

Annexation Agreement Reached At a Lengthy Council Meeting

by Thomas X. White

Consideration of the South Core of Greenbelt Station annexation agreement and the revised Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the South Core consumed the bulk of a very long city council meeting on January 23. Time for the city negotiations and discussions with Greenbelt Metropark LLC developers was nearing an end on January 26 as the annexation would become effective then and the CSP was to have been considered by the Prince George's County Planning Board the same day. The Planning Board meeting was later postponed to today, February 2. A near overflow crowd of citizens on both sides of these critical development issues attended the meeting. Mayor Judith Davis was not able to be present and Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts presided.

Roberts began discussion on the South Core annexation agreement by reading the city staff background on the issue. The issue goes back to a development agreement the city negotiated with the developer of Greenbelt Station in May 2005 following the city's successful challenge of the Prince George's County approvals of the original CSP for the overall development of the North and South Core Metro developments.

At the time of that agreement which greatly reduced the size and scale of the development, a decision regarding city financing of a portion of the infrastructure (roads, sidewalks and trails) to serve the project was deferred until the city's planned annexation of the South Core was in process. Based on that development agreement, the developer's petition for annexation of the South Core of Greenbelt Station into the city was filed in August and a resolution to approve the

annexation was passed by council on December 12, 2005.

Following an annexation resolution, there is a 45-day period in which citizens, including the developer, can challenge the annexation and force a referendum on the city's action. The expiration of this 45-day referendum occurred on January 26.

Financing

The issue of public financing for needed infrastructure to serve the development was due to the developer's agreement to seek annexation by the city. Prior to approval of the development agreement in May 2005, the developer of Greenbelt Station had negotiated with Prince George's County public financing for the project in the amount of approximately \$150 million.

When it became known that Greenbelt would annex the South Core (the North Core being already within Greenbelt's boundaries) the county determined that the funds it would be willing to provide for the project would be reduced by approximately \$10 million. This reduction is due to the impact upon the effective county tax rate in Greenbelt as a result of the municipal tax differential (taxes would go to the city rather than to the county) if the South Core is annexed.

All these factors are forcing a council decision at a critical time in the planning and zoning process. They come at a time when some citizen concerns have been raised regarding the rationale for and tax implications of the city's participation in public financing support for the development and whether the annexation is worth it.

Presentation

Celia Craze, director of the Planning and Community Development

Department, presented a detailed outline of the basis for the staff recommendation that council approve the proposed annexation agreement only if the applicant (Metropark LLC) states in public and for the record that they will sign the agreement and will not file a petition for referendum. Craze said that staff had negotiated with the development team an amount of \$8.4 million for financing the cost of that portion of the proposed north-south connector road within the city's new boundaries if annexation succeeds.

She also provided staff support for the proposed financing as prudent public policy for the city and provided a slide presentation outlining the benefits that would accrue to the city, a comparison of other city developments that had utilized public financing for needed infrastructure and staff-developed financial projections for the project through 2011.

Accomplishments

Craze outlined benefits the city has been able to negotiate with the developers over the past year in return for the city's approval of their development plan. The city has been able to preserve nearly 126 acres of open space, including 75 acres of environmentally-sensitive land purchased by the State of Maryland during the Glendening administration. Other open space includes trail connectors between the new parkland and Cherrywood Lane and the North and South Cores.

Developer financial contributions committed to the city total over \$5.1 million. These commitments include \$3.1 million for public recreation facilities,

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Council Okays South Core CSP with 59 Conditions

by A. Neil Deo

After approving the annexation agreement with Greenbelt Metropark LLC at its January 23 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council paused briefly before discussing the revised Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the South Core of Greenbelt Station. The CSP is a general plan for the development that is being submitted to the Prince George's Planning Board for required approval. Because the county action was scheduled for January 26, this meeting was the last opportunity for city council to make its recommendations (however the Planning Board meeting was subsequently postponed to February 2 at the developers request).

Council began discussion on the CSP at 11:40 p.m. Mayor Judith Davis was absent and Councilmember Rodney Roberts chaired as mayor pro tem.

The city had already received comments on the CSP from the

Advisory Planning Board (APB). The CSP shows a 243.01 acre project area, including 81.08 acres owned by WMATA, 86.47 acres owned by the developer and 75.46 acres owned by the state. The state-owned property will be combined with an additional 36 acres donated by the applicant to create a 111-acre environmental preservation area.

Background

According to staff information, against the objection of the city, the applicant received Prince George's County Planning Board and District Council approval for a CSP in 2001. In 2001 the city appealed the District Council's approval of the CSP and ultimately the Court of Special Appeals found that the District Council erred in their approval of it for reasons related to transportation adequacy. Following the legal ruling, the developer

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Greenbelt Station South Core Is Now Annexed to the City

by James Giese

The annexation of the South Core of the Greenbelt Station planned development has now been accomplished, according to Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Both the city and the developers, Greenbelt Metropark LLC, have signed the annexation agreement that the developer sought prior to giving its final approval to the annexation. The South Core, consisting of 86 acres is to be developed with about 1,000 residential dwelling units (townhouses and condominiums) and neighborhood-oriented commercial facilities. According to the agreement, the city will finance the \$8.4 million cost of a north-south connector road that runs through both the South Core and the North Core of Greenbelt Station with tax revenues incurred from developing Greenbelt Station allocated to paying off the debt.

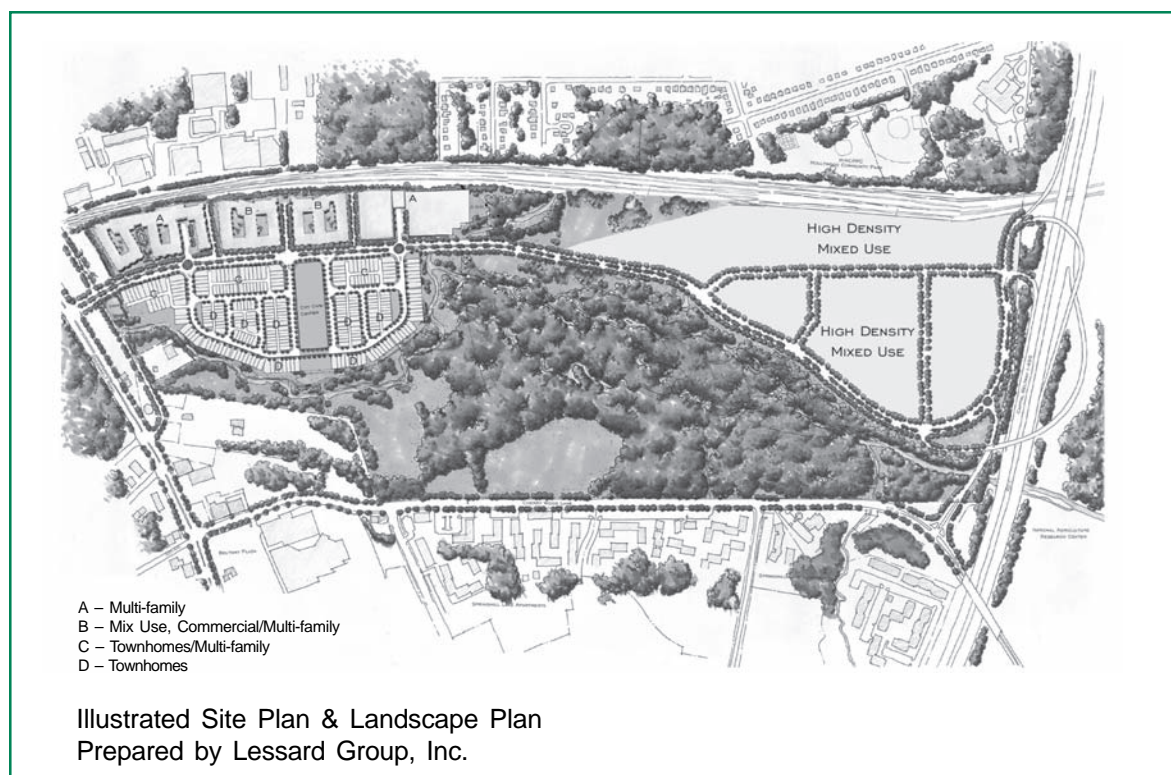
Already within the city limits, the North Core is to be developed upon the parking lot area of

the Greenbelt Metro Station. The North Core is to be a mixed use transit-oriented community of residences, upscale regional retail stores and offices.

The South Core is the second area to be annexed by the city within the month.

Earlier, the state-owned environmentally-sensitive woodland along Indian Creek west of Cherrywood Lane consisting of 75 acres was annexed. This land is to remain undeveloped and is expected to remain under state control. The annexation of this property is not expected to either increase the city's regulatory authority over the land, add revenue to the city coffers or cause added expenses for the city. City officials believe, however, that by being a part of the city, the city will have greater influence upon the state relating to any decisions made on the maintenance or use of the land.

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What Goes On

Sunday, February 5

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, February 7

8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Guidelines for Forest Preserve, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, February 7

7:30 p.m., Board of Elections Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 8

8 p.m., Council Worksession with State Highway Administration (stakeholders), Community Center

Thursday, February 9

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters to the Editor

New Post Office Is Lose-Lose for City

Regarding Mayor Davis' letter to Representative Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) in last week's News Review, I think it would be instructive if we traced the loss of the Post Office to the City Council meeting of May 10, 2004, when the City Council voted 5-0 to support the new Post Office, "while strongly urging the Postal Service to find a Contract Postal Unit (CPU) operator for Roosevelt Center."

A CPU is a self-service postal workstation that is set up in a retail store at the store owner's expense. Contrary to the News Review explanation in last week's paper, Mayor Davis is not asking Rep. Hoyer's help with the U.S. Postal Service in getting a CPU. She is asking his help in leaving behind a minimally staffed post office.

She is not asking for a CPU because that requires a willing merchant – and not one felt they could take the risk. On May 10, I predicted as much, as one of three citizens speaking against the move – backed up by four members of the Co-op grocery store's board.

Co-op Board Chair Dorrie Bates said the board's position was that "it is consistent with the original planning and ethos of Greenbelt to maintain essential services at the center of the city." When Mayor Davis asked "if these services could be provided by a Contract Postal Unit, as described at the last meeting by Mr. Haney of the Postal Service...", Bates said that in the board's opinion, "Mr. Haney had not been very forthcoming about the terms of such a contract, which made it very difficult to judge what the Postal Service would provide and how attractive the arrangement would be."

The board later made it clear that the Co-op grocery store would not accept such a unit in their store. This left council with the hope that the Variety Store or Mini-Mart would take on such a unit – later they decided not to.

Before the meeting I spoke with a Co-op board member who told me that the Greenbelt Post Office was the first in the country to be located in a shopping center. I had this in mind when I testified that it would be a "historical loss" if the Postal Service leaves the Center. Mayor Davis now seems to belatedly recognize this in her letter to Rep. Hoyer when she refers to the Post Office's possible historic nature.

Speaking for the new post office, Sheldon Goldberg of GEAC said that "Windsor Green and the other neighborhoods of Greenbelt East very much want" the new post office.

Goldberg described the move, along with the CPU at Roosevelt Center, as a "win-win" situation. Sensing the precariousness of ever getting such a unit – let alone keeping it – I called it a "win-lose" situation.

Since then my friends in Greenbelt East have convinced me it is actually a "lose-lose" situation because Hanover Parkway can't take the increased traffic the new post office will cause. It also lacks the public transportation network and adequate sidewalks that complement public transportation for those who can't or won't drive. And it is inadequate for those who would bike to the post office.

So what should those citizens who regret not being at the May 10, 2004, meeting do now? First, forget about the mayor's hopeless and belated wish for a minimal post office in Roosevelt Center. That option wasn't even included in council's motion supporting the new post office.

Instead ask these questions of Mayor Davis and council and Mr. Goldberg:

1. Why shouldn't we view the mayor's letter as a worthless sop to those who are beginning to realize they will lose a post office in Roosevelt Center, one meant to divert attention from the fact that the mayor supported the move to the new Post Office, with only a vague hope that one of the few merchants at Roosevelt Center would sign a contract with the post office? Isn't this as much of a false concession as the offer of a CPU was, a carrot held up by council and Mr. Goldberg, designed to quiet those of us who did not want to lose a post office in Roosevelt Center?

2. How did Mr. Goldberg presume to speak for all the neighborhoods and people of Greenbelt East?

3. What will council do now to smooth the flow of cars and provide a safe community route for cars, bikes and pedestrians to the new post office?

If you would like to read the minutes of the May 10, 2004, meeting, you can do that online (<http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/>) or call the city clerk at 301-474-8000 to ask for a copy of the minutes. Videos of meetings can be bought for \$5 if you provide a tape, \$10 otherwise.

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Weekend Prize For Love Notes

The News Review has been provided with a Greenbelt Marriott weekend-for-two prize package to give to the winner of a drawing in connection with the paper's Valentine "Love Notes."

The winning couple will receive a get-away weekend for two at the Greenbelt Marriott at a date to be arranged with the hotel. All those placing a "Love Note" in the February 9 issue will be included in the drawing, to be held in the News Review office on Monday, February 13. The deadline for placing Love Notes is Tuesday, February 7 at 10 p.m. The winner will be announced in the February 16 News Review.

Those not purchasing a Love Note who want to be included in the drawing can print their name, address, telephone number and the words "Love Notes" on a 3 x 5 paper, to be received in the News Review office on or before noon February 13. One entry per person will be accepted. News Review staffers and their families are not eligible to win.

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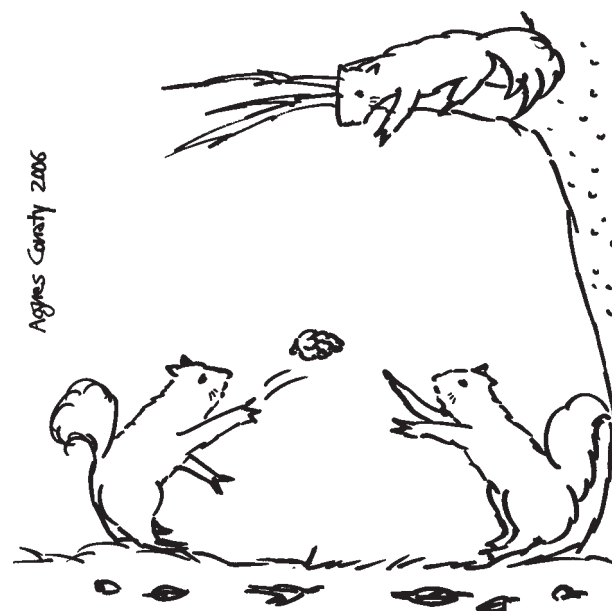
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- FDR Living Museum
- Board Planning Debriefing
- Board Policy on Hazard Insurance Deductible
- Schedule Manager's Performance Evaluation

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Community Events

Mamas and Papas Hold Potluck

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas invite children up to 5 years old and their parents to a potluck and playgroup on Wednesday, February 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multi-Purpose Room, 99 Centerway. If possible, bring a dish, snack or drinks to share. If not, come anyway. For more information call Holly Burnham at 301-441-8086.

Still Creek Group Meets February 15

The National Park Service, Anacostia Watershed Citizen's Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Summit Fund of Washington will hold a community Still Creek stakeholders meeting on Wednesday, February 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station classroom located in Greenbelt Park.

Still Creek is the stream system that flows through the towns of Greenbelt and portions of Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton. Discover how to be part of the restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River.

Come to the Still Creek stakeholders meeting to learn more about the Still Creek sub-watershed and to help form a Friends of Still Creek subwatershed Advocacy Group.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Kate Levendosky by phone 202-962-3374 or email klevendosky@mwkog.org or call Park Ranger Kevin Barry at 301-344-3944.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Its website is www.nps.gov/gree.

Greenbriar Seminar On Mortgage Loans

On Wednesday, February 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bill Elder, regional vice president of Presidential Mortgage, will present a seminar that highlights financing options available to seniors or anyone. The seminar will be conducted in the Greenbriar Terrace Room and is free though attendees must register in the Greenbriar office in advance. For more information, details or to register call Ramona Davis at Greenbriar, 301-441-1096 ext. 11.

GIAC Monthly Meeting Feb. 9

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. New and old members are encouraged to attend to discuss and plan for the future.

There is special need for interested people to serve in this all-volunteer organization as officers, members of the board or assorted individual task leaders and helpers throughout the year. If this organization is to continue to thrive, GIAC needs contributions of interest and time. No special technical computer skills are necessary.

At the Library

Children

Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

4 p.m. – Bookids, book discussion for ages 8 to 12. Barbara O'Connor's "Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia."

Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Adults

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the library – Poetry Plus Club. The poet to be discussed is May Sarton. Participants are asked to bring 10 copies of any of her poems that they wish to discuss.



Explore Penmanship With the 4th Grade

Explorations Unlimited will host a discussion with the fourth grade class at St. Hugh's Elementary School on Friday, February 10. The topic of open discussion will be Penmanship – How did participants learn to write? Were they taught the Palmer method? Were the attendees taught to print or write first? Were they even taught to print? How has the teaching changed since today's senior citizens were in grade school? Come share personal experiences with the St. Hugh's fourth grade class and in return, learn how today's children are being taught to write.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Multipurpose Room 201. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Hike and Help In Greenbelt Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area of Greenbelt Park.

This program is held the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine, wear appropriate clothing and work gloves. Bring lunch or snack.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday, February 4 at Northway Fields. Members of the society will begin setting up to view a variety of celestial objects at approximately 5 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be canceled without further notice. Information about other ASG events can be found at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

Monday Is Trivia Night at New Deal

Trivia Game Night will be held at the New Deal Café on Monday, February 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Game nights are held on the first Monday of each month.

Participants will play "Wits & Wagers," a game created by Greenbelt's own local gamemakers. Players can win without answering any questions correctly and can experience a Vegas-style casino game by betting on answers provided by other teams. There are prizes for the winning teams. There is no fee to play; food and drink specials are available for purchase.

For details call 301-313-0448 or email trivia@northstargames.com.

GHI Notes

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

February 8, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee, Board Room.

February 9, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

February 11, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Bereavement Group Resumes Meetings

The Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS) will again offer a program to help widowed persons adapt to their new circumstances. The six-week mutual support group will meet in Riverdale.

The group is led by trained volunteers, who also received support from PWPS when they themselves became widowed. Both emotional support and practical information are provided. The program is co-sponsored by AARP/PWPS and the Greenbelt Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee.

The group will meet in St. John's Lutheran Church, 5820 Riverdale Road on Fridays starting March 3. The six weekly sessions take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and last through April 7. The program is free and open to widowed men and women of all ages, races and creeds. Registration is required. For further information, directions and registration call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

February Artful Afternoon Features Arts of India

February's Artful Afternoon will be held Sunday, February 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center and will feature special offerings by Jayamangala school of classical Indian dance, shadow puppet-making and an art gallery display of illustrations from Greenbelt artist Sherill Ann Gross' upcoming children's book.



Dancers from the Jayamangala school will perform Sunday at 3 p.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m., come make shadow puppets with Artist-in-residence Tom Baker. Take part in this free hands-on workshop that introduces a performance tradition with a long history in Indian culture.

Indian Music

At 3 p.m. attend a free performance of Indian classical music and dance in a concert offered by artists from the Greenbelt/Lanham-based Jayamangala school. This performance tradition includes pageantry and complex rhythms for all ages.

Art Gallery

Be sure to visit the art gallery while visiting the Community Center. "Beauty and the Beast: Collages by Sherill Ann Gross" is on display through February 17. Illustrations from this Greenbelt artist's forthcoming children's book "Herbert the Pangolin" tell a story about the endangered African animal described as a scaly anteater. Works from her "Beauty Rituals" series depict familiar if odd cultural practices with paradoxical intimacy and detachment. Gross, a graphic and web designer, also shows crafts made from recycled materials in the Community Center where they are available for purchase. A reception will be held with the artist from 2 to 4 p.m. during the Artful Afternoon.

Daily Art Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sundays whenever

the room is not reserved (to confirm access call 301-397-2208.)

Each month at Artful Afternoon those attending can visit with artists-in-residence at work during the Studio Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. Several artists offer fine crafts for sale and accept commissions. Visitors can also see sculpture displays created by community members at previous Artful Afternoons, which are on display throughout the Community Center.

For historic perspectives on Greenbelt, there will be guided tours from 1 to 5 p.m. of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road operated by the Greenbelt Museum. The museum's exhibit at the Community Center – "Living the Healthy Life" explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era.

Artful Afternoons, held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, are fun for families and people of all ages and offer an introduction to many programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Registration will be accepted for winter session classes beginning in February and March. For information, visit the Arts web pages at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

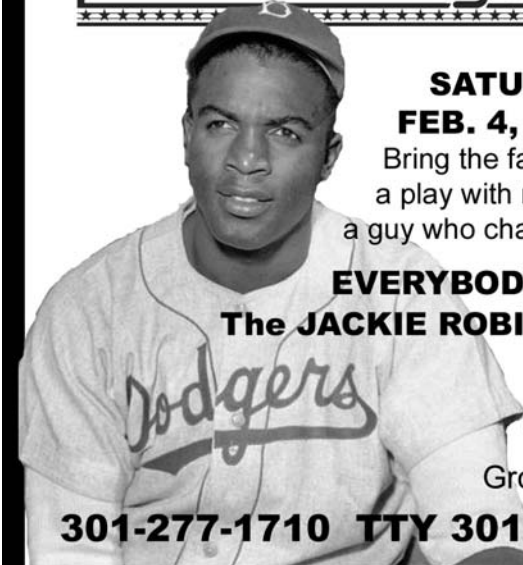
Mysteries Abound at Planetarium

The Planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, will present "The Shurnarkabtishashutu Affair" on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. Detective Daniel Trexler has a mystery on his hands. Something is lost and it's up to viewers to help Detective Trexler find it. One clue is all there is to get things started. Come assist Detective Trexler as he unravels a mystery which offers him clues

unlike any he has ever had before. What viewers will learn is out of this world. Can anyone solve the mystery?

After that mystery is solved people are invited to tackle another case. It seems another treasure has been misplaced and the planetarium staff needs detective skills to help find it. Come participate in the treasure hunt. Oh, by the way, finders keepers! There is a small fee.

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GHI will stop distributing free leaf bags at noon on Saturday, February 11. Until then members can pick up their bags from the GHI warehouse between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, February 11 members can pick up bags at the GHI warehouse from 10 a.m. until noon. Leaf bags will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Bags will not be available after February 11. Plan now to pick up bags for your spring clean-up.

Obituaries

Vera Breashears

Former Greenbelter Vera Beacham Breashears, 85, died in a nursing home at Nags Head, N. Car., on January 27. She was suffering from anemia and Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Breashears was the wife of the late Royal Dolen Breashears who was Greenbelt Homes, Inc., general manager for 18 years and worked for the corporation since its inception in 1953. He died at the same nursing home on July 29, 2002.

Mrs. Breashears was a native of Kitty Hawk, N. Car. Her father captained ships and yachts traveling the Intracoastal Waterway. The family had a compound of homes in old Kitty Hawk. Her mother died last March at age 103.

Mrs. Breashears met her husband while working in Norfolk. He was then in the U.S. Coast Guard.

In Greenbelt she was a homemaker. For a time the family lived at the 6 Court of Ridge. She was also active in the Greenbelt Lion Belles.

Upon Mr. Breashear's retirement in 1980, the couple moved to the Outer Banks. Mrs. Breashears, who personally knew many Outer Banks long-time residents, worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart until she suffered ill health. Following heart surgery in 2001 and discovery of her anemia, she was confined to the nursing home.

Mrs. Breashears is survived by a daughter, Sue Ann Burns (Terry) and grandson, Geoffrey Burns, of Wilburn-by-the-Sea, Fla., and a son, James Matthew Breashears (Dana) of Kill Devil Hills, N. Car. Another son, Jeff, died as a youth. She is also survived by sisters Shirley Shannon of Suffolk, Va., and Alma Hayman and brothers Roy, Jr. and Jerry Beacham of Kitty Hawk.

A graveside service was held February 1 in Kitty Hawk.

Mark Markowich Honored By St. Hugh's School

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt native Mark Markowich was honored with the 2006 St. Hugh's National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award during a ceremony on January 29 in St. Hugh's Church. The date marked the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Markowich, a 1969 graduate of St. Hugh's, was nominated by fellow alumni for this recognition. St. Hugh's Principal Liz Whelan presented the award and described the many ways he has "given his time, talent and treasure to better the school, church and Greenbelt community."

Whelan mentioned that baseball has always been near and dear to Markowich. He has coached Greenbelt Little League and Babe Ruth teams. At St. Hugh's school Markowich remains very active. He joined the Technology Committee at its inception and was one of the leaders who brought the school into the forefront of technology in the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools. Even after his daughter Katie graduated, Markowich continues to maintain the computer lab at St. Hugh's. He also maintains the computer lab at the Green Ridge



Mark Markowich shows his St. Hugh's Distinguished Alumni award to Father Scott Hurd and school Principal Liz Whelan.

PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

House where his mother Marjorie now lives.

Markowich told the News Review that he has also served as president of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Clubs and has coached various sports over the years. He talked about how much he loves Greenbelt and how it is a "warm, friendly comfortable place to live." Markowich feels that Greenbelt is the "best place to raise a kid." He and his family moved back to his mother's home when she moved to Green Ridge House. He mentioned that Marjorie "loves it (at Green Ridge)." Markowich shares his life in old Greenbelt with his wife Sandra and his children Rob and Katie.

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Lecture on Black Artists at UM

Valerie Cassel Oliver of the Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston will discuss the participation of black artists in the Fluxus Art and the Conceptual Art movements of the 1960s and their influences on current contemporary art practice. The lecture will be held on February 8 at 5 p.m. in Room 2309 of the Art-Sociology Building, University of Maryland. Among artists to be featured in her discussion are Charles Gaines, Senga Nengudi, Adrian Piper and David Hammons as well as Benjamin Patterson. Cassel Oliver organized "Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970" in January 2005 at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston and is currently working on a retrospective for the Fluxus-based artist Benjamin Patterson for 2009.

The lecture is part of an ongoing series named in honor of Claudia DeMonte and her work promoting art and diversity initiatives at Maryland.

NARFE Meets Feb. 8 With BARC Scientist

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 8 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

Dr. Richard Anderson, lead scientist of the Nutrient Requirements and Functions Laboratory at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

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The new Islamic calendar year began on February 2.

The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle which is 11 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar. The calendar, also known as the Hijri calendar, was established after the Prophet Muhammed (peace and blessings be upon him) migrated from Mecca to Medina. That was 1,427 years ago, hence, the new year commences with the date 1 Muharram 1427.

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at searchislam@mail.com or visit www.islamguide.com.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Vera Breashears. Her husband Royal D. Breashears was manager of GHI for 18 years.

Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morisette will exhibit some of her work in "Two Way Street" at the Meyerhoff Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. The exhibit runs through March 12.

Congratulations to Michele Ann Griffith for being named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2005, York College of Pennsylvania. Griffith, a graduate of St. Vincent Pallotti High School, is pursuing a degree in public relations. She is the daughter of Joseph and Ann Griffith.

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Marriott Hotel Undergoes Major Renovation in 2006

Lerner Enterprises and Albert H. Small, owners of the 17-story Greenbelt Marriott, have begun a major renovation of the full-service hotel in Greenbelt West. The work, which began last December, will include the renovation of 287 guest rooms; luxurious upgrades to the concierge level guest rooms, including flat-panel televisions; four newly appointed luxury suites; a newly designed lounge bar; and a full-service Starbucks.

All the guest rooms will feature Marriott's new room that has been redesigned to offer greater style, luxury, innovation and ease. The guest rooms will include new refrigerators, newly upholstered furniture, designer fabrics, custom artwork, new floor coverings and lighting and will include high-speed internet access. The custom designed bathrooms will feature cherry cabinets, chrome fixtures, granite countertops and porcelain sinks.

On the concierge level guest rooms will be appointed with rich cherry wood furniture with marble-top nightstands and matching dresser, ergonomically designed desk and chair and a sleek new 32" flat-panel LCD television. The concierge level lounge will be renovated and refined with furniture and finishes commensurate with the hotel's new reinvention.

On the main floor the hotel

lounge will be completely renovated to provide a sophisticated, casual dining atmosphere and will include luxurious finishes and furnishings, granite table tops and flat-panel LCD televisions. A Starbucks retail shop is planned for the lobby that will offer its well-known fresh brewed coffee, frozen drinks and food specialties in an environment ideal for casual business meetings or relaxation.

"The Greenbelt Marriott is already the hotel of choice for travelers and major events in Prince George's County. The owner's significant investment to renovate the hotel is a testament to the region's bright future. The combination of Marriott's brand recognition, management expertise and focus on guest satisfaction, along with the re-engineered room design, create a powerful tool that will continue to attract both leisure and business guests to the Greenbelt Marriott. Luxury accommodations in the county will reach a higher level following completion of the renovation," stated Mark D. Lerner, principal of Lerner Enterprises.

For more information call the Greenbelt Marriott at 301-441-3700, the Marriott Worldwide Reservations Center at 800-228-9290, contact a travel professional or visit the hotel's website at www.Marriott.com.



Newly renovated rooms feature new upholstered furniture, cherry desks, flat screen LCD televisions and new refrigerators.

Riversdale Celebrates African American Life

African American history has a special place at historic Riversdale. On February 12 from 1 to 3 p.m., this history comes alive for children of all ages. Historic personas Essie and Sophia provide a glimpse of life in the past while storyteller Dr. Carolivia Herron shares traditional tales. There is a fee which includes a house tour. For more information, call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544, or visit the website at www.pgparcs.com.



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City Information

Meetings for February 6-10

Monday, February 6, 8:00pm, Council Work Session, re: Guidelines for Forest Preserve, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm, Board of Elections, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, February 8, 8:00pm, Council Work Session with State Highway Administration (stakeholder), Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

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PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, February 8 & 10: 7pm "University of Maryland Repertoire Orchestra," 8:15pm "Exploding the Frame."

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Sunday, February 5 ~1-5pm
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Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc

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For additional information contact Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

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"Secure-the-Call" is providing 911-only cell phones to the Greenbelt Police Department for distribution to the community. Secure-the-Call is a Greenbelt based, non-profit volunteer organization that refurbishes donated phones for 911 emergency-use only. These phones are being returned to the Greenbelt Police Department and other law enforcement agencies who provide them free of charge for victims of domestic violence, for seniors or any person with a disability to obtain emergency assistance.

Donation boxes are located in Greenbelt at the City Manager's office, the Police Department, the Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Community Center office.

For further information on Recycling, please contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

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Drawing will be held in the News Review office on Monday, February 13.

The winner will be announced in the February 16 issue.

See details in story on page 2.

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\$500,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt Police Station, \$720,000 to initially fund six new police officers, \$300,000 to fund an interpretive center for the stream valley park and \$500,000 for Cherrywood Lane improvements.

In addition, she outlined a number of development commitments the city has been able to secure for the Greenbelt Station project besides the commitment to have the South Core annexed by the city. These include approval authority by the city for a detailed site plan, the next critical stage in the development process for both the North and South Cores; sign plan approval authority and adherence to the mixed-use, transit-oriented, urban village concept for development, with increased residential and decreased non-residential uses from the original plan. Other commitments include construction of a roundabout traffic circle at Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive, a gateway entrance at Metro Access Drive, sidewalks along the west side of Cherrywood Lane and a trolley-tram like service between the two cores. Strict standards for urban design features such as height limitations and no shopping malls were also part of the agreement.

Historical View

Craze next outlined several examples of previous developments where the city provided financing support similar to what staff is recommending for Greenbelt Station. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that the previous examples did not involve the use of tax incremental financing (TIF). He said that providing financing support for this project would be the city's first use of TIF. In these previous examples, in return for being annexed into the city, the city provided financial support for necessary infrastructure improvements. Of note were the Greenway Center annexation where the city provided financing for Hanover Parkway improvements and the Maryland Trade Center/Holiday Inn/Martins Crosswinds annexation where the city financed Hanover Parkway construction to Good Luck Road. The city also assisted the Greenbrook and Commerce Center I and II developments by financing construction of Ora Glen Drive and its connection to Hanover Parkway.

For the first two, the financing was done by utilizing General Obligation bonds where the full faith and credit of the city was at risk while the last one utilized a special assessment taxing mechanism where the obligation to pay off the debt was borne only by the affected developments.

City financing support for the Greenbelt Station South Core would use a combination of TIF and special assessments structured so that the city's full faith and credit would not be at risk, the city's financing capacity would not be affected and the city would not be obligated in case of default on the part of the developer or if the development were ultimately not completed.

Future Revenues

Craze showed how future revenues from the development would carry the cost of the TIF financing through the projected build-out year for the South

Core in 2011. Using conservative estimates of projected city property tax revenue from the development improvements, sufficient tax funds would be realized. If at any time there were insufficient revenue to pay for the needed debt service for the TIF, a special tax assessment would be levied on the development to fully service the debt. The special assessment would be removed whenever the property tax revenue returned to a level to support the financing.

In response to questions from councilmembers, Craze assured council that the city would not be financing more than would be necessary and there would be a cap of no more than 50 percent of incremental revenue from the property improvements going towards debt service. The back-up special tax is there if needed.

Furthermore participation in financing would give the city approval authority for all cost estimates for construction of the connector road. The road would be done in three phases and matched with the level of development progress. The developer would be obligated to make up any shortfall in funding required to complete the road.

Council Discussion

Roberts started council discussion by expressing skepticism that this was a good deal for the city. He is concerned that estimated revenues from the development would not adequately cover the demands for services from the new residents of the South Core development, especially police services and available recreation facilities for organized sports.

Councilman Konrad Herling said he had similar concerns about recreation facilities but was impressed with the recent enlargement in the CSP of the 3.7 acre open space "commons" area. Councilmember Leta Mach also appreciated the fact that an enlarged common area would be available for "informal" play and commended the staff efforts to minimize the city's exposure regarding the TIF.

Councilmember Edward Putens echoed the plaudits to Craze in coordinating the arduous negotiations with the developers. He noted the problem with a possible lack of recreation facilities and suggested that a regional solution might be developed with the help of contributions from several developers in the area.

Roberts again focused attention on the TIF and stated his way of looking at the issue as "losing \$8.4 million financing that would be able to be used to develop adequate recreation facilities."

Public Comments

Before opening the floor for comments from citizens, Roberts recognized Norman Rivera for comments from the developers. Rivera complimented Craze for her representation of the city's interests. He indicated that Metropark felt that the development envisioned for the Greenbelt West area would be good for the city, good for the county and the region. He asked that the city adopt the annexation agreement.

About 20 citizens provided comments on the project and the proposed TIF financing approach and a few comments re-

ceived by mail or email were read into the record by Roberts, including email comments from Mayor Judith Davis expressing support for the annexation agreement and the concept of a TIF.

Public commentary at the meeting was about evenly divided. Most citizens speaking in opposition, from Greenbelt, focused their concern on the TIF, considering it a city subsidy for the development that was unfair to Greenbelt taxpayers. They felt the subsidy to the developers would likely result in higher taxes or would curtail existing city programs.

Those opposed also felt more debate was needed before council acted on the issue. Former councilmember Alan Turnbull favoring annexation by the city, thought it to be rational. However, he was skeptical of the TIF characterizing it as "a sweetheart deal for the developers. I can't see that it is necessary or defensible."

Citizens speaking in favor of the project, including the TIF financing if needed to move the development along, were both Greenbelt citizens and those from other parts of the county. They generally expressed excitement about the prospect for the new development and echoed public commentary heard over the past decade that Prince George's County needed more upscale options for shopping and restaurants. Others in favor noted the transit-oriented features of the development and the urban village concept. Greenbelt resident Sylvia Lewis gave strong support

for the annexation. To those asking for more time to debate, she opined, "If we go any slower, we will be going backwards."

Motion

After giving everyone a chance to speak on the issue Putens moved support of the staff recommendation for the annexation agreement, including the TIF. As part of the recommendation, Rivera was asked to declare publicly that Metropark would sign the agreement and would not file a petition for referendum on the annexation. He did so.

When speaking on the motion, Roberts felt that there should be a referendum, that the city should not fund the road and that the city will eventually need the \$8.4 million to address the shortage of available recreation facilities.

Herling voiced his support for the motion and stated his belief that the TIF would not result in a tax increase for current Greenbelt citizens. Mach also supported the agreement, believing the action will help give Greenbelt more control over the proposed connector road. She also felt that any risk to the city (from the TIF) is well managed and would be at a minimum, while the benefits are maximized.

Putens also noted that there should be no costs to the citizens. He recognized that development, annexation and TIF are always confusing issues and urged more education on the project for Greenbelt citizens.

The motion was approved by council by a vote of 3 to 1, with Roberts in opposition.

New Groups Will Clean Watershed

by Thomas X. White

Before taking on developmental and annexation issues relating to the South Core of Greenbelt Station at its January 23 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council considered two other matters of business.

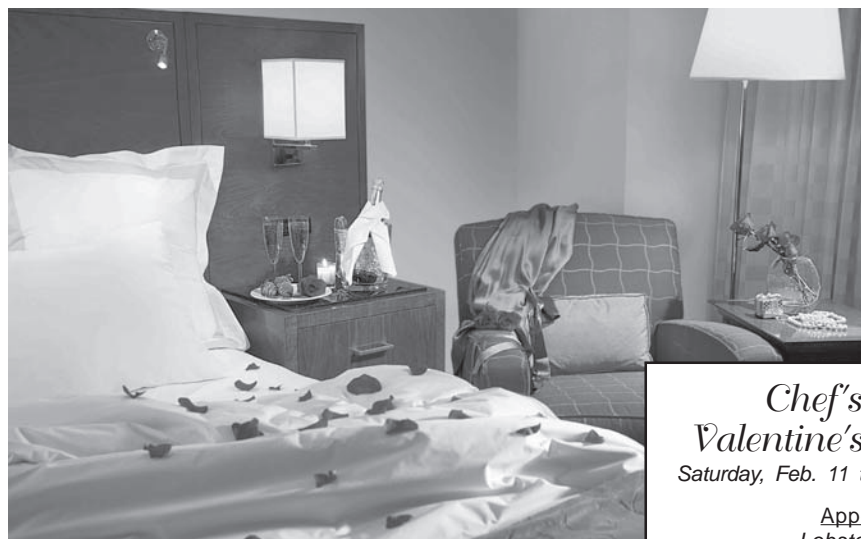
John Galli of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments provided a brief update to council on a regional program for restoration of the Anacostia Watershed. The report focused on the program's efforts to establish citizen-based groups in the 14 major sub-watersheds of the Anacostia, including the Beaverdam Creek Watch Group and the Friends of Still Creek. Both tributaries are affected by drainage from portions of Greenbelt and the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and Greenbelt Park, respectively. Galli noted that the two Greenbelt groups are just getting organized; each has attracted about 20 interested citizens. The overall goal of the program is restoration of the Anacostia Watershed by 2010.

That report was followed by brief presentation of a certificate of appreciation to the city by the Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County for its efforts in their program.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

January 18, 4:20 p.m., 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, a youth walking home from school was assaulted by four other youths who jumped him and began hitting him with a hose from a fire extinguisher. A Greenbelt police officer, noticing a large group of students standing in a circle indicating a possible fight, sounded his air horn, which scattered the both students and the suspects. Investigation has revealed that the four suspects are resident youths, ages 13 to 15. The four have been charged on a criminal citation with second degree assault, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

January 20, 1:21 p.m., in reference to an assault reported September 4, 2005, in which a 16-year-old youth was punched in the face repeatedly in the area of the Youth Center, a resident youth was charged January 20 on a juvenile petition with one count of second degree assault and released, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

January 21, 8:16 a.m., 7900 block of Lakecrest Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault and malicious destruction under \$500. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. A woman advised that her husband had struck her and slashed the tires on their car after they had gotten into a verbal argument in front of their residence. The man was searched and a four-inch folding knife was found on his person. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 25, 8:08 p.m., 6200 block of Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault for striking a woman during a domestic altercation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

January 17, 8:31 a.m., Greenbelt Elementary School, a teacher reported that her purse, which she had left under her desk in the classroom, was stolen.

January 17, 4:55 p.m., 8900 block of Edmonston Road, a laptop computer and projector were reported stolen from a conference room of the business.

January 18, 11:38 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman reported a purse stolen from a grocery cart left in front of the variety store. The purse and all contents were located to the rear of 32 and 36 Crescent Road and returned to the woman.

January 25, 8:22 p.m., Greenway Center, it was reported that unknown person(s) removed the lock from the victim's locker and removed clothing, a cell phone, a purse, gym bag and other miscellaneous items.

January 26, 8:43 a.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested for employee theft after he was found to have committed several thefts of merchandise from the CVS Pharmacy. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

January 18, 12:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, two youths were arrested when

they were located walking the hallways of the school without permission. One youth, who was not a student at the school, was charged with trespassing on school grounds and the other was charged with disruption of school activities. They were charged on juvenile petitions and released, one to her parent and the other to her school administrator.

Burglaries

January 17, 6:44 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by kicking in the front door of an apartment. A Playstation 2 and games, four DVD movies, tennis shoes and a 5-disc CD player were taken.

January 20, 4 p.m., 17 court Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) kicked in the front door of a residence. Nothing appeared to be taken.

January 20, 4:34 p.m., police responded to a report of three youths, who were carrying rifles and shotguns, walking from Gardenway into the woods. One of the youths, a Greenbelt resident, was located walking out of the woods in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. He was searched for weapons; items reported stolen in a burglary on Plateau Place were found in his possession. The rifles and shotguns were located in the woods. A search of the youth's residence revealed items reported stolen from another recent burglary in the area of Hanover Parkway. He was charged on a juvenile petition with first degree burglary and possession of ammunition by a minor and released to his mother, pending action by the juvenile justice system. Further investigation led to this same youth being charged with an additional five counts of first degree burglary and 21 counts of malicious destruction.

Two additional suspects, also resident youths, have been charged pending action by the juvenile justice system. The second youth was charged with five counts of first degree burglary and 21 counts of malicious destruction to autos and other property, the third youth with four counts of first degree burglary and 21 counts of malicious destruction.

The burglaries and reports of vandalism occurred over a fifteen-day span, January 6 through 21 and the malicious destructions included a total of 24 tires that were slashed in the Ridge Road area.

January 21, 1:23 p.m., 17 court of Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) were unsuccessful in gaining entrance but attempted to kick in the front door and attempted to enter through a window but the window was locked.

January 21, 10:26 p.m., 9100 block of Springhill Lane it was reported that unknown person(s) forced entry into a residence and stole numerous items of value, including televisions, electronics, a computer and U.S. currency.

January 24, 6:10 p.m., 9100 block of Springhill Lane, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking a kitchen window. A TV, microwave, radio, burgundy and black Huffy bike and clothing were taken.

January 25, 2:20 p.m., 17 court

Homicide Arrest In Child's Death

On Thursday, January 19 at 4:58 p.m. the Greenbelt Police Department responded to 9136 Springhill Lane for a report of an unconscious person. Upon arrival at the scene they were notified by Prince George's County Fire Department personnel that they were transporting an unresponsive 13-month-old child to Doctors Hospital in Lanham.

The child, Angela Coleman, of the above address, was pronounced dead at 5:42 p.m. by the emergency room doctor.

On Friday, January 20 the child's death was determined by the medical examiner to be a homicide by blunt force trauma.

Investigation led to the arrest of Tywon Ray Renwick, 21, of the same address on January 26. Renwick was taken into custody in Washington, D.C., where he is awaiting extradition to Maryland. He has been charged with child abuse and first degree murder. Renwick is the boyfriend of the child's mother.

Ridge Road, checking on a friend's home, the reporting party advised that the residence had been burglarized between January 19 and 25. Entry had been gained through a rear window. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

January 26, 2:12 p.m., 7200 block of Morrison Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence through a basement window. Sports memorabilia were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

No vehicles were reported stolen.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6500 block Capitol Drive, Cherrywood Terrace at Breezewood Court, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 9300 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane, Southway at Crescent Road, 16 court Ridge Road (two incidents), 18 court Ridge Road, 6700 block Springshire Way and 7700 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents).

Electronics Recycling Is a Hit

by Mary Moien

There were so many cars at the Public Works Facility last Saturday, staff had to direct traffic. The reason: the quarterly electronics recycling sponsored by the city. According to Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray, 96 cars stopped by and dropped off more than 7,000 pounds of computers, monitors, printers and other surplus, broken or outdated electronics.

Among the many Greenbelters who took advantage of the recycling was GHI resident Jeanne McLaughlin, who had a trunk full of "stuff." She even had to enlist the help of her sister, Rose Bailey, who was visiting from Buffalo. Bailey declared "this is one of the highlights of my trip."

Murray stated that the city has two main objectives for holding quarterly electronics recycling events. The first is to keep all of the electronics out of the landfill. Although not technically hazardous waste, these items do take up a lot of space and could be put to better use. The second reason for offering the recycling here is to keep residents from having to go to the landfill themselves to get rid of this excess equipment.

Murray provided some history on the Greenbelt project. City

employees run the collection events, package the collected materials and then transport the materials to Unicor, a federal government entity within the U.S. Department of Justice. Unicor trains and employs inmates housed in federal prisons. At the prisons, functioning equipment is cleaned, sterilized and either sold for reuse or donated to local schools. Non-functional equipment is broken down into residual materials and sold to reproducers who use the recycled materials to produce new products. According to Murray, as much as 95 percent of the equipment can be recycled in some fashion.

The next Electronics Recycling Event in Greenbelt is scheduled for April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Prince George's County accepts electronics for recycling every Sunday at the Brown Station Road Landfill in Upper Marlboro. The site is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Televisions, which cannot be recycled at the Greenbelt event, are accepted at the county site (up to five per resident). For further information on this site, call 301-883-5045 or visit <http://www.co.pg.md.us> and look under the Refuse and Recycling section.



Kent Rowlette, public works crew leader, stacks equipment during the city's Electronics Recycling event. The drop off was so busy, Rowlette was even inside the bin working at one point.



Jeanne McLaughlin (left) and visiting sister Rose Bailey tote electronics to the city collection.

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requested reconsideration of the CSP from the Prince George's County Planning Board to address the transportation-related issues. The reconsideration was granted by the Planning Board and in October 2005 the board conditionally approved the CSP (additional questions addressing transportation issues have been made essential conditions of the agreement).

While the city's appeal had been in process, the city had continued to work closely with Metropark to address the city's concerns on the nature and intensity of the proposed development, public safety issues, recreational needs, environment and transportation for the new community. In May 2005, the city had entered into a development agreement with the developer. That agreement gives the city the authority to review and approve development plans and also provides a framework for the funding and implementation of city improvements, including but not limited to the following: beautification of Cherrywood Lane, public safety, improved transit, additional open space and recreational facilities, intersection improvements and environmental improvement. The agreement reduced the amount of development and defines minimum and maximum percent land use types in the North Core (e.g., 30-60 percent of total gross floor area must be residential). The same agreement provided for the annexation of the South Core to the city.

Access to the project site would be via a full Beltway inter-

change and a north-south connector road extending from Greenbelt Road (connection would be made via a flyover over Branchville Road) for the full length of the property. Access to existing Metro Access Drive would be retained.

Disputed Conditions

For the first hour, council almost entirely devoted its time to reviewing 10 of 59 conditions that are yet in dispute by Greenbelt Metropark (the developer, represented by attorney Norman Rivera) and city staff. The other conditions – 49 already accepted by the APB, staff and the developers – were not discussed at the meeting. The "sticking points" were aired one at a time by Riviera as council listened.

The first "condition" that Riviera wanted revised was total housing capacity in the South Core. This had been set at 983 units and the developers sought an increase of 39 for a total of 1,022 housing units. At several points during this portion of the meeting, Rivera explained the increase of 39 units was requested for the loss of acreage by the developer, for instance, in increasing the recreation area from 1.5 to 3.7 acres for a recreation site in the middle of the South Core. Council asked who would pay for any civic buildings that may become necessary for the South Core. Although the developers had set aside \$2,000,000 for the recreational area, in addition to the 3.7 acreage, there is yet to be a clear timetable when the money will be made available. The timing issue was discussed but no final agreement was reached.

Councilmember Konrad Herling was especially detailed in his questions relating to school buildings, capacity and related busing and traffic needs for the South Core and the rest of Greenbelt. Staff agreed to discuss what assistance the city might expect from the county regarding the transit system.

Rivera suggested that the meeting could end sooner if council agreed to designate the 10 conditions not resolved as "considerations." City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi advised council that "considerations" were not of the same legal weight as "conditions" in this type of agreement.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze and city staff – that council complimented more than once for their painstaking efforts – said, "We stand by our conditions. I don't believe the applicant [developer] will agree to all. They could note which ones they accept and we will argue the disagreements before the Planning Board or, if necessary, before the District Council."

Much of the remaining time was spent with Rivera wanting to change the second sentence in Condition #14 regarding the design of a planned pedestrian overpass across the CSX and Metro tracks to College Park, and what "visibility from the connector road" means. Craze said the concern for visibility went to the issue of safety from the viewpoint of pedestrians. Cameras were discussed as part of a safety system but Herling noted they could malfunction and asked who would

pay for the cost of installation (and maintenance). Other discussion focused on the nature of disagreement regarding Condition #36 which requires the developer to conform to the Greenbelt Sector Plan.

Manzi advised and staff concurred that all conditions previously agreed to by the developer should remain intact until a detailed site plan is prepared and submitted. Herling and Councilmember Leta Mach reiterated council's intent to retain existing language in the agreement. Issues about flexibility and "feasibility" not inherent in the agreement and related codes would be addressed later.

The few remaining citizens present were then asked for their input. Bill Orleans said that Rivera earlier that evening had appeared eager to proceed with the annexation but now appeared to be otherwise.

The second vote of the evening was then taken. Council voted 3-1 to approve the CSP, subject to the 59 staff recommended conditions, with Roberts voting no. Roberts indicated he remains dissatisfied with the limited 3.7 acre recreational area for the South Core. Council had earlier discussed the likelihood that the needs of the new community being created there could change, possibly entailing additional cost and changes to the small recreational facility planned.

The council meeting adjourned at about 12:40 a.m.

SOUTH CORE

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At a combined area of 162 acres, the annexations will have minor impact upon the size of the city, increasing the approximately six-square mile city area by about four percent. The 1,000 residential units planned for the South Core could increase the city's population by 2,500 to 3,000 persons, bringing total city population close to 25,000. Of greater impact upon the city will be the extensive new development of residences planned for the North Core of Greenbelt Station at some future date and the proposed reconstruction of the Springhill Lake apartment area at more than double its existing density.

With these annexations, city boundaries will include the entire area south of the Greenbelt Metro Station to Branchville Road between Cherrywood Lane and the CSX Railroad tracks with the exception of a few parcels of land owned by others along the north side of Branchville Road. These parcels were recently annexed by the Town of Berwyn Heights. Before the annexations, the city's boundaries jutted out to the west of Cherrywood Lane in a roughly triangular shaped configuration with one of the points of the triangle being connected to the rest of the city. This land is now the Greenbelt Metro Station property.

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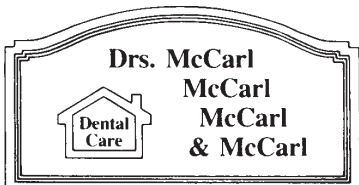


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by Shirl Hayes

Come Wednesday, February 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. the New Deal Café will host an evening of guitars with something to say. Based in College Park, Tim McCaskey, Andy Tillotson, Arron Geller and Luis "Gordo" Nasser are the band "Might Could," featuring three guitars. Their musical style is clearly influenced not only by classical, jazz, heavy metal and progressive rock but also by the distinctive rhythms and tones of video game music.

Their sound echoes all of these influences but not at the cost of their group's own identity. Each song is a cascade of cleanly-fingered notes and shimmering harmonies. Their song "Machinery" is the portrayal in music of a rapid torrent of data transferring in a system. It is strongly evocative of the movie "Tron," without sounding dated.

"The influence of those kinds of songs seeps into our creations," says Tim McCaskey. "We like to play our own material and not be known as a niche band or a cover band."

"Might Could" found the New Deal almost by accident. Trying to branch out of their College Park/DC/Baltimore flight path, the band searches out local open mikes. One night they found one at the Café.

"We showed up on the First Friday open mike and got a slot. There weren't that many people playing and they had short routines, so we were asked if we would like to play more at the end," says McCaskey. "We got to play for another hour or so and then Richard [McMullin] asked if we'd like to play a full show."

They did and found the people at the New Deal to be new and different from the people they ran into at their usual performances.

"The crowd at the New Deal [was] a good listening crowd and we like to play . . . for an audience that wouldn't typically see us," said McCaskey.

Future Playwrights' Work Performed

On Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m., Hyattsville Middle School creative writing and theater students will be showcased in an evening of staged readings. Students developed the work over a three-month residency consisting of play writing, acting, directing and stage managing workshops led by a team of University of Maryland Department of Theatre students. This free performance will take place in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Black History Month Special Performances

Prince George's County is home to a wealth of talented artists and performers who share their artistry, knowledge and connection to Black History Month. County residents and visitors are invited to experience "Everybody's Hero - The Jackie Robinson Story" performed by the Mad River Theatre Works at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly on Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4. (See ad on page 3.)

Art Works in Different Media Featured in New Deal Café

On Sunday, February 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. artists Eileen S. Murray and Craig Fielder will open exhibits at the New Deal Café with a reception which is open to the public.

Murray's show focuses on her recent abstract acrylic paintings on glass and her computer-generated graphics. In contrast to these works, the show will include some of her assemblage sculptures, which are strongly linked to childhood and fantasy, as well as additional works on canvas.

In 2005 Murray started experimenting with two techniques and styles: painting acrylics on panes of glass (painting in inverse or backward) and computer abstracts (a Frank Lloyd Wright meets Mondrian style). With little formal training, Murray feels free and comfortable with finding her own style and not "framed in" to a medium or movement. Murray works in the medium that fits her mood and has been known to work on two projects, in different styles, in the same day.

Her work has become special and personal to her. Except for the occasional piece, she creates to please herself and hopes that the world will enjoy her works as well. In addition to working in painting and computer graphics, Murray does needlework and crafts, writes poetry and has written a children's short story, which she hopes to make into a series.

Murray is a native of the D.C. area but her heart will always be in Philadelphia, where she lived from the time she was two until she was 15 years old. Later in Beltsville she attended high school at High Point, class of 1985, then Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland at College Park.

While in college Murray moved to Greenbelt for a few years and fell in love with the people and the wonderful sense of community. Filling a personal promise she moved back three years ago, saying she hopes never

Local Musicians Perform At Kennedy Center Concert

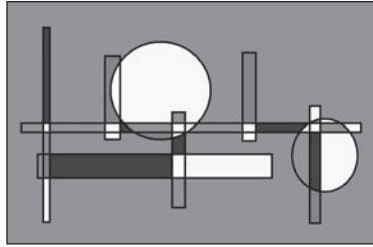
A number of Greenbelt school students will participate with students county-wide in a showcase of musical talent at the Kennedy Center.

The Kennedy Center concert has been part of the music program in Prince George's County Public Schools for 30 years. Ten years ago, the concert was renamed to honor Edward M. Felegy, former superintendent and supporter of the arts.

Choral music students in grades five through 12 and instrumental music students in grades nine through 12 will come together in this culminating event of the Music Enrichment Program in the county public schools. The concert is the result of the cooperative efforts of music teachers, students and parents from more than 100 schools and serves as a model for school districts across the country.

The concert will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. There is a fee and tickets may be purchased from the Kennedy Center Box Office at 202-467-4600. Tickets go quickly.

Honors Chorus participants include Makayla Bryan from



Eileen Murray's "Untitled 007."

to leave again.

Craig Fielder, a self-taught artist and international musician, was born in Michigan and spent much of his career there. He does portrait as well as abstract art. His exhibit includes a variety of portraits, both animal and human. He also has chosen some abstracts and angels. Fielder told the News Review he works in all media, specializing in pastels, acrylic, paint tins and pencil.

His experience includes working as a cartoonist for the Michigan Gazette and the Redskins Journal. He was an art instructor for Mott Adult High School in Flint, as well as for the Flint Board of Education Adult Enrichment classes.

Fielder has also worked as a television media artist for "Circus and Friends," a children's program. He has been recognized as the first Tri-City Courtroom Artist in Flint, Saginaw and Bay City, Mich.

Wearing his musician's hat, Fielder was awarded a key to the city for Outstanding Performance at the Montreux, Switzerland and North Sea jazz festivals.

Fielder is currently selling his art at Washington, D.C.'s Eastern Market.

Murray's and Fielder's work will be available for viewing at the Café during regular business hours through the month of February. For more information on Café hours, call 301-474-5642. This exhibit is sponsored in part by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting funds from the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

Greenbelt Elementary School and from Greenbelt Middle School, Ivory Brown, Kayla Greenhill, Tina Lamidi, Patrick Lyons, Gabrielle Oguniye and Uko Udoh.

The High School Honors Chorus includes the following students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Jennifer Boone, Chloe Bush, Aselefeh Evans, Ariel Fotibu, Collin Francis, Rayshon Patterson and Toni Wallis.

The Senior Youth Orchestra includes the following students from ERHS: Jeffrey Flores, Hillary Finedore, Grace Chen, Jack Li, Quiana Bell, Elijah Barrett, Chelsie Lloyd, Daniel McCarthy, Chioma Madubata, Coit Taylor-Hendley and Lauren Beasley. David Yarbrough from Eleanor Roosevelt is a participating director.

The High School Honor Band includes the following ERHS students: Erin Mellott, Rianne Esquivel, Courtney Spain, Alex Dan, Emily Coppess, Eddie Mellott, Ellen Green, Ryan Redway, Marianna Burgett, Noor White, Bobby Wolfe-Ralph, Mark DeHaven, Andrew Exner, Michael Murchison and Jeremy Ulrich. Eleanor Roosevelt teacher Sally Wagner is a participating director.

Pre-Opera Discussion

The artistic director of Opera Lafayette discusses the afternoon performance of the "Opera Lafayette." The pre-concert free discussion will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Concert Is Musical Tour of Europe

Join faculty artists as they perform music by Boris Blacher, Jose Berghman, Thorvald Hansen, Attilio Ariosti and Jan Koetsier. The free performance will be held Tuesday, February 7 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

City Information

Plans for Springhill Lake

by Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager

This article is the third in a series to ensure that Greenbelt residents are aware of the development and redevelopment proposals being considered for Greenbelt West. Greenbelt West is that area of the city west of Kenilworth Avenue, east of the Metrorail tracks and between the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Road.

Last week's article described the proposed plans for the area adjacent to and south of the Greenbelt Metro Station, an area called Greenbelt Station. This week's article is about the plans for Springhill Lake.

Springhill Lake is a 2,900 unit apartment complex, often referred to as the largest apartment complex on the East Coast. Built in the 1960s, Springhill Lake was often people's first introduction to Greenbelt, either as a University of Maryland student or a newcomer to the Washington area. Given its age, it is in need of a significant reinvestment. Rather than just rehabilitating it, the owners of Springhill Lake, AIMCO (Apartment Investment and Management Company) have presented to the City, the County and other reviewing agencies a plan to build a new Springhill Lake community.

The new community would be comprised of a variety of housing types, rather than the garden apartments that exist now. There will be mid- to high-rise buildings, units in which a person can live and work, four-story units consisting of two two-story units over each other, buildings with internal structured parking, and townhouse units. At least thirty-five (35) percent of the units will be for-sale units, providing more of a sense of investment in the neighborhood. In order to create a more vibrant community, AIMCO is proposing to double the density to 5,800 units and to build a small downtown area of neighborhood servicing retail shops. The type of shops to be included are a coffee shop, dry cleaner, convenience store but not likely a grocery store.

Springhill Lake's proximity to the Metro Station allows AIMCO to envision the community as being attractive to people commuting to downtown Washington. They want to create a more direct pedestrian connection to the Metro

station than currently exists. They are also intending to offer a level of amenities that will attract a higher level of rents in some of the housing. The City Council has stressed the need to keep a portion of the housing in the affordable range. AIMCO has agreed to provide housing for a variety of income and rent levels.

Part of AIMCO's initial plan was a proposal to tear down Springhill Lake Elementary School and build a new elementary school on the grounds of Greenbelt Middle School. The location of the school is the low point on the property and it would serve as a storm water management facility as well as a lake water feature. After discussions with the Prince George's County Board of Education, the plan is now to build a new combined elementary and middle school on the grounds of Greenbelt Middle School. Greenbelt Middle School has been slated for renovation since 1988. Limited funding and the need to construct or renovate other schools by the Board in response to the settled desegregation lawsuit have pushed the Greenbelt Middle School project back. If ultimately approved, the AIMCO project will most likely result in enabling the construction of a new middle and new elementary school much sooner than would otherwise be possible.

AIMCO's plans are currently being reviewed by the City Planning Department. They will likely be presented to the Advisory Planning Board in March and to the City Council in April. These meetings and any related work sessions are open to the public.

If there are questions about this article, please forward them to the Planning Department at 301-345-5417 or email pcd@greenbeltmd.gov. The next article will describe what the City's role is in reviewing these development proposals.

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