

With help from teammates Ashleigh Carter and Evan Real, Wesley Hilliard breaks for the goal line with Annie Lemieux, Mark Stenson and Eric Didion in hot pursuit.



Robin Dwyer receives the game ball from Liz and Kathy Labukas in recognition of her leadership of the St Hugh's Youth Group.



Officials Joe Griffith and Fred Meyer of the Knights of Columbus were the enforcers.


Greenbelt CARES

During the month of November, 22 families on average per week were seen for counseling services at CARES. The weekly average of individuals was 45; the weekly average of youths was 16. Approximately 77 students received tutoring.

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Celia W. Craze, Director of Planning & Community Development
Holly Jackson, Business Office, Springhill Lake

Video Highlights of Greenbelt Lions Club 50th anniversary dinner and new Greenbelt TV program: "Channel Zero News"
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Festival of Lights



The Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held mainly throughout the month of December. Regardless of the origin of our individual customs and traditions, we welcome the community. Join together as family, friends and neighbors in the spirit of this special season to begin the Festival of Lights celebration on Friday, December 7 at the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

Refer to November 29 edition of the News Review for a full schedule of the month long festivities.

OPENING CEREMONY, HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 7, 7:00pm; Greenbelt Municipal Bldg.

All ages welcome. FREE
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Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 8, 8:00am - 12:00noon;
Greenbelt American Legion Post #136

Advance sales: \$4.00/adult, \$2.00/ages 6-12; At the door: \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/ages 6-12
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Hosted by: Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with American Legion Post #136

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Saturday, December 8, 10:00am - 5:00pm;
Sunday, December 9, 11:00am - 4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center



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CHILDREN'S CRAFT ROOM
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Greenbelt Community Center

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Domino Baking Sugars 10x-Light Brown Dark Brown-Brownulated 49¢ 14-16 oz.	Best Yet Egg Noodles Medium-Wide-X Wide 69¢ 12 oz.	Betty Crocker Ready To Spread Cake Frostings \$1.19 12-16 oz.	Crisco Cooking Oils Canola-Original-Natural Blend \$1.79 48 oz.	Utz Potato Chips Asst. Varieties \$2.89 20 oz.	Best Yet Microwave Popcorn Asst. Varieties 89¢ 3 Pk.

Happy Hanukkah

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Boston Market Classic Gravy Chicken-Beef-Turkey \$1.69 15 oz.	Eagle Brand Sweet Condensed Milk Original-Low Fat \$1.79 14 oz.	Hanover Family Size Kidney Beans-or-Pork & Beans 99¢ 40-41 oz.	Whiskas Cat Foods All Varieties 3/89¢ 5.5 oz.	Best Yet Chicken-or-Beef Broth 49¢ 14.5 oz.	General Mills Honey Nut Chex Cereal \$1.99 15.25 oz.

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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.

Robbery

6200 block Breezewood Drive, November 23, 7:57 p.m., a pizza delivery person was trying to make a delivery to a residence. Getting no response from the apartment, he left the building. The victim was then approached by approximately eight suspects, one of whom was armed with a knife. They took money and the pizza before fleeing on foot. The victim was not injured; descriptions of suspects are not available.

100 block Westway, November 28, 10:17 p.m., a man was walking to a residence when a green, older-model mini-van pulled up alongside him. The suspect got out of the van, approached the victim, produced a black or grey handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money and a cellular telephone, the suspect threw the phone to the ground, where it broke. He then got back into the van and fled. The suspect is described as a black male, 25, 5'10", wearing a dark-colored knit cap, a grey sweatshirt or sweater and blue jeans.

Area of Mandan Terrace and Mandan Road, November 21, 10:57 p.m., a man was walking down the street when two other men got out of a red pickup truck, approached the victim, and announced a robbery. The victim fled on foot and the suspects then also fled. They are described as two black males, 18 to 23, both wearing black "puffy" jackets.

Area of Ora Glen Drive and Morrison Drive, November 28, 3:36 p.m., a man was walking to work when he was approached from behind by two suspects. One displayed a metallic handgun and demanded money. The suspects searched the victim's pockets, obtained money and then fled, possibly entering a vehicle described as a dark-colored SUV or pickup. One suspect wore a dark-colored hooded jacket — no further description is available.

Burglary

Parkway, November 26, 3:50 p.m., someone attempted to force open a garage door by breaking a padlock. Entry was not gained.

9300 block Edmonston Road, November 21, 2:24 p.m., someone broke the kitchen window of a residence and took jewelry.

7800 block Hanover Parkway,

November 21, 6:46 p.m., someone broke the window of a residence and took jewelry.

Possession of Marijuana

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, November 27, 4:44 p.m., a police officer on foot patrol saw a young person smoking marijuana in a laundry room. The 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system. A parent was notified.

Assault

Area of Lakecrest and Lakeside Drive, November 23, 11:35 a.m., a Camp Springs resident, 19, was arrested after she allegedly assaulted a woman with a cuticle cutter, stabbing her in the thigh and scratching her, during a verbal altercation. The victim refused treatment for minor injuries and the suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

Area of Westway and Lakeside Drive, November 23, 1:02 p.m., a camera and accessories were taken from an unattended bag in a parking lot.

Unit block of Lakeside Drive, November 26, 5:07 p.m., a ladder was taken from the carport of a residence.

11 Court Ridge Road, November 21, 9 a.m., an antique hand plow was taken from the back yard of a residence.

Beltway Plaza, November 21, 1:50 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from a shopping cart at the Marshall's store.

Beltway Plaza, November 23, 1:26 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from the counter at the Radio Shack electronics store.

Beltway Plaza, November 23, 5:54 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the Team-Up apparel store.

Greenway Shopping Center, November 25, 10:55 a.m., an unattended purse was taken from Chevy's restaurant.

Greenway Shopping Center, November 25, 3:12 p.m., money was taken from a vending machine at Denny's restaurant.

7500 block Hanover Parkway, November 27, 5:37 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a reception desk in an office suite.

Greenway Shopping Center, November 28, 4:07 p.m., some-

one forced open a secure locker at Bally's Health and Fitness Club. Jewelry, clothing, and a wallet were taken.

Disorderly Conduct

7200 Hanover Drive, November 22, 2:01 a.m., a 28-year-old resident was arrested after having been asked to leave Willy K's bar and restaurant by management. The man refused, shouting profanities when asked to leave by a police officer. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

9200 block Edmonston Road, November 22, 11:03 a.m., someone threw a brick at the front door of a residence.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a grey and blue 2001 Yamaha motorcycle, Md. tags 786D76, November 21, from the 9200 block Edmonston Road; a gold and green 1998 Mitsubishi Montero truck, Md. tags 835144M, November 24 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a green 1996 Honda Accord four-door, Md. tags GKN038, November 26, from Greenbelt Metro Drive; a blue-green 1995 Honda Civic two-door, Md. tags BTY597, November 26, from Greenbelt Metro Drive; a grey 1994 Geo Metro four-door, Md. tags JHW241, November 28, from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace.

With respect to the recent rash of vehicle thefts on Greenbelt Metro Drive, seven vehicles have been recovered in the metropolitan area, one arrest being involved in recovery.

Five vehicles were stolen earlier but recovered during this reporting period — no arrests involved — and a vehicle reported stolen in October was recovered November 19 by the owner, it having been towed, not stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 400 block Ridge Road; Beltway Plaza; 7500 block Mandan Road; 7700 block Greenbrook Drive; 6400 block Capitol Drive; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 7500 block Greenbelt Road; 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

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sist with anti-terrorist-related activity.

Generous Joe's

At about 5 a.m. on Sunday, December 2, someone smashed the glass door of the restaurant and took money. According to MPO George Mathews, witnesses said they saw possible suspects leave and get in to a small brown four-door car. Mathews urged anyone with information to contact police by calling 301-507-6530. No name need be given.

Merchants

Comproni noted initiatives mentioned at a recent meeting of Roosevelt Center merchants that was held with the city council and police. In a handout prepared for distribution at the meet-

ing, possibilities under consideration for improving security included: 1) undertaking a public information campaign and preparing newspaper articles, 2) posting a code of conduct for those using the Center, 3) increasing police and code enforcement officer presence, 4) adding lights and/or increasing wattage, and 5) "moving benches to the half-circle across Centerway."

Patrol of the Center for at least two hours per day was also mentioned, Comproni said. Mathews told the News Review on December 4 that patrolling has already been "significantly" increased.

Reacting to recent Roosevelt Center crimes, Chef Louis Parker,

"Chef Lou," said he was disappointed that no one from the police department informed merchants of recent occurrences. "When I came in Monday morning, I had to ask Joe [of Generous Joe's] what had happened," he said.

Leonard Wallace of Realty One said in reaction, "It seems like all we have are meetings, and nothing changes. In the past two weeks, we've had a stabbing, a car chase, a robbery, and a burglary. . . . police have tried to make more of a presence in the Center, but we still don't see the problems going away — if anything, they're escalating. Residents don't feel comfortable coming to the Center."

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

Kindergarten Choices Explained by Panel

by Amy S. Hansen

Public and private schools from the Greenbelt area presented philosophies and logistics when answering the question: What comes after nursery school? The public symposium, held last Wednesday night in the Greenbelt Library, was sponsored by Greenbelt Nursery School and aimed at helping parents choose from the array of possible kindergartens in the area.

Attending were representatives from Prince George's County magnet programs, College Park Cooperative Nursery School and Kindergarten, Concordia Lutheran School, Paint Branch Montessori, Holy Redeemer, and Friends School in College Park.

The public magnet schools have 16 programs in 55 locations, explained Jennifer Bryant, the magnet school recruitment specialist. "The magnet programs are very popular," said Bryant. "They receive 15,000 applications for 1,400 spots. The French Immersion and Montessori programs require students to enter at kindergarten or before." Linda Massey, a teacher in the magnet Montessori program, explained her program's philosophy: "Children are natural learners. If we design a program that is naturally interesting, they will learn."

Lisa Reaves of Concordia Lutheran School in Adelphi said her school offers two kindergarten classes, with an average of one teacher for every 10 students. The students can attend for a half or full day of school. And while it is a Lutheran school and the children do learn Bible stories, only 20 percent of the student body are Lutheran.

Paint Branch Montessori, like

the public Montessori program, works with mixed age groups of children. "We believe the children learn best from each other," said Patty Barshay. The children stay with the same teacher for up to three years and are encouraged to learn at their own speed. "We don't believe that what they learn is tied to their age."

College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten was the smallest school represented, with a kindergarten class of only eight. "We can take up to 12," said kindergarten teacher Clare Beth. She works the curriculum around the students, focusing on reading, writing, science and math, often through projects. "Our dinosaur program was supposed to be two weeks, but the kids were so interested it went on for five." Classes are half days.

Holy Redeemer, a Catholic School in Berwyn, has two kindergarten classes of 16 children each. The classes include literature, hands-on math, writing, and computer labs. The kindergartners are also involved in such school activities as student council, and they have buddy classmates from the older classes, explained kindergarten teacher Liane Sayers.

Friends School in College Park has a total of 140 kids in K through 8, said Susie Baker-Lapp, a third grade teacher there. The school's goal, she said, "is to listen to where the kids are and try to take them to the next level. We want to grow independent learners."

For more information about any of these programs, call the schools.

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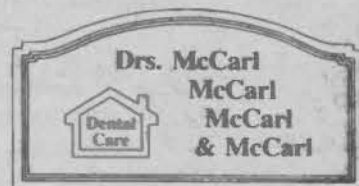
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Fairly traded coffee guarantees a minimum price per pound to farmers. Grass roots organizations have come together to proclaim Saturday, December 8, as a Fair Trade Coffee Day of Action. The groups are asking consumers to make a difference on December 8 by purchasing fair trade coffee in their local stores and cafes.

Farmers in Central America have been particularly hard hit by this price crisis.

The World Food Program estimates that 150,000 refugees have been created as a result of the coffee crisis. Farmers and their families not only face unemploy-

ment, displacement, and land-seizure, but risk starvation and death, according to Deborah James of Global Exchange, a Berkeley human rights organization.

"The good news is that consumers have the power to make a difference in farmers' lives now. If we act together to educate consumers and promote organic Fair Trade Certified coffee, we can expand the desperately needed market for fair trade coffee and send a powerful message to the coffee industry that consumers demand coffee free from social and environmental exploitation," says James.

The New Deal offers coffee from Equal Exchange, a USA-based company dedicated to the improvement of coffee farmers' lives.

Fair Trade coffee is also available at another Greenbelt cooperative - the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store.

For information about the international coffee crisis and Fair Trade Coffee Day of Action, visit the web at www.transfairusa.org, www.globalexchange.org/economy/coffee, or www.serrv.org.

Council and State Discuss Highways, Sidewalks, Signs

by Virginia Beauchamp

Several recurring or newly defined problems involving the road system within Greenbelt surfaced at the recent stakeholders meeting on November 19 between the Greenbelt City Council and representatives of the State Highway Administration (SHA). In a follow-up letter to District Engineer Charlie Watkins dated November 26, City Manager Mike McLaughlin summarized these areas of concern.

Three involve Greenbelt Road: 1) crumbling sidewalks near the entrance to Greenway Center, 2) the need for a crosswalk between Southway and the entrance to Greenway Center, and 3) an often-repeated request for a stop light at Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road. As McLaughlin conceded, the last item "has been studied many times," yet the intersection has also been the site of "numerous" accidents. Would SHA be willing to look at it once again?

Replacing the crumbling sidewalks would, of course, enhance pedestrian safety for those heading for Greenway Center. McLaughlin suggested this problem might be corrected with the state's retrofit program, with or without a municipal match in funding. In addition, anyone walking to Greenway Center would naturally seek the walkway on the south side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge, whether coming from Southway or from further west along Greenbelt Road. He hoped a crosswalk could be designated.

Marriott Sign

Another long-standing problem, the placement of a large sign on Kenilworth Avenue just before Ivy Lane, confuses motorists, McLaughlin's letter pointed out. Advertising the left turn for the Marriott Hotel, it is placed too far south, as councilmembers noted at the meeting.

Motorists turning from the Beltway and seeing the sign, suppose they are to turn immedi-

ately; thus dozens every day find themselves instead in the parking lot for the SHA building. Besides making a sudden turn and endangering themselves with moving traffic, some of these confused drivers recognize their error just in time to veer back into traffic for the intended second left, into Ivy Lane.

Watkins agreed with council's assessment of the sign's confusing placement. Beside its possible effect on the movement of traffic, Watkins said, the frequent turning of cars into their own parking lot is a nuisance to the agency, if not a danger to those who legitimately use the lot. He agreed to seek permission from the Marriott corporation to have the sign moved further north.

Metro Access Drive

Since the Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot has been filling up daily as Metro's business has boomed, "significant backups" during the evening rush hour have been occurring, McLaughlin's letter says. Total capacity for the lot is 3500 cars, yet the only traffic control is a stop sign on Metro Access Drive to Cherrywood Lane. The latter is free-flowing in both directions. McLaughlin requested an analysis of the situation and recommendations for possible solutions, such as a signal or a traffic circle.

Noise Barriers

In an earlier letter of November 21, also directed to Watkins, McLaughlin made a formal request for noise barriers to be installed at several locations along the Beltway within the corporate limits of Greenbelt. Included in the letter was a map of the city with the entire stretch of the Beltway highlighted.

One potential problem in finding a solution, McLaughlin's letter said, is the topography of the Boxwood subdivision. Since it is built on a steep uphill slope, the positioning of sound walls may impact their effectiveness.

Flu Shots Offered For At-Risk People

As a free public service, Laurel Regional Hospital will offer flu shots on Friday, December 14, to persons who risk serious illness from flu; this includes senior citizens and persons with chronic respiratory conditions. The inoculations will be given on a first-come first-serve basis from 4 to 6 p.m. in the J. Russell Jones Room.

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Impact of Holidays On Mentally Ill Cited

The National Association of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is sponsoring a workshop Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 to 9 p.m. on the topic "Impact of the Holiday Season on Persons with Mental Illness." The speaker is Agnes Hatfield, Ph.D. The holiday celebration includes Jennifer Polhemus, former administrator of NAMI-Prince George's County, presenting selected poems from her Chapbook. The location is at NAMI's Prince George's County Community Police Resource Center at Landover Mall. Call 301-577-6026 or 301-322-1900.

NAMI Support Groups Meet

The National Association of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) holds monthly support group meetings the second Monday of the month in Bowie. The next meeting is December 10, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Music Room, 14900 Healthcare Dr.

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