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ICC Document Defies Fast Read; Council Is Opposed

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council, at its December 13 regular meeting, expressed its dissatisfaction with the timing of the release of the ICC Draft Environmental Impact Statement during the busy holiday season followed by public hearings the first week in January.

The schedule for comments would be tight in any season but it is especially so during the holidays; particularly since the document, including appendices, is 1,500 pages long. Assistant City Manager David Moran reported that it took four hours to download the document over the city's fast internet connection. Dial-up users will need exceptional patience or a friend with broadband access.

Mayor Judith Davis likened the ICC review process to a locomotive roaring down the tracks. She noted that the Montgomery and Prince George's County executives both support the ICC, as does the Montgomery County Council. The majority of the Prince George's County Council, however, is opposed. The Greenbelt City Council has consistently opposed construction of this highway. Given the document length and the com-

pressed time schedule, the city staff will not be able to analyze the statement in depth. Instead, they will prepare information for the public hearing and the city's written comments based upon the Evaluation Overview and information provided by other ICC opponents. Three city councilmembers will speak at the January 4 public hearing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

One change since the last proposal that particularly concerns the city staff is that the plan calls for the ICC to go from I-270 to Route 1, with an option to stop at I-95. The previous proposal was for the roadway to stop at I-95 with an option to extend to Route 1. If the road goes to Route 1, council fears that it would connect with an extended Kenilworth Avenue, bringing more traffic into Greenbelt.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that he has received an email reporting that speakers' slots at the public hearings are filling up fast. (Mayor Davis told the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club that all speaker slots were filled by December 17.)

Council Decries Rush to Hearing

To members of the Greenbelt City Council and the city staff, as expressed at their December 13 regular meeting, it did not seem like an honest effort to obtain public comment.

Two weeks before Christmas, the state government released the 1,500 page Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Intercounty Connector (ICC). Public hearings were then scheduled just three weeks later during the first week of the new year.

The four meetings will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on January 4 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 5 at Gaithersburg High School and January 8 and 22 at Blake High School on Norwood Road in Silver Spring. Written comments are due by February 1.

The Off-and-on Again ICC To Have Greenbelt Hearing

by Elaine Skolnik

Yes, Virginia, it's *deja vu* all over again. Constructing the Intercounty Connector (ICC), which would provide an east-west super highway connecting the I-270 and I-95/Route 1 corridors, has been on and off the drawing boards in a variety of forms and names for nearly five decades. The proposed ICC has also appeared on long-range plans since the 1950s.

The controversial ICC polarized officials of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in the 1970s. At the time, proponents had hailed the ICC as a solution to existing and future traffic problems and to realizing the area's economic potential. Opponents saw it as a threat to the environment and to the lifestyle of local communities. They feared that office and commercial centers would be developed at every ICC intersection.

Over the years Greenbelt City Councilmembers have consistently opposed the ICC. They feared then and still do now that construction of the ICC, combined with proposed state plans to extend Kenilworth Avenue, would have a huge adverse impact on the City of Greenbelt.

They are haunted by visions of an ICC eventually routed to

cross Route 1 and tie in with Kenilworth Avenue, particularly since recent reconstruction of nearby Virginia Manor Road and still more expected. At the upcoming public hearing on Tuesday, January 4 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, three slots have been reserved for speakers representing the city's position. The meeting will take place from 5 to 11 p.m.

History

In 1950 an outer circumferential freeway (Outer Beltway) was proposed by the National Capital Planning Commission for the D.C. metropolitan area. However in 1968, Montgomery County's land use plans dropped the proposed Outer Beltway but retained the ICC link between I-270 and I-95. This action was confirmed in 1975 by a joint decision of the Maryland Department of Transportation and Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

In 1979 the State Highway Administration (SHA) initiated the first of two project planning studies for the ICC. Engineering and environmental studies for the ICC were conducted in the early 1980s. In 1983 a Draft Environmental

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Blind Annie Finds a Home And a Caring Family

by Pamela Lambird and Kristen Ward

Greenbelt's Animal Control Officer is playing matchmaker yet again. This time the successful pairing is between a Greenbelt Parking Officer and a blind pup named Annie. In mid-September a year-old dog was found by Susie Hall, Greenbelt's Animal Control Officer, running at large in Buddy Attick Park. Hall captured the dog and took her to a veterinarian who determined that the dog was blind. She was also emaciated and appeared to have been abused.

Although Greenbelt's Planning and Community Development Department is in the process of obtaining permits to build an animal shelter to be housed on the grounds of the Greenbelt police station, until it is built foster care must be found for animals in the care of animal control.

Hall has been resourceful in finding foster homes and permanent homes for the animals she rescues. Many of these, such as Annie, have special needs requiring extra time and care, which makes finding foster homes challenging.

Enter John Wojcik, Greenbelt's full-time Parking Enforce-



The Wojcik family poses with its newest member, Annie. From left Katelyn, Chris holding Annie, John Wojcik and Holly.

ment Officer. Hall persuaded him to provide a home for the dog (Wojcik's wife Chris would eventually name Annie after Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher).

Wojcik, who has raised two Labrador retrievers, had just weeks earlier lost his beloved "Tag" to cancer. He and his family, still grieving Tag's loss, hesitated to take in another dog. Yet the first time Annie met Wojcik she curled up and put her

head in his lap. John was hooked. He and his family agreed to provide foster care for Annie.

To better cope with Annie's needs, John researched how to work with blind dogs. He installed a bell on the outside doorknob so Annie could alert the family when she needed to go outside. He applied pepper-

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City Oks New Playground Agreement; Update by Police

by Diane Oberg

City council approved an agreement at its December 13 regular meeting under which it would assume shared responsibility for maintaining neighborhood playgrounds and heard an update on the Greenbelt Police Department's work to achieve national accreditation.

Playgrounds

Council approved a new legal agreement to be signed with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and with homeowners associations under which the city would assume responsibility for equipment, maintenance and surfacing. In turn, GHI and the homeowners associations would be responsible for a portion of the cost and would consent to long-term public access. The agreement, replacing a 1984 memorandum of understanding between the city and GHI, would treat all communities equally with respect to playground maintenance.

Citizens will not see many immediate changes in whichever communities eventually sign the agreement. Funding for the program will be considered during the upcoming budget review. If the needed funds are approved, the city expects to execute the agreements with GHI and other interested associations in June

2005. The agreements would take effect on July 1.

At that point the city will immediately remove any hazardous equipment but other changes will occur over time and as association and city funds permit. The agreements will be for a term of 20 years, with both parties having the right to terminate upon 90 days' notice. Homeowners associations will need to pay attention this spring and sign up by the deadline or else lose the opportunity to get in on this one-time deal.

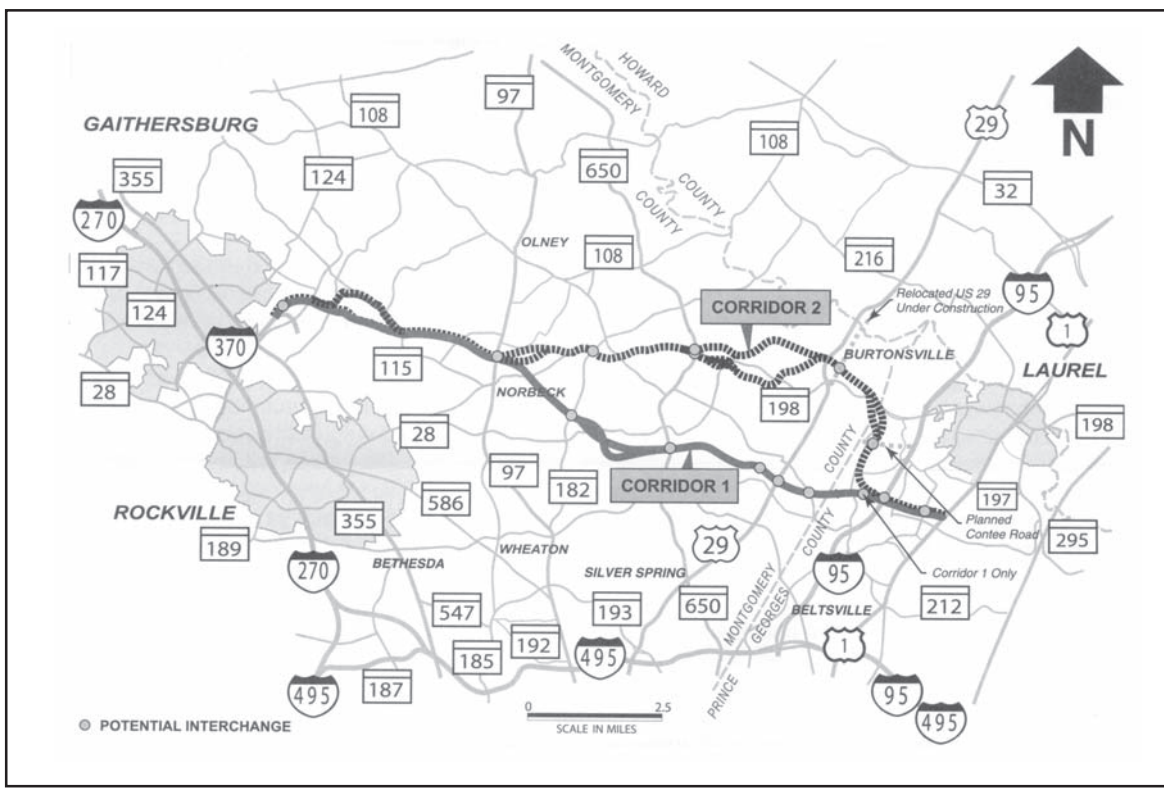
Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the agreement; all his colleagues voted aye. Roberts argued that the provision that the city must be in compliance with generally accepted

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What Goes On

Friday, December 31
7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Greenbelt New Year, Community Center, Youth Center, Old Greenbelt Theatre, New Deal Café, Greenbelt Arts Center
Sunday, January 2
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

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Impact Study (DEIS) was published and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA). However, the final DEIS was not approved.

Studies Ended

In late 1980, ICC studies were stopped primarily due to changes in regulations and environmental issues. The preferred route at the time was Modified Alternate G (Master Plan Alignment, Corridor 1 in the latest plan) which traversed wetlands in Rock Creek Park. This alternate linked Interstate 370/270 with Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue) about a quarter of a mile north of Muirkirk Rd. At that time about 60 percent of the right-of-way for Alternate G, which is identified on the master plans as the ICC, had been acquired.

Highway officials were later at

odds with a proposal submitted by the Army Corps of Engineers. The proposal at that time followed the Montgomery County master plan route from I-370/270 to just east of Georgia Avenue. There it split off from the right-of-way shown in the master plan and veered to a more northerly route to connect with I-95 (Corridor 2 in the latest plan). The Corps said that this route would impact fewer wetlands but more homes would be taken.

Highway and Montgomery County Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning officials were also angered when the Environmental Protection Agency stated that "the original transportation corridor (alternate G/Master Plan) remains unacceptable in light of the large waterway, wetland parkland impacts." State officials argued that the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers made these announcements preceding the ICC study process, when, they noted, all possible routes would be considered.

Proposal Resurrected

In 1993 the dormant emotionally charged ICC proposal was resurrected. A new system study was launched and an ICC Public Information Center was opened as a joint venture of the Maryland Department of Transportation, SHA and the Federal Mass Transit Administration, together with Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Following the study and a 1997 public hearing process, no final decision was made as has been the case in 1979.

In 1999 former Governor Parris Glendening stopped the ICC planning study. Reincarnated in 2002 by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., the governor called the construction of the ICC his top transportation priority. In fact, in 2002, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta "placed the ICC on a project streamline list to receive accelerated environmental reviews under President Bush's Priority Projects Executive Order. Under the policy the environmental study was to be completed in two years." On November 22, 2004, the 900-plus pages of the DEIS was released.

The publication of a Final Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision is projected for spring 2005.

Letters

THANKS

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) would like to thank all those who contributed to make our first end-of-the-year fund raising campaign a success. Your tax deductible contribution will be used to continue to bring art and live music to the New Deal Café and Roosevelt Center. To further extend your donations, we plan to actively seek matching grants.

For those who did not receive a mailed request and would like to support FONDCA's live music arts events, tax deductible contributions, made out to FONDCA, may be sent to Chris Logan, 37-H Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

We wish you a happy holiday and hope to see you at the Greenbelt New Year's celebration.

Barbara Simon,
President
Chris Logan,
Treasurer
FONDCA

Hospital Needs 4-Wheel Drivers

Doctors Community Hospital is seeking volunteers willing to provide rides for hospital employees during snowstorms. People with 4-wheel drive vehicles are asked to register with the hospital before the inclement weather arrives.

People interested in providing assistance should call Nancy Haupt at 301-552-8026 to register. The snow-ride program has been very successful in the past thanks to the volunteers, who have enabled Doctors Community Hospital to provide continued patient care in any emergency.

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County Recognizes ERHS Winners

The Prince George's County Board of Education recognized a number of award winners and presented awards at a ceremony in mid-December. Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, are 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalists.

Robert Donnelly, Samuel T. Marioni, Caroline S. Mitter and Daniel W. Rowlands, Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, are 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalists.

Sylvester Conyers, Eleanor Roosevelt High School principal, was a 2004 Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award nominee.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class 4A Girls Cross Country Team was the 2004-2005 Maryland State Champion. Recognized were Coach Desmond Dunham, Assistant Coach Anthony Battle, volunteers Yolanda Datcher, Julia Lin-Pieczkowski, Assistant Principal Avery Taylor and Athletic Director Andrew Capece.

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 OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Holiday Displays Light Up the Night



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Giant snowmen greet passers-by on Lastner Lane.



PHOTO BY JIM WILLIAMSON

Santa's train loaded with presents rolls along (in place) in front of the Kelly Ivy home on Lakeside Drive.

Magic Show, Music, Food, Fun It's the New Year's Eve Blast!

by Patti Brothers

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

The New Year's celebration activities will begin at 7 p.m. with entertainment in five venues. The Community Center will host sounds of a group new to the celebration, the "Latin Jazz All-Stars." This group will have the celebrants up and moving to its wonderful sound in no time at all. Kaydee Puppets, returning to the Greenbelt New Year celebration, will delight the audience with "let your imagination take you away" puppet shows.

The always popular "Magic Mike" will perform magic and other "how'd he do that" feats as well as construct fabulous balloon sculptures. "Tim the Storyteller" will tell spell-binding stories all night long for people of all ages.

For music for all ages, "The Banjo Man" will strum tunes on his banjo and provide a good time for all. The children's art and craft room will be open once again for a night full of Wizard of Oz creativity. For those who feel like dancing, the "Scottish Country Dancers" will have everyone moving all night long.

John Hill will provide the partygoers with a full night of sit-back-and-relax music from his acoustic guitar and wonderful voice. Need a new hairdo for the evening? Come to the celebration and get one personally designed for each customer, courtesy of the Greenbelt Swim Team.

The St. Hugh's Home and School Organization will serve food all night long and Chef Lou will satisfy everyone's sweet tooth with his delicious desserts. "DC Motors" will begin the final celebration and ring in the

New Year in fine style with non-stop sounds that span the last four decades.

Youth Center

The Youth Center will have lots of "get involved" activities for everyone, including a huge twister game (how do bodies bend in all those ways?), an obstacle course (the "Adrenalin Wall") both provided by "Talk of the Town" and a karaoke deejay provided by Sight and Sound Entertainment, who will provide music all night long for listening and/or for singing.

The group "Adrenalin" will also be playing great sounds. Partygoers won't want to miss this talented group. There will also be lots of food available for purchase at the Youth Center provided by Girl Scout Troop 2142. There is no need for anyone to eat before coming to Greenbelt's blow-out New Year's party.

Arts Center

The Arts Center will be filled with activities all night long. There will be a teen cabaret performance and the reading of a new play. Don't miss seeing the stars of tomorrow. The movie theater will show the film "Green Concrete," a production by the GAVA/GATE 2003 summer class for youth.

New Deal Café

The New Deal Café, opening at 7 p.m., will offer live jazz until 1 a.m., when a new breakfast buffet will begin service.

First Night wristbands are required from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Discount wristbands are now available at the office in the Greenbelt Co-op, the Youth Center and the Community Center. Children under 5 are free. Tickets purchased at the door cost slightly more. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Don't miss Greenbelt New Year's celebration. It's going to be far and away the best party in town.

Strategy Games Club Starting

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is beginning a new Strategy Games Club. The club will have its first meeting on Tuesday, January 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Many new strategy games will be introduced and played, including Carcassone, Quinto, Lost Cities, GO, as well as familiar games like Chess, Checkers and Backgammon. Anyone, age 8 and above, is invited to participate in this club. There is no fee to join, just show up and be ready to give the brain a workout and have loads of fun at the same time.

Call 301-397-2208 x2054 for more information or email khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov.

Explore Historic Package Homes

Explorations Unlimited will open its winter session on Friday, January 7 with a presentation by George Denny, current mayor of Brentwood, who will be talk about Sears, Roebuck and Victorian Mail Order Homes, using publications put together by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as his source. He will "explore" catalog styles, discuss where some of the ones that came to Prince George's County still can be found and talk about some real people who ordered them.

Denny is retired from the Prince George's County Public schools where, during a 34 year career he was a teacher, counselor and administrator. He has also been an elected official in the Town of Brentwood off and on since about 1970 or 1971, logging over 24 years as a councilmember and mayor. He is also the author of a book titled "Proud Past, Promising Future: Cities and Towns in Prince George's County, Maryland." It won an award from the Prince George's County Historical Society not long after it was published in 1997.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

A Nobel Winner And Greenbelt

"As I was growing up I witnessed forests being cleared and replaced by commercial plantations which destroyed local biodiversity and the capacity of forests to conserve water. Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, in 1977 when we started the Green Belt Movement, I was partly responding to the needs identified by rural women, namely lack of firewood, clean drinking water, balanced diets, shelter and income . . ."

Wangari Maathai of Kenya, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner

Community Events

ERHS' "Ice Raiders" Good News/Bad News

by Kenneth Fox

Dominant in Maryland Scholastic Hockey League play, on Wednesday, December 15, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School squad from Greenbelt bested the Westlake Wolverines from Waldorf by a score of 8-4 at the Tucker Road Ice Rink.

ERHS had no fewer than 40 shots on goal, with forward Mike Kerdock notching three goals and three assists, assistant captain Dan Adkins two goals and two assists, forward Joel Cannon two goals and an assist, team captain Matt Fox, one goal and assistant captain Tony Buemi, one assist. Goalie Grant Mitchell had 17 saves.

However, the downfall came on Friday, December 17 in a game that put an end to the Ice Raiders five-game winning streak. Two

first-period goals by Ice Raiders assistant captain Dan Adkins, Joel Cannon and Mike Kerdock with assists by Kerdock and Adkins were not enough to stop the Fallston High School team, which tallied three goals in the first period and two goals in the second. Goalies Harab (ERHS) and Adamczyk (FHS) were flawless in the third period, with a total of 23 saves. The final score was 5-4.

After the holiday break the ERHS Ice Raiders will continue their Maryland Scholastic High School competition, meeting Huntington at the Wells Ice Arena in College Park on Friday, January 7. Game time is 5:15 p.m. Admission is free and games are open to the public.

Al-Anon Meetings

Holiday times are stressful for many who have someone in their lives that drinks or does other drugs. The holidays can be difficult rather than pleasant or rewarding. Al-Anon meetings can offer a place of calm and serenity from the storms at home. Local meetings provide a place for talk and understanding. On Christmas Eve, an Al-Anon meeting will be held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, at 8:30 p.m. Regular meetings are held there every Friday, free of charge. For information contact 301-982-6456 or look up <http://www.wmaais.org>.

New Year's Eve Volunteers Meeting


Volunteers providing supervision and security at the Community Center at the Greenbelt New Year's Eve celebration will meet on Thursday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center to review policies and procedures. To volunteer and receive free admission and an "Event Staff" T-shirt call Daniel Hamlin, 301-982-0048.

Animation Show On New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve the "Student Animation Showcase" will play at the Greenbelt theater in Roosevelt Center at 11 p.m. This show, which premiered earlier this month, features original animation created by area filmmakers. It includes "Green Concrete," commissioned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and produced by the GAVA/GATE 2003 summer class. "Green Concrete" is a humorous educational video on the dangers of "invasive species" in the community. The entire show is suitable for all ages.

Although the screening is part of the Greenbelt New Year Celebration, it is a free event and wristbands are not required. The program runs until about 11:40 p.m. and viewers may enter at any time during the program.

The event is produced by the GAVA/GATE Animation Program housed in the Greenbelt Community Center. Funding is provided by the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County. For information call 301-474-2192.



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Obituaries

Thomas R. Pacl, Jr.

Former Greenbelter Thomas R. Pacl, Jr., 78, died December 4, 2004, at George Washington University Hospital. He died of complications caused by emphysema. The Pacl family was one of the original home owners in Boxwood Village.



Mr. Pacl was born in Scottsbluff, Neb., and grew up in Denver, Colo. At age 17 he joined the Army Specialized Training Program and studied engineering at New York University until WWII ended. He retired from the National Security Agency in 1981 where he worked as a Slavic linguist and computer specialist.

He graduated with a B.A. in Germanic languages from George Washington University in 1950. In 1952, after a two year program, he earned a "Certificat" from the University of Paris in comparative Slavic languages. He continued his interest in languages by studying at Georgetown University and the University of St. Petersburg in Russia.

In the 1970s he organized the Rosebud Ragtime Band. After his retirement in 1981 it grew into the Rosebud Musical Theater Company, a production of music, song and stories of turn of the century music and early American musical theater. This company, under new leadership, still performs in the Washington area. His other musical interests included the Northern Virginia Ragtime Society, Potomac River Jazz Club and the Friday Morning Music Club.

Mr. Pacl was interested in letter-press printing from his junior high school days and ran a home print shop under the name T. Pacl, Printer, which specialized in original and artistic works. He also enjoyed working for the Greenbelt News Review.

Mr. Pacl was a longtime member of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi. He was active also in the Dupont Circle Citizens Assn. and the Russian Club.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Mildred Pacl; a son David Pacl of Ocean City and two grandchildren, James and Elizabeth Pacl; a brother Lawrence Pacl of Hermitage, Tenn., and sister Marguerite McIntyre of Hulbert, Okla.

A memorial service will be held on January 2, 2005 at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Md. For directions call 301-937-3666.

Seniors Visit Space Shuttle



PHOTOS BY JAMES GIESE

Greenbelt Golden Age Club members took a guided tour of the new Udray-Hazy National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. The tour began with the Langley flier that failed in its effort to be first to achieve powered flight and ended with the space shuttle Enterprise.

Happy Wanderers Walk All Over Maryland

Walkers are rediscovering Maryland with a program to walk all the counties and Baltimore City in the next two years. Start the journey with Howard County and join the Freestate Happy Wanderers at the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day walk at the Owen Brown Community Center in Columbia. On December 31 and January 1, start anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and finish the walks by 4 p.m.

The two-day event features two 10-km trails and a 5-km trail for walkers to enjoy, with a friendly atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship. There will be clues on the trail for the children to enjoy with prizes for correct answers. Bring a can of non-perishable food for the local food pantry. For brochure call 410-437-2164 or 301-317-3604 or email wahasse@ix.netcom.com.

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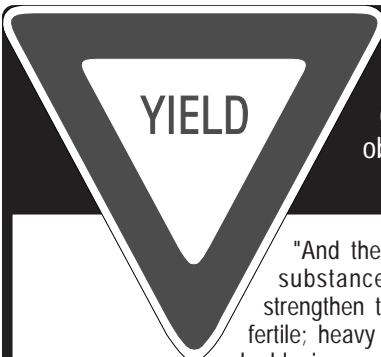
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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:265 & 267

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Thomas Pacl, an original homeowner in Boxwood Village and a former staff member of the News Review. Our sympathy to his wife Millie and family.

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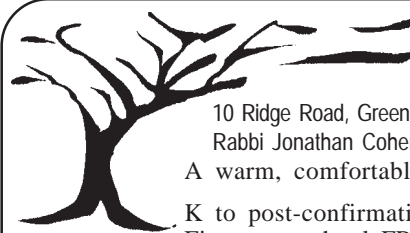
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Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Masses

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Children's Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Solemn Mass - 12:00 Midnight

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

There will be no Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26 - Solemnity of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning, January 1 - New Year's Day

Holy Day Mass for Mary Mother of God - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Evening, January 1

Vigil Mass for Epiphany - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

Baha'i Faith

"Blessed is the soul which, at the hour of its separation from the body, is sanctified from the vain imaginings of the peoples of the world. Such a soul liveth and moveth in accordance with the Will of its Creator, and entereth the all-highest Paradise."

-Baha'ullah

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City Information

Winter Storm Tips

With wintry weather headed this way, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area provides the following tips on how to prepare for and remain safe during a winter storm.

Prepare a winter storm plan: have extra blankets on hand; ensure that each member of the household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat and water-resistant boots.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing a first aid kit and essential medications, canned food and a can opener, at least three gallons of water per person each day, protective clothing, rainwear and bedding or sleeping bags, NOAA weather radio and portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries, special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members, extra warm clothing, including boots, mittens and a hat. Assemble a disaster supplies kit for the car too. Include a shovel and ice-melting products or kitty litter for traction.

Have the car winterized before the winter storm season. Stay tuned for storm warnings, listen to NOAA weather radio and the local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

Know what winter storm watches and warnings mean: a winter storm watch means a winter storm is possible in this area, a winter storm warning means a winter storm is headed for this area. A blizzard warning means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow and dangerous wind chill are expected. Seek shelter immediately!

When a winter storm watch is issued, listen to NOAA weather radio and TV stations or cable TV weather stations such as The Weather Channel for further updates. Be alert to changing conditions.

When a winter storm warning is issued, stay indoors during the storm. Anyone who must go outside should wear several layers of protective clothing, which will keep them warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover the mouth to protect the lungs. Remember as the wind increases, heat is carried away from a person's body at an accelerated rate, driving down body temperature. Understand the hazards of wind chill, which combines the cooling effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin. Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks. After the storm, those who shovel snow should be extremely careful. It is physically strenuous work so take frequent breaks. Avoid overexertion.

Avoid traveling by car in a storm but if it is necessary, carry a disaster supplies kit in the trunk. Keep the car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing. Let someone know the destination, the route and the expected arrival time. If the car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along the predetermined route.

If people do get stuck, stay with the car. Do not try to walk to safety. Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see. Start the car and use the heater for about ten minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so that fumes won't back up in the car. Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that it can be seen. As people sit, keep moving the arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm. Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Friday, December 24th, and Friday, December 31st, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 20th and December 27th
ALL Refuse and Recycling Routes on Regular Schedule
 There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 24th, and Friday, December 31st

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:
Advisory Planning Board
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2004
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Municipal Building ~ 25 Crescent Road ~ Council Room
 Targeted toward students completing grades 5 - 8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention.

Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

For additional information and enrollment, call 345-6660, ext. 2016.

Holiday Hours: Greenbelt Recreation Facilities

	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
December 24	9am - 5pm	6am-5pm	12- 5pm
December 25	12-4pm	12-4pm	12-4pm
December 31	9am-1pm	6am-5pm	12- 5pm
January 1	12-4pm	12-5pm	12-5pm

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

GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2005

Return to the Emerald City

Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road to an alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring entertainment for all ages, at these adjoining venues in the heart of historic Greenbelt:

Greenbelt Community Center • Greenbelt Youth Center
Greenbelt Arts Center • Greenbelt Theater
New Deal Café

The party begins at 7pm on Friday, December 31 and lasts till after midnight

Confirmed entertainment: DC Motors, John Hill, Magic Mike, Kaydee Puppets, Goddard Storytellers, The Banjo Man, Wacky Hair Salon, Scottish Country Dancers, DJ and Giant Action Games, Teen Cabaret, GAVA/GATE Animation Festival, Craft making in the Emerald City Workshop, Desserts by Chef Lou, Countdown to midnight. . . plus more to come!

Admission wristbands are \$5 until December 30; \$7 at the door. Wristbands are on sale at Greenbelt Co-op, the Community Center, and the Youth Center. Hosted by the Greenbelt New Year Committee and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For more information, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, January 2~1-5pm
Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

A PEACEFUL DAY

1-1:30pm PEACEFUL STORIES: Greenbelt resident Sondra Holland will offer stories about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2:30-3pm PEACEFUL SONGS: Culminating in a Peace March around the Community Center at 3pm. Bring your buttons and posters to the march.

ART EXHIBITS: In the Community Center Gallery: "A Gaze Unmet: Photographs by Harold Anderson."

MUSEUM EXHIBIT: "Living the Healthy Life" explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71 MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000:

Tuesday & Thursday, December 28 & 30: 6:00pm "Santa Comes to Town," **6:15pm** "Festival of Lights Tree Lighting with the Greenbelt Concert Band," **7:15pm** "Holiday Lights Concert" featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band.

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

Wednesday & Friday, December 29 & 31: 7:00pm "Future View," **7:30pm** "Ebony Scrooge," **8:30pm** Prince George's Little Theater's "A Christmas Carol."

Volunteer to Work with Emergency Assistance Fund

The Emergency Assistance Relief fund was established to assist Greenbelt residents who need assistance to pay rent to avoid possible eviction from their home. Volunteers are needed to work with individuals referred to this fund. Volunteers conduct an assessment of the individual's financial need and provide information about and assist in connecting to other financial community resources available. If you are interested in volunteering to work with this fund or would like more information please contact Liz Park, CARES director at 301-345-6660.

THE RECYCLING BIN

GIFT WRAP & GREETING CARDS

Greeting cards and paper gift wrap can be recycled with your newspapers and mixed papers. All paper should be placed in **PAPER BAGS** or tied with string for recycling collection.

CARDBOARD BOXES

Cardboard boxes, 3 feet or less, must be flattened and placed next to your recycling bin in order to be collected with curbside recycling. Larger boxes must be cut to size or taken to the **Recycling Drop- Off Center at Attick Park or the Greenbelt East Recycling Center on Hanover Drive.**

(The Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee will not be collecting greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children this year. St. Jude's no longer accepts card donations.)

GREENBELT STRATEGY GAMES CLUB

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guidelines prior to terminating an agreement with any association imposes an unfair burden, if the associations are not required to bring their playgrounds into compliance before entering into the agreement.

But Sheldon Goldberg, vice president of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association, pointed out that Greenbelt East taxpayers have been paying for years to support city and GHI playgrounds and are merely asking for equal treatment. It is not fair, he indicated, to require them to pay again before the agreement kicks in.

Councilmember Edward Putens said that the 1984 agreement had put more of the burden of playground maintenance on GHI and that, especially for the first 10 years, the "city was making out."

Police Accreditation

Police Chief James Craze and Sgt. Carl Schinner reported on the city police department's progress toward achieving accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department has been working toward this goal for a year. An additional two years is expected to be required.

Craze said that, to date, the process has shown that, for the most part, the department is "on point." One portion of the accreditation work may spill over onto other city departments. To meet CALEA's standards the department must change its employee evaluation system. It has selected one developed by the Delaware State Police. The new system will score employee perfor-

mance against specific criteria for each officer's particular duties. Putens, who has a human resources background, said he would like to see this system transferred to other departments in the city.

Legislation

Council gave unanimous final approval without discussion to legislation requiring city refuse collection customers who bag their yard waste to use paper bags, instead of plastic, effective March 1, 2005. The leaf vacuum will still pick up loose leaves from neighborhoods of free-standing homes. Since the city requires GHI residents to bag their leaves, GHI will receive 10 bags per unit free of charge for distribution to its members.

Council also unanimously approved without discussion two resolutions for the rehabilitation of the Community Center windows. The resolutions cover only windows on the Roosevelt Center side of the building and authorize spending up to \$446,000 in architectural and rehabilitation services.

Honors and Appointments

Mayor Judith Davis congratulated Councilmember Putens on his election as the first vice chair of the Small Cities Steering Committee of the National League of Cities. Nationwide, Putens said, small cities (those with populations of no more than 50,000) account for 88 percent of all cities.

During its first participation in the National Law Enforcement Challenge, the Greenbelt Police Department finished second among departments with 51 to 100 officers. Chief Craze cred-

ited MPO Scott Kaiser for leading the city's program of sobriety checkpoints, seat belt checks and child safety seat inspections. After Craze displayed the award, council, Craze and Schinner posed for a picture in front of the council table. Mayor Davis also congratulated Craze on his appointment to the Financial Review Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of

Police. Craze is also a member of that organization's Executive Committee.

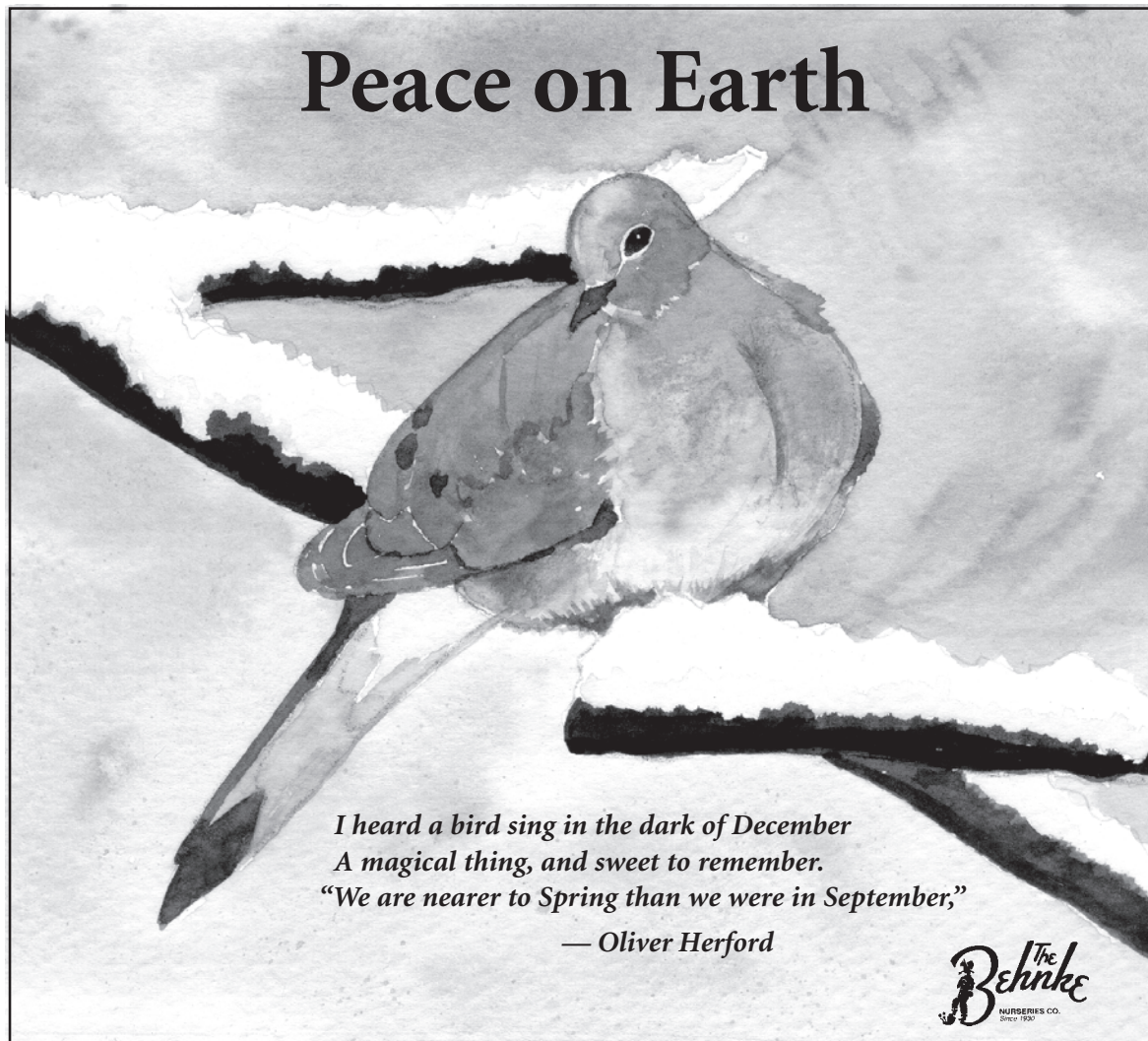
Council appointed Ruth Kastner to the Forest Preserve Task Force and Andrea T. Jones to the Arts Advisory Board.

Davis noted the upcoming departure of Bobbi Jerome, who has been one of the city's sign language interpreters for the last six years and a fixture in the corner

of city council meetings.

Administrative Reports

The longest agenda item of the evening was Administrative Reports, where the councilmembers reported on their participation in the recent National League of Cities conference and the mayor described her attendance at various luncheons, tree lightings and the like.



AND THE WINNER IS . . .



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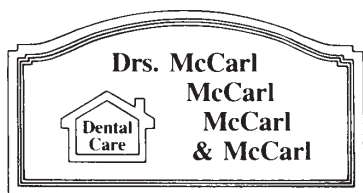
Mike Roberts of Greenbelt is the grand winner of the McCarl Dental Group Smile Makeover contest. Mike has spent years feeling self-conscious about his smile. His severely broken and decayed teeth affected his speech, appetite and overall well being. Providing Mike with an extraordinary smile was just the beginning; he now eats a variety of foods and his quality of life has greatly improved. "It's fantastic to be able to smile again, which I haven't done in a long time," Mike says. The McCarl Dental Group is pleased and proud to have been able to help a member of our community!



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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.

Attempted Murder

December 11, 3:10 a.m., Mandan and Greenbelt Roads, police stopped a suspicious vehicle, whose driver appeared to be eluding them, for a traffic violation. As police approached the vehicle, the driver stated that he had no identification and gave what turned out to be a false name. Police also observed that the ignition had been removed. The driver was advised that he was under arrest and an officer opened the driver's door in an attempt to place him in custody. The driver then put the vehicle in gear and drove away, striking the officer with the vehicle door. The vehicle was followed to the end of Sunrise Court where the driver and passenger exited the vehicle, while it was still in motion, and attempted to flee the scene on foot. Both were apprehended with the assistance of a K-9 dog and handler and were forcibly placed into custody. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The nonresident driver was charged with attempted second degree murder, first degree assault, second degree assault, two counts of resisting arrest, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, vehicle theft, malicious destruction, false statement and several motor vehicle citations, including reckless driving and fleeing and eluding. The nonresident passenger was charged with theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and resisting arrest. Both men were transported to the hospital for treatment and then released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The officer suffered minor injuries as a result of being struck by the suspect vehicle.

Assault

December 10, 12:01 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, while attempting to break up a physical altercation between two students at the school a school resource officer was struck several times as the youths attempted to punch each other. The two resident youths were arrested for assault. They were released to parents pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Carjacking

December 12, 12:10 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a woman reported that she was walking to her vehicle when she was approached from behind by the suspect, who threw her to the ground and demanded her car keys. After obtaining the keys, the suspect fled in the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was recovered the same evening by the Metropolitan Police. It had been burned.

Robbery

December 14, 8:45 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he was walking down the street when he was punched from behind by one of two men. He fell to the ground and was kicked several times by both men, who then took the victim's coat and fled on foot. The sus-

pects are described as two black males, 5'10" to 6'.

December 16, 12:47 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a man reported that he exited his vehicle in the mall parking lot when two men pulled up alongside him in a vehicle, described as a white van with no front bumper. They asked the victim if he wanted to buy some CDs. When he walked closer to the driver's window, the driver grabbed him from inside the vehicle, pointed a handgun at him and demanded money. After obtaining money the suspects fled the scene in the van.

DWI

December 11, 8:02 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia, driving while impaired and driving under the influence after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and after further investigation she was arrested for DWI. A search revealed that the woman had paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana in her possession. She was released on citations pending trial.

Trespass

December 11, 10:43 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a 12-year-old resident youth was arrested for trespass after he was observed on mall property after having been banned by agents of the property. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

December 13, 11:31 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, unknown person(s) broke into the school. A computer and speakers were taken.

December 15, 7:35 a.m., 100 block Northway, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by forcing open the front door, damaging the door in the process. It did not appear that entry was gained.

December 15, 9:16 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door lock. Entry was not gained.

December 15, 4:01 p.m., unit block Crescent Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) gained entry to a residence by way of an unsecured bedroom window. Clothing and money were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A 2005 Cadillac Escalade was stolen from the 6500 block Capitol Drive.

Three vehicles, including the above Cadillac, were recovered by non-Greenbelt police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries. Three stolen vehicle tags were recovered.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7500 block Mandan Road (two incidents),

New Neighborhood Watch Group Forms

The Greenbelt Police Department has announced the formation of the Mandan Road Neighborhood Watch Group, which includes residents in the 7600 and 7700 blocks of Mandan Road. Their second meeting was held Monday, December 13 and included a safety seminar and a visit by MPO John Rogers, a school resource officer. To join this group or explore the possibility of starting a neighborhood watch group in another area contact MPO George Mathews at 240-542-2116.

Attempted Murder Charges Obtained

Warrants have been obtained charging Demetrius Leduwe Featherson, 25, of 7826 Hanover Parkway and Jarrel Omar Featherson, 18, of Hyattsville, with attempted first degree murder and first degree assault. Demetrius Featherson was also charged with use of a handgun in the commission of a felony and second degree assault.

The charges stem from an October 14 incident in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway where the two men allegedly threatened a victim with a handgun and struck him with a baseball bat several times. The victim suffered a broken arm and head lacerations.

Meals On Wheels Needs Customers

Meals On Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday with a hot meal included. Meals are delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions call Meals On Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Due to the generosity of the civic association and commercial establishments, three meals a day can be delivered Monday through Friday for the low price of \$15 per week. This price is good until further notice.

7600 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 8100 block Mandan Road, 7200 block South Ora Court, 6100 block Breezewood Court (six incidents), 6200 block Breezewood Court, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (two incidents), Cherrywood Lane and Cherrywood Court, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (two incidents), 6000 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 9200 block Edmonston Road, 6200 block Springhill Court (four incidents), 6200 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents), 6100 block Springhill Terrace and Beltway Plaza Mall (three incidents).

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mint scent to the door openings and stair treads in the house so that Annie could associate that smell with those challenges. He also put peanut butter on her toys so that she could find them. John's granddaughter Katelyn spends a lot of time just cuddling with Annie.

Holly, Wojcik's surviving Lab, has done her part to acquaint Annie with her new family life. When Annie seems lost in the backyard, Holly will give a little "woof" so Annie can find her. If Annie doesn't seem to be in the correct position to climb the stairs, Holly will give her a nudge and walk up the stairs slightly ahead of her to help give her perspective while climbing.

The Wojcik family officially adopted Annie recently. It appears that John, Chris and



Katelyn Wojcik and Annie

Katelyn have learned that sometimes the best way to get over the loss of an old friend is to open one's heart to a new one.

People interested in adopting a pet can call Animal Control Officer Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.

Parents and Students to Study Together

Because parents play a critical role in the classroom success or failure of their children, the Prince George's County public school system is targeting parents in a comprehensive new initiative named "Test Sophistication." This program is being used to prepare students and parents for success on important 2005 state and national exams.

"Be sure to ask your child to show you the winter vacation packet," said Prince George's County Public Schools CEO André J. Hornsby. "An abundance of research shows that parents play a critical role in the classroom success or failure of their children. Working together, at home and in the classroom, parents, teachers and students can achieve higher results in the coming year."

The most important thing parents can do this holiday season is to ask to see the winter vacation packet. Vacation homework packets will be sent home for

students and parents to work on together over the winter break. Students should return the packets completed by January 3 to receive homework credit as established by each school's grading factors and policies.

According to the National Education Association, "when parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school - and the schools they go to are better."

"Test Sophistication" is a 13-component program that the county has stated is rolling out in classrooms, living rooms and at kitchen tables around the county. It is intended to prepare students for success on the Maryland School Assessment, the High School Assessment and the PSAT/SAT by focusing on testing content. The vacation homework packet is the first component that many parents may be exposed to.

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Holiday Greetings

from one neighbor . . .

**To All My
GREENBELT FRIENDS
and
NEIGHBORS**


*May the warmth and peace
of the holiday season be yours
today and always!*



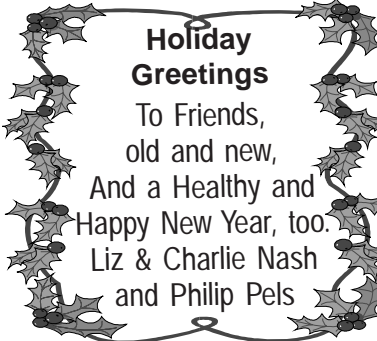
Judith "J" Davis

*Best Wishes to all of our
Greenbelt Friends and Clients
for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season*

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Holiday Greetings
To all our Greenbelt friends,
may this holiday season
be filled with the joy of
family and friends
and the New Year
filled with peace
and fulfillment.
Bernie and Jim Giese



**Holiday
Greetings**
To Friends,
old and new,
And a Healthy and
Happy New Year, too.
Liz & Charlie Nash
and Phillip Pels

. . . to another! 

Season's Greetings

*from Sophia Kean,
Mary Lou and Jim
Williamson*



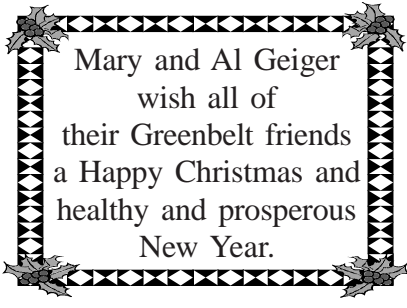
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**The Board of Directors and Staff of
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
extend Happy Holidays to all.**

May your heart and home be filled
with peace and joy
this Holiday Season and in the New Year.
May this season bring us closer
to the spirit of human understanding,
closer to the blessing of peace.



Mary and Al Geiger
wish all of
their Greenbelt friends
a Happy Christmas and
healthy and prosperous
New Year.

**Season's
Greetings**
Gil & Micki
Weidenfeld



New Local Projects Slated by SHA

More than \$20 million in new investments in housing and community development and transportation projects are slated to benefit the residents of Adelphi, Beltsville, College Park and Laurel. While none are in Greenbelt proper, some of the projects will impact city residents as they travel nearby.

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin work this spring on the U.S. 1 (Baltimore Avenue) pedestrian safety project in College Park. SHA will erect raised, 10-foot-wide concrete islands along U.S. 1 between Pontiac Street and Lakeland Road for pedestrians to use as crossing refuge areas. In addition, SHA will install five-foot-wide, Americans with Disabilities compliant sidewalks along the north side of MD 212 (Powder Mill Road) between Roby Avenue and Odell Street in Beltsville and along both directions of MD 212 between Metzert Road and the Adelphi Elementary School.

The SHA also will begin work this spring on resurfacing projects. Locations include the Inner Loop of I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) between MD 193 (Greenbelt Road) and the Montgomery/Prince George's County line, MD 197 (Laurel Bowie Road) between MD 198 (Laurel Fort Meade Road) and Muirkirk Road; MD 198 between MD 216 and the Anne Arundel County line and MD 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) between Goodluck Road and MD 410 (East West Highway).

Police Make Donation for Needy Students

On Monday, December 20 the Greenbelt Police Department presented a check in the amount of \$550 to Springhill Lake Elementary School for students in need during the holiday season. The school identified approximately 38 homeless students attending the school.

The money, which was donated along with gift cards and toys, will be used to purchase

food and other necessities for the students and their families. The original \$500 donation was increased by an additional \$50 when two tellers at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Mary McAndrew and Ashley Ghor, also donated to the worthy cause. Both McAndrew and Ghor attended Springhill Lake Elementary School when they were children.



Pictured at Springhill Lake Elementary School from left to right: MPO Marty Parker, teacher Michelle Tindley, Special Education Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl and MPO George Mathews.

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