

News Review

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Thursday, December 4, 1997

City Council Hires Biologist To Manage Beaver Problem

by Diane Oberg

Extermination is not an option. No one else will take them. Meanwhile, visitors to the Buddy Attick Park can easily see fresh evidence of beaver damage as the number of felled trees constantly increases. So, what can the city do?

At its November 24 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council approved paying wildlife biologist William Bridgeland \$400 to develop a management plan for the beaver after an on-site meeting. Bridgeland has developed such plans for Fairfax County, Virginia, and Rockville, Maryland. However, the plan will likely reduce, but not eliminate, beaver damage.

Citizen Complaints

The city has received several letters from residents near the park complaining about the damage to trees both in the park and on adjacent private property. Joanne Tucker of Pinecrest Court told council of beaver activity around the settlement basin on Lakecrest, where beavers felled a large tree. She asked that the beavers be trapped and removed. If that is not possible, she suggested fencing the lake, settlement basins and stream.

At the meeting, Carl Kautz told council that trees up to 18 inches in diameter have fallen victim to the critters. He asked council to look hard at the problem, noting that it takes 20 years to grow the trees that the

beavers are "taking down like toothpicks."

Willard Larkin, also of Pinecrest, called in a letter for increased wrapping of trees with wire mesh to prevent beaver damage.

Councilmember Thomas White, while noting that "a member of my household" has returned from walks around the lake with "fairly graphic descriptions" of beaver damage, added that one benefit has been improved water quality in the peninsula area of the lake.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull doubted that the animals would be there forever. They inhabit an area until they exhaust the ready food. He said the issue was how much damage the city was willing to permit before doing something.

Previous Control Efforts

In the past, the state government would trap and relocate beavers. However, the state no longer provides this service. Although the city has permission to do its own trapping, it has been unable to find anyone willing to accept Greenbelt's beavers. So, the city tried moving the beavers to a stream near Northway Fields. Apparently, the animals did not like that location and returned to the lake.

Residents should not expect the beaver problem to be "solved" once the management plan is created and implemented. In his written proposal, Bridgeland noted that

beavers are now present in all of Maryland's watersheds and "will likely be a fact of life in the foreseeable future." He added that state officials generally no longer allow relocating problems beavers.

Thus, he focuses on "managing the damage that beavers typically do to reduce it to tolerable levels."

In the plans he developed for Rockville and Fairfax, Bridgeland wrote that, "In the case of impact to private property, the property owner will be counselled to accommodate the beaver and tolerate some inconvenience. Interpretive information on exclusion methods generally involve fencing trees or property lines.

"Damage to trees on parkland, in the absence of other impacts, does not necessarily constitute reason for management," according to both plans. For parkland, a study would determine the number of beavers the habitat is suitable for. The appropriate authorities may then use sterilization or birth control to limit populations. If that is not practical, then established mitigation procedures could be used, "beginning with exclusion [fencing and the like], proceeding through harassment, and ending with removal of the beavers." Harassment measures include destruction of nests and homes, and visual and auditory hazing.

City Approves New Computer System for Police Department

by Mary Moien

A new police computer system and the regulation of pawn shops within the county were issues discussed at the October 27 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Council agreed to purchase a local-area network system with 21 laptop computers and associated software for approximately \$390,000.

Police Computers

For two years the city, with the aid of a contractor, has been investigating the replacement of the 12-year-old police computer system. Of nine final proposals submitted, Streetgard has been selected to provide the department with computer-aided dispatching, automated record keeping, and laptops for patrol vehicles. The city has already budgeted \$120,000 for police computers with an additional \$50,000 in federal funds available. However, the city manager recommends borrowing the entire amount through NationsBank which has offered a very competitive rate.

Lt. Daniel O'Neil described the system and its uses for the Greenbelt Police Department. He indicated that data need only be entered one time for each action, instead of hand writing the results of a call, followed by completing a form and entering data. O'Neil also stated that the Greenbelt Police would be able quickly to check car registrations and outstanding warrants on the laptop in the field through connections to Prince George's County Police, State, and Department of Motor Vehicles files.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin indicated that the city will now work out a firm contract proposal to be brought before council for approval.

Pawn Shops

City council received two proposed county bills to be voted on the next day. City Solicitor Robert Manzi, who reviewed the bills during the meeting, summarized them at the end. Due to the proliferation of pawn shops in the county, the county council

has proposed two bills, the first limiting the maximum number of licenses for pawn shops at the current number - 38. Licenses could be transferred.

The second bill would allow pawn shops only by special exception and then only in certain zoning areas, such as shopping centers or highway zones. Currently 13 shops, not in these zones, would be grandfathered in. However, if forced to move, they could transfer to approved zones without special exception. As 32 of the 38 pawn shops are inside the Beltway, it is possible that some of the 13 shops could move to the Greenbelt area.

It was agreed to send a letter to the county council indicating that the city would prefer all pawn shops to become non-conforming businesses, which means that as each goes out of business it cannot be reopened. In addition, the county council should propose new legislation, looking into the issues of hours of operation and the sale of guns.

German Exchange Student Learns All about America

Mathias Eifert has come to America to stay for a school year and learn about American culture. Mathias comes from a small village in East Germany called Callenberg-Reichenbach.

Mathias is living with the Haliburton-Grumbine family in Boxwood Village. He attends Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), where he is a senior and is taking a variety of courses. His goal is to improve his English and learn about American culture by participating actively in it. At ERHS, he spends one class period a day working as a student aide with the German teacher. He participates in both the concert choir and the men's choir. In the fall, he played soccer on the 16-and-under team for the Lanham Boys and Girls Club. This winter, he has joined the ERHS Swim Team and just participated in his first meet, where he swam butterfly. His host family hopes to go skiing and skating with him this winter.

Mathias is finding that



Mathias Eifert

America and his host family are not all as he imagined. He is learning about cultural differences firsthand. In particular, the school system here is very different from the German Gymnasium. See EXCHANGE STUDENT page 9.

At First Meeting, Council Objects to Highway Plan

by Diane Oberg

On Monday, November 24, the new Greenbelt City Council met for its first regular meeting. The agenda started out very pleasantly, with multiple donations and recognition of outstanding city employees. Then the discussions became less pleasant as they turned to the State Highway Administration's plans for improvements to Kenilworth Avenue from the Beltway to Cherrywood Lane.

Council and staff were pleased with one part of the plan. Currently, the right merge lane from the beltway's outer loop to northbound Kenilworth becomes the right turn lane onto Crescent Road. During peak traffic times, this merge can be dangerous as cars speeding off the Beltway fail to yield to traffic trying to move from Kenilworth onto Crescent. Under SHA's plan this will be replaced with a double-right turn lane at the light, that will not connect with the turn lane onto Crescent.

However, the plan also calls for widening the road to three through lanes and does not pro-

vide for separate bicycle lanes. Council and the Advisory Planning Board also raised concerns about pedestrian safety as the plan provides only for repainting the crosswalk and resetting the pedestrian beacons at Crescent Road, and makes no changes to accommodate pedestrians crossing at Ivy or Cherrywood Lanes.

Council directed that a strong letter be sent to SHA, with copies to elected officials, asking that no changes be made to Kenilworth Avenue until a public meeting is held with all those affected, and that a study be made of the possibility of an overpass to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

Donations

Dan Butcher, General Manager of the Greenbelt/College Park Gazette announced donations of \$300 each to the Advisory Committee on Education's Scholarship Fund, the Greenbelt Academic Achievement Program, the Greenbelt Lion's Club toy drive, and the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. He also volunteered to fund the \$300 planning fee for the memorial garden that council dis-

See HIGHWAY, page 5

What Goes On

- Sat., Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. Frances Glendening visits Greenbelt Library and Arts/Community Center.
- Sat. & Sun., Dec. 6 & 7, 10 a.m. Annual Craft Show & Sale, Community Center
- Mon., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center
- 8 p.m. City council Meeting, Municipal Building
- Tues., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Belated Thanks

This is a belated but fervent "thank you" to many people, in and out of Greenbelt, from me.

On Nov. 8, Congress completed action on a much bigger piece of legislation containing the Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Disease Research Act. The President signed it into law Nov. 13, and I'm ecstatic. As some of you know, my wife, Rose G. Amberg, has Parkinson's, a disease whose cause(s) are unknown and for which there's still no cure, and which slowly but steadily disables and destroys its victims. I know there are other Greenbelters who also are PD victims.

I'm immensely grateful to Toni Bram, who as mayor led the Greenbelt City Council last year to petition Congress to enact the Udall Bill. It was passed by the Senate, but smothered in the House by two House members. So, we had to do the whole thing again in the new Congress this year. And Toni led council in a repeat. And of course, I'm grateful to each of the council members, who joined with her on the issue. I'm grateful to the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, which also voted to petition our two U.S. Senators, and our district's U.S. Representative for the bill, and to any club members and others who individually phoned or wrote to Congress. And I want to thank State Sen. Leo Green and any other state, county or city officials or other persons who also helped, even if I don't know they did.

The bill, named for the late representative, who was a PD victim, will authorize the naming of ten Udall centers across the nation, presumably at existing medical schools and teaching hospitals, provide for funding research projects on PD, and authorize appropriations of \$100 million for the 1998 fiscal year and such monies as are necessary for the following two years.

Now, I hope they will use the money wisely and effectively, find the cure, bring back the present PD victims to normality, and help us prevent more folks from ever knowing the heartaches it causes. And the loss to society of the people it immobilizes.

Mat Amberg

Congratulations

To Greenbelt City Council:

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee would like to congratulate the new Greenbelt City Council on their recent campaign and election. The members of GEAC look forward to continuing its cooperative relationship with the council and staff.

Sheldon A. Goldberg
Chairperson,
Greenbelt East Advisory
Committee

Natural Wonders Video at Park

A video "Symphony to America's Natural Wonders" will be shown at the Ranger Station in Greenbelt Park at 1 p.m. on December 6 and 7. For reservations call 301-344-3944.

In Memoriam Mike Vacarro

Mike, our dear friend and colleague in life's work, we are so thankful that we have had your presence and your touch in this life and in so many personal lives. You embody so many of the goals and aspirations shared by all of us who care about people. Any person you have met and any situation you have tackled has been left better for your coming. Of all the things that we'll miss, perhaps your kind smile and words of support will be the most prominent. And yes, we'll miss your blunt and direct criticism because we always knew that you offered it only because you thought we could do better. We seldom wondered what you were thinking, Mike.

Your love of people was always as bright as the sunlight in July. You turned no one away who came in friendship or in need of help. You have set the standard for following the two highest ideals of your religion, and perhaps of any religion, creed, or focus of life: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;" and, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Though we would have liked to keep you for many more years to help us conquer the continuing challenges of this life, we join together to offer a prayer for your soul as it wings its way to the next frontier. God bless you, Mike.

Rick Ransom
President
Greenbelt Labor Day Festival
Committee

Thanks

I would like to thank my friends and family for all of the love and support I received following Lawn's death. Special thanks to the St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity, all the neighbors in 51 court, Antoinette Conrad and Norman Lockerman of the Greenbelt Connection, and my "extended family"—you know who you are.

Peg Shorter

Museum News

by Sandra Lange

The Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, is decorated for the Christmas holidays. The living room/dining room features ornaments of the 1930s and 1940s as well as a small collection of Christmas cards. The museum will be open every Sunday in December, 1-5 p.m.

The museum shop, located in the former garage, has many gift items available including Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt paper dolls, Art Deco gift wrap, the Mother and Child statuette, video tapes on Greenbelt, the Greenbelt history book and a number of small children's books and games. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) will be selling the book, "Greenbelt History of a New Town," and the statuette at the city's craft fair, December 6 and 7, in the Community Center.

The exhibition "Ideal Places, Personal Spaces" is now in the Community Center, first floor, next to the office. The exhibition, which traces six decades of Greenbelt's architecture, shows some of the many changes that people have made to their homes over the years.


FOGM is very grateful to all the people who contributed to the memorial funds for Ruth Kennedy and Arthur Gropp, two very special FOGM supporters who died recently. Anyone still wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to FOGM, P.O. Box 1025, Greenbelt 20768.

Eighteen FOGM docents toured the Riversdale historic mansion on Saturday, November 22. Ed Day, director of Riversdale and FOGM board member, arranged the special tour and box lunch afterwards. Docents were intrigued by the 18th century mansion with its own unique history so close to Greenbelt. Special tours of other historic sites throughout the Washington area are part of the benefits that Greenbelt museum docents enjoy. To find out more about being a docent, contact Barbara Havekost at 301-474-6369.

City Notes

Schrom Hills Park's field was prepared for weekend football games. City streetlights were inspected Tuesday evening, and the list of lights needing Pepco's at-

tention was faxed first thing Wednesday morning. A member of the cleaning crew was on duty Friday to ensure the cleanliness of the building over the holidays.



Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, December 8th at 8pm
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday, December 9th & 11th

5:00 p.m. "Halloween Fun"

6:00 p.m. "Festival of Lights Tree Lighting"

7:00 p.m. "Citizen's Academy Graduation"

7:45 p.m. "Toys For Needy Children Parade"

8:30 p.m. Replay of City Council 12/8


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- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee*
- Youth Advisory Committee*
(2 adult vacancies, 4 youth vacancies)

For more information please call 301-474-8000



COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS DECEMBER, 1997

Meeting	Date	Time
Executive Session (Library)	12/8	7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	12/8	8:00 p.m.
Work Session on Strategic Planning & Goals	12/15	8:00 p.m.
Interviews with Advisory Group Applicants (Library)	12/17	8:00 p.m.

Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public; all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

26th. Annual Festival Of Lights Begins

The opening ceremonies of the 26th. Annual Festival of Lights and holiday tree lighting will take place at 7 p.m., Friday, December 5 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. All ages are welcome.

The Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with American Legion Post #136 and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a community breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Fire Hall.

The 26th. Annual Greenbelt Holiday Craft Show and Sale will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Children's craft room will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pre-school children and up to create holiday crafts while their parents shop.

Children aged four to twelve are invited to celebrate diversity at the Youth Center from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They will learn and create in the holiday traditions of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas.

For details, see last week's News Review, or call the Recreation Department at 301 - 397 - 2200, or 301 - 474 - 5525 for recorded information.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

At the Wednesday, December 10, meeting of the Golden Age Club, the speaker will be Audrey Scott, who represents our area on the Prince George's County Council. Come with questions, but remember that time is limited.

Congratulations to the new officers for 1998 who were elected on Wednesday, December 3: President, Irene Hensel; 1st Vice-President, Bill Souser; 2nd Vice-President, Irving Siegel; Recording Secretary, Dolores Capotosto; Corresponding Secretary, Pearl Siegel and Treasurer, Shepard Odom.

Thanks to President Irving Siegel, the other officers and the committee heads for an active and productive 1997. Without their efforts and the countless good works of many members, the Golden Age Club could not survive.

Hope Golden Agers didn't spend all their money on the trip to the Harrisburg Christmas and Gift Show. This reporter was happy (and surprised) to be accompanied by a sister, Veronica Rom, from San Diego, CA.

The party on Wednesday, December 17, will celebrate the month's birthdays and the holidays. Come join in the merriment. Finger foods are requested at this last meeting of the year.

Also, Delegate Joan Pitkin will attend this meeting and will present the club with a State of Maryland flag.

Happy and blessed holidays to all.

Club Hotline

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club announced a new hotline for all sport needs. The number is 301-794-0100.

Community Events

Windsor Green Notes

Windsor Green's Annual Children's holiday party with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Windsor Green Community Center. Children can bring their wish list to give to Santa. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The Mobile Watch Committee will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center. Residents wishing to learn more about Windsor Green's Mobile Watch program are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The December Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend.

Windsor Green residents are invited to join other Greenbelt communities to collect toys for needy children. Bring toy donations to the Windsor Green Community Center no later than noon, Saturday, December 20. The Greenbelt Lions Club will distribute the toys to needy children and various hospitals. Toy donations will be greatly appreciated.

To aid the City Emergency Relief Fund, Windsor Green is sponsoring a Community Service Drive to help replenish the fund. Windsor Green residents who would like to donate to the City Emergency Relief Fund should drop off their donations to the Windsor Green on-site office at 7474 Frankfort Drive. Checks are to be made payable to "City of Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund." For information, call 301-345-3837.

All residents are asked to donate their old prescription eye glasses to the Eye Bank. Eye glasses may be dropped off at the Windsor Green Community Center located at 7474 Frankfort Drive.

Governor's Wife To Visit Greenbelt

As part of Governor Glendening's program to encourage reading, his wife, Frances Hughes Glendening will visit the Greenbelt Library to read children's stories for the holidays on Saturday, December 6, at 3:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Greens

The Greenbelt Greens will have Konrad Herling as its next featured speaker. He is the founder of what is now the Greenbelt Arts Center. He is active in the Greenbelt Access Television and was a candidate in the recent City Council election.

The meeting will be held in the Greenbelt Police Station on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For further information phone 301-474-1998.

Combined Choir Christmas Concert

In this year of special Greenbelt anniversary celebrations, the Combined Choir from the churches of Greenbelt will present its 25th annual Christmas concert in the Community Church on December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Jean Cook, the director, has been associated with the choir for 25 years, 23 as director. The accompanist is Muriel Balzer.

Familiar carols, some in modern settings, combined with classics such as Pachelbel's "Canon in D" and the ringing Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, make up a varied program.

Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall following the concert. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

This year the piano for the performance will be provided by Rick Jones Pianos of Beltsville.

Greenbelt Photo Club

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The December meeting features a print critique and final preparations for the club's exhibition at the New Deal Cafe.

The Photo Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Community Center. For more information call 301-474-6425.

Winter Woods Hike

Discover the sights, sounds, and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest of Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m., Sundays December 14 and 21. For reservations and further information, call 301-344-3944.

Make a Pine Pillow

Looking for something a little different to make for oneself or to give to a friend or family member for the holidays? Then sign up for the Pine Pillow workshop on Dec. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. These pillows have a wonderful scent and can be used in various ways. For example, place it on a bed pillow several hours before bedtime to permeate the pillow with a fresh forest fragrance, or place it under the Christmas tree and let the lights bring out the scent. Used as a decorative piece, it will help create an old-fashioned holiday look.

All materials will be supplied, including ribbons, bells, beads, etc, so that everyone can create a unique pillow. Participants will sew one seam by hand to finish the pillow, but no other sewing is required. For more information, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208. Pre-registration is required.

Gray Panthers

The Gray Panthers invite all Greenbelters to a Holiday Pot Luck on Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Bring a dish to share and a friend. For information call Janet Parker 301-474-6668 or Esther Webb 301-474-6890.

At the Library

Saturday, December 6 - 3:30 p.m., Frances Glendening visits the library and Community Center.

Wednesday, December 10 - P.J. Storytime, ages 4-6 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 11 - Drop-In Storytime, ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m.

Tickly Toddle Storytime, age 2 and parent or care giver at 11:15 a.m.

New Deal Cafe

On Friday night, December 5, the New Deal Cafe will feature Rachel (Cross) and Jacqui (McMillan), two members of the popular local band "Big Village." Saturday, December 6, Mike Elish will be at the cafe for a re-tuning engagement.

Friday, December 12, will feature Greenbelt's own "Charm," while Saturday, December 13, will feature Steven Gellman. Meanwhile, the New Deal Cafe is still open from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and is still located at 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center. Don't forget—tickets are now on sale for Greenbelt's First Night New Year's Eve. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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Sun: (4:40 at \$3.00) 7:20
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REIKI HEALING CIRCLE
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
CRESCENT ROAD & SOUTHWAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th
7:30-9:00 pm
The Healing Circle provides an opportunity to hear about and experience the Reiki energy. It will include music and guided meditation, focusing on sending healing energy to individuals and to troubled locations in the world.

This Healing Circle will be Dedicated to the Memory of
of
TOM BARLETT
as a
Celebration of his Life and a Continuation of his Work

• Please bring a small safe candle to place in the healing circle. We welcome shared memories of Tom. For further information, call Ethel Porter at 410-798-0941

Greenbelt Arts Center
An Evening of Gospel and Jazz
featuring
Angela Gray and Company, Gospel
and
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Come join us for a relaxed evening of Gospel and Jazz
Guaranteed to help get you in the Yuletide spirit!!
Saturday, December 6th at 8:00 pm
Tickets are \$8/\$6 Senior Citizens and Students.
A Holiday Celtic Weekend
Join us for two different concerts
featuring
The Homespun Ceilidh Band & Skye Gathering (12/12 & 13)
and
Mac-Talla (with Jan Brenner, Storyteller) (12/13 ONLY)
Friday, December 12th and 13th at 8:00 pm
Tickets are \$8/\$6 Senior Citizens Tickets and Students
The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
<http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter>
artscenter@greenbelt.com
For more information call (301) 441-8770

Cantor Greenfield Honored: 16 Years at Mishkan Torah

by Ellen Sue Rubin and Dorothy Sucher

Judaism is a religion "enmeshed, enshrouded, and penetrated by music," says Cantor Philip Lawrence Greenfield, who has been carrying on the ancient tradition of Jewish liturgical music for most of his 45 years.

For the last 16 years his melodious baritone has led prayers at Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah synagogue on holidays and special occasions like bar and bas mitzvahs. To honor the cantor's contribution, the congregation will hold a "Sweet 16" celebration for him on Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

"The Way We Pray"

Cantors occupy a valued place in the Jewish tradition. They are not rabbis but often lead the congregation in prayer. "Jews can pray in a number of ways," says Greenfield, "but it's virtually impossible to keep music out. The mainstream liturgy and the not-so-mainstream mystical tradition are totally involved with music. This is the way we pray. It's a great feeling to be able to do it and to be entrusted with that role."

Greenfield has been a musician since he was a child. Although never professionally trained, he learned cantorial singing from the rabbi of his boyhood congregation in Massachusetts, who insisted that the bar mitvah students be the cantors at their own coming-of-age ceremonies.

Reminiscing about his early experiences, he recalls the first time his rabbi let him sing Musaf (the final prayers after the Torah has been put away). And of his initial singing of Hineni (the cantor's great final solo at the

end of the High Holidays), he comments, "That was the first time I'd heard myself do that. It was a musical, artistic experience, one that helped me focus on the craft of my singing." During Hineni, the cantor walks from the rear of the synagogue, through the seated congregation, and up to the raised platform in front. Following tradition, he takes short, halting steps, "conveying the fear and trepidation he feels at the responsibility of petitioning God on behalf of the entire congregation," says Greenfield.

Mishkan Torah

Greenfield enjoys his service at Mishkan Torah, where he has a warm relationship with Rabbi Saul Grife. Worship at the Greenbelt synagogue, says Greenfield, is "very informal—it's not a concert. They want someone who can lead the congregation. It's a very nice place to be, because people participate—they aren't passive." Clearly, his affection for the congregation is reciprocated.

Being a cantor is rarely a full-time job, and Greenfield, who holds a master's degree in politics and history from Johns Hopkins, also teaches history in the Anne Arundel County public schools. In addition, he writes music and theater reviews for the Baltimore Sun and reviews classical music for the American Record Guide. He lives in Annapolis.

And the King Wears a Skirt???

by Amanda Innes

Imagine a play made up of three different scripts, featuring gender bending in major roles, and introducing four completely new characters. This is the format for the fall main stage production of *Antigone*, a Greek tragedy originally written by Sophocles, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) December 4, 5, and 6.

Antigone is the classic story of a young woman who chooses to obey a higher law than that of her uncle and king, Creon. *Antigone* is faced with making a difficult decision. If she follows her own beliefs, then her life is forfeit to Creon's harsh law. This version of *Antigone* was put together by drama director Brian Clancy from three translations by Anouilh, Cocteau, and Watling.

A departure from other renditions of the play is the casting of a female actress, senior Paula Buchanan, in the traditionally male role of Creon. This variation came about as an attempt to emphasize the purpose of the play—the ideology of a higher law—and to dispel the notion that "it's a women's rights play."

Another variation is the enlargement of the cast from 18 to 22 characters. The four new roles are collectively known as the Cabinet. Their lines are taken from those of Creon and the Chorus.

Toyland Express

"Toyland Express" is taking place at various shopping centers in the County: including Greenway Center in Greenbelt. "Toyland Express" will deliver donated toys from these shopping centers to children in Prince George's Hospital Center.

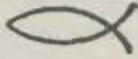
"Toyland Express," is a special toy drive to deliver toys to children in local hospitals. Customers can drop off their new, unwrapped toys in decorated toy drive boxes located in specific stores until December 14. All donated toys will be distributed by WETA TV 26's "Arthur" on Friday, December 19.

Hard of Hearing Group Meets

The Prince George's County Chapter, Self Help for the Hard of Hearing, will meet at the Greenbelt Community Center on Thursday, December 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. A family or social holiday gathering will be simulated to learn strategies to better enjoy the holiday season. Bring finger foods. Newcomers welcome. For directions or further information call 301-474-0345.

UMD Chorale Holds Annual Concert

On Tuesday evening, December 9 at 8 p.m., the University of Maryland Chorale will hold its Annual Christmas Concert in the Memorial Chapel. Conductor Roger Folstrom will lead the Chorale in traditional motets of Poulenc, Young, and Gawthrop, as well as holiday carols. The centerpiece of the program will be Vivaldi's Gloria with orchestra. The Pikesville High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Richard Disharoon, will be featured guests. Admission is free. For additional information, please call 301-405-1150.



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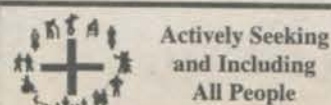


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Susie's Snowflake At Planetarium

The Planetarium at the Howard B. Owens Science Center will present only one public performance of the show, "Susie's Snowflake," on Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m.

This is a winter sky show for kindergarten and early elementary children (and adults who are children at heart!). It introduces the easily recognized constellations of the winter night sky.

The Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Rd. There is a small fee. For information, call 301-918-8750.

Historic Chapel Open for Tours

Dorsey Chapel, an historic African American site, is open for walk-in tours Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. There is a fee. The Chapel is located at 10704 Brookland Road, Glenn Dale, MD. For more information, call 301-352-5544 or TTY 301-699-2544.

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Religious Education Classes

HIGHWAY

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cussed later in the meeting.

Post Office

Mayor Judith Davis noted that a post card recently sent to city residents by the postmaster had been interpreted by many as an announcement that the post office in Roosevelt Center would be closed. City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that the postmaster has recently stated his intention to maintain a retail center at that location. Davis suggested that residents return the card with a comment that the office should remain open.

Memorial Garden

As directed by council, the Arts Advisory Board has developed a proposal for a memorial garden outside the community center. This would be in place of the memorial "tree" of plaques inside the center that was proposed earlier by the Community Relations Advisory Board. The garden would be centered around a Lenore Thomas statue that was donated to the city by her children. (Lenore Thomas was the sculptor of the mother and child statue at Roosevelt Center.)

Council unanimously approved \$300 to pay for Landscape Architect Joanne Volk to prepare a drawing and rough cost estimate for the garden. Volk was a member of the AAB committee that developed the plan for the garden. The city will also explore whether the project might qualify for a Maryland Historical Trust grant, although staff is doubtful. The Gazette's donation makes this issue nearly moot, however.

Commendations

Council recognized Jim Sterling, Supervisory Inspector of the Department of Planning and Community Development, for his achieving the status of Master Code Official. This required him to pass 16 exams over the past five years covering all aspects of the building industry including electrical and mechanical systems,

plumbing and elevators, as well as structural issues, for commercial and residential structures. According to Departmental Director Celia Craze, only 70 others hold this status nationwide, just four in Maryland.

Officer Bob Musterman, without his dog Max, was commended by council for taking fifth place in the annual Iron Dog Competition. Musterman finished the competition despite having broken his ankle partway through.

The Recycling Advisory Committee and Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Foley were recognized with a plaque from Citizens for a Cleaner County for "Community Leadership in Recycling Education."

Gypsy Moths

Ruth Mathis, on behalf of an ad hoc gypsy moth study group asked council to notify the public before approving any future aerial spraying. The group has assembled two binders of information, which will be made available to the public in the Tugwell Rooms of the Greenbelt Library. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that a state recommendation as to whether spraying is needed or not will be made in the spring. He said if spraying is called for, a meeting could be held.

Greenbelt New Year

Council unanimously approved the request by the

SHL Elementary Has Tutoring Programs

by Nicole Morgan

With the help of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, many Greenbelt youth are hoping to ace the school year. The center offers two free tutoring programs to fit the needs of most area students.

The Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA), designed for students in grades seven through 12, focuses on college preparatory skills and several academic subject areas. This group meets on Saturdays during the school year, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Professionals from public and private industries and athletes from the University of Maryland volunteer their time to tutor students in math, science, reading and study skills.

The program provides training for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and information on colleges and universities to which students may be interested in applying. Tutors also instruct students in filling out college applications, researching financial aid, and completing the necessary forms, which can often be long and confusing for

Greenbelt New Year 1998 Planning Committee for \$800 to produce 500 posters to commemorate the event.

pupils and parents alike.

GMA began last spring and coordinators are already pleased with its progress and the success of its students, according to Harry James of the Department of Recreation.

Homework Club

The second tutoring service offered by the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is the Homework Club, a program carried out in conjunction with the Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau. The program provides assistance with homework or study skills

for students in grades one through 12. This group meets on Mondays from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

"I'd like to hope that the program provides some confidence builders for students that will help build self-esteem and boost grades," said Judy Hering of Greenbelt CARES.

To register or volunteer for the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program or the Homework Club, contact Janet Goldberg at the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 301-397-2212.



EXECUTIVE SESSION MUNICIPAL BUILDING LIBRARY

DECEMBER 8, 1997

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DECEMBER 8, 1997 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
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

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Voice Logging Recorder for the Police Department
- 1st Reading
12. An Ordinance to Amend Parking Regulations
- 1st Reading
13. An Ordinance to Incur Debt
- 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- 14. Award of Contract - Police Computer System
- 15. Anacostia Trailways Heritage Area Application
- 16. On Call Pay - Public Works
- * 17. Service Recognition for Volunteers

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 am on the day of the meeting.

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The fall gutter cleaning program

The fall gutter cleaning program which was contracted out to "ALL-SEASONS GUTTER CLEANING" will begin the 3rd week on December 8th. Certain delays have made it necessary to reschedule some units. Units completed as of December 5th are as follows:

- 49 through 73 Ridge
- 1 through 9 Research
- 1 through 15 Laurel Hill
- 9 through 22 Hillside
- 1 through 12 Plateau

During the week of December 8th through the 12th the following locations are planned:

- 2 through 8 Hillside
- 1 and 2 Northway
- 29 through 48 Ridge
- 1 through 5 Eastway
- 56 through 62 Crescent

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The Performing Arts Beat

by Konrad Herling

After you've had a chance to pick up a few ideas and gifts from the "Festival of Lights" this weekend, Greenbelters can enjoy both some inspiring gospel and jazz, both on Saturday, December 6, at 8 p.m. at the Arts Center. Also, the Arts Center is home to a Holiday Celtic Weekend, Friday and Saturday evenings, December 12 and 13.

Angela Gray brings a strong, spirited voice to traditional and more recent gospel selections. The local artist has played or recorded with Whitley Phipps, the O'Jays and George Michael. 'Formula One' provides the jazzy side of the evening's entertainment featuring Debra Ellis, vocalist, Ted Greaves on keyboard and Jamal Brown on flute. The trio performed as part of the 1996 Greenbelt Day 'Moonlight Concert' at the pool. Ellis was recently cited as one of the three most promising students in the University of the District of Columbia's Department of Music.



Ted Greaves, a student at Julliard Conservatory of Music, has performed at the Apollo Theater. Jamal Brown, a featured soloist with the UDC Jazz Band performs at the Plaza Hotel at Thomas Circle.

The next weekend promises to be equally enjoyable one as 'Skye Gathering' and 'The Homespun Ceilidh Band' return to Greenbelt. Almost always a sellout, Saturday will feature 'Mac-Talla' and Jan Brenner, storyteller. Three Greenbelters help make this a worthwhile event. John Ward and Trix Whitehall play a variety of instruments. Listening to Jan Brenner's stories may cause you to move the edge of your seat. Also, patrons will learn something about the instruments, the history behind a piece of music, or a little bit of comedy that will leave one smiling.

To make reservations for the gospel and jazz concert or the Celtic programs, call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

Musical Concerts Offered at ERHS



by Nancy Boardman

Share a musical holiday treat as the music department of Eleanor Roosevelt High School performs its winter concert at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's auditorium on Friday, December 12. The student musicians at ERHS welcome all to their concert. Another musical date is Monday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. when the Chamber Orchestra will accompany accomplished soloists from the music department who have been selected in special auditions as soloists for this Concerto Concert.

For the winter Concert on December 12 three instrumental groups will be performing: The Symphony Orchestra, The Symphonic Band, and Concert Band II. Greenbelt student musicians who are in these groups are: Symphonic Band: Danielle Connor, Ayanna Dookie, Kateri Hull, Drisana Jackson, Keith Loh, Christine Maher, James Miers, Sara Pray, Eddie Serrano,

Marcella Smid, Tabitha Stahl, Nooshin Sturdivant, Lisette Werbowetzki, and Nathan Yokel. In Concert Band II Greenbelters are Ebonic Bland, Michael Bond, Ariel Brown, Jamelah Fain, Keturah Green, Robert Gruber,

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Nov. 24, 52 Court of Ridge Road. A pizza delivery man returning to his car after making a delivery was approached by a man who displayed a gun in his waistband and said, "This is a stickup." The robber took the victim's money and, from the vehicle, a pizza. The robber then fled on foot toward Gardenway. A black man in his early 20s, 5'6", he was wearing a blue hooded winter jacket and a blue baseball cap.

Rape

Nov. 21. The victim reported a rape that had occurred two weeks earlier, on Nov. 7, at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel on Golden Triangle Drive. The woman had gone with an acquaintance to his hotel room and was sexually assaulted there, escaping only after the rapist fell asleep. Investigation is continuing.

Assault

Nov. 21. A resident of the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane was arrested and charged with assault. In an argument with his wife, he had punched her several times and then began choking her.

She sustained visible injuries, but didn't require medical treatment. The assailant was held on \$5000 bond.

Nov. 22, 3:34 a.m., 7800 block of Somerset Court. A woman approaching her residence saw her ex-boyfriend running up behind her. He had been stalking her, and she ran into her apartment, locking the door behind her. The suspect kicked the door open and assaulted her. She had just been dropped off by an acquaintance who was driving away but saw the suspect kick the door open. The witness, an off-duty Prince George's County Police Officer, immediately parked and apprehended the suspect inside the residence. The woman did not require medical treatment. A non-resident was arrested, charged with burglary and assault and held on \$75,000 bond pending trial.

Nov. 23, 6000 block of Springhill Drive. The victim reported that her live-in boyfriend had struck her in the face with his hand during an argument. She had visible red marks on her face, but no serious injuries. He was

Double Dutch Team Gears Up for 1998

by Nicole Morgan

The award winning Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League is diligently preparing for a new year of competitions starting in January.

Double Dutch is a style of jump rope involving two ropes, two turners, and one or more jumpers. The girls, ages 9 through 16, practice on Wednesdays and Fridays for up to three hours in preparation to go up against the best international squads.

arrested and charged with domestic assault.

Nov. 24, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway. During a domestic dispute the victim had been punched in the face by her boyfriend. He fled before the police arrived, but then returned to the scene. Seeing the officers, he ran. After a short foot chase, the suspect was arrested, charged with assault and resisting arrest and released pending trial. The woman had visible injuries, but declined medical treatment.

The first series of competitions next year, at the regional level, will help to ready the girls for more intense meets. "The biggest competitions are the Maryland State Finals in May and the World Invitational in June," according to Kim Bradshaw and Austin Gibbs, Double Dutch coordinators at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Judges focus on speed, freestyle and compulsory rounds. "Speed is a really hard drill to do," said Bradshaw. "The world record is 427 steps in two minutes, and that's only counting the number of times the left foot touches the ground."

"Freestyle really allows the girls to be creative," during a one minute routine.

During the compulsory round, a series of five high-skilled stunts must be performed within 40 seconds while jumping inside the two ropes.

Last year, four teams from the Greenbelt Double Dutch League placed in the top five at the World Invitational, which included teams from Paris, Canada, Japan and all over the United States.

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