

Original Goals

1. To serve as a nonprofit enterprise.
2. To remain non-partisan in politics.
3. To remain neutral in religious matters.
4. To print news accurately and regularly.

Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Original Goals

5. To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.
6. To develop a staff of volunteer writers.
7. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendships, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

— November 24, 1937

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A Report to Our Readers

The News Review Keeps on Going With your Help and Lots of Ours

by James Giese, President, Board of Directors

A year ago, on the occasion of celebrating the beginning of our 65th year of publication, we announced that the Greenbelt News Review was in financial crisis. We had been forced to change print shops and costs had risen dramatically. At that time we took several measures to assure that we maintained financial solvency. These included raising our advertising rates and asking our volunteer staff to take on more work in preparing copy for the printing press. As a backup, we also asked our readers to subscribe to this newspaper voluntarily at whatever price they felt they could afford. These efforts have been financially successful.

Our new business manager, Ron Wells, advises that we finished the last fiscal year, which ended on March 31, with a small profit of \$897, excluding money received from our voluntary subscription drive. For the first six months of the current fiscal year, we have a net loss of \$23. That compares with a net loss of \$3,533 for the first six months of the previous fiscal year.

Subscriptions

Last year's voluntary subscription drive was an outstanding success; it realized a total of \$10,625 from 210 readers. We thank our readers who showed their support for this newspaper by sending in a contribution. We believe they share our view that the News Review is an essential part of our community through its reports of the community's activities and events. By volunteering their money, these contributors have joined ranks with our many other volunteers who work to bring this newspaper to the community every week, as they have done without fail for more than 65 years.

Although we are a for-profit organization, our paper's goal has always been to operate on a break-even, nonprofit basis. Since the changes we made have enabled the paper to continue operating on a break-even basis, the proceeds from our voluntary subscription drive were not needed to pay for operating costs. Instead, we used these funds to upgrade our equipment and strengthen our reserves. Our reserves are still less than six months of operating costs. We have replaced several computers, the fax machine and the scanner and added new computers.

At this time we do not seek further voluntary subscriptions, although any received will be gratefully accepted. But we can always use more volunteers.

Volunteers

Some people think that to work for a newspaper one has to be skilled at writing and reporting. We do need writers and re-



PHOTO BY JOYCE CHESTNUTT

Elaine Skolnik, James Giese and Bernie McGee Giese are just a few of the many volunteers that have worked to publish a quality newspaper for and about the community of Greenbelt.

porters, and people with these skills are more than welcome, whether to cover one or more of the many meetings we try to report about or to cover some of the many activities and events that take place in this busy town.

However, we also need volunteers to help us out in many other ways. On Tuesday afternoons or evenings we need volunteers to help edit copy or to type copy not already on disk and make corrections to previously written copy. On Wednesdays, volunteers proofread copy returned from the pre-press shop while other volunteers check the layout of the paper. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings, volunteers work at our ad desk, receiving ads and payments from our advertisers. Some volunteers help with our bookkeeping and filing. Others take pictures. We can always use volunteers willing to solicit advertisements. Other people, young and old, help us by delivering

the paper or distributing it to stores and carriers.

Of necessity we must utilize modern technology to help produce the paper. The computer has become our way of life, although many of us have limited knowledge of how computers work. Persons with computer and office equipment technology skills are always needed to help us better utilize our equipment and keep our technology systems going.

Even without the skills to perform the jobs listed above, we can probably put you to use. Volunteers also help us by delivering copy, running errands, picking up volunteers who can't drive, buying supplies and cleaning our offices.

Without volunteers, this paper cannot exist. If you feel it is essential for this community to have its own independent voice to keep citizens informed about what is going on, please consider volunteering your time and skills.

A History of Reporting On Development Issues

Reporting on development issues and city projects has always been an important responsibility of our newspaper. We have continued to do so during the past five years. It requires our reporters to spend many hours sitting and listening at lengthy planning meetings. Here are just a few of our headlines about development issues that we published during the year 2000.

- New Post Office on Hold Until Problems Resolved (1/20/00)
- Traffic Circle and Bike Lanes Are Planned for Hanover Parkway (1/20/00)
- History of a Planning Process (2/3/00)
- City to Light New Sign at Theater Celebration (2/17/00)
- Planning for the Possibilities of Some Potties in the Park (4/6/00)
- City Council and Consultants Seek Support for USDA Lawsuit (5/30/00)
- County to Present Views on Sector Plan June 19 (6/15/00)
- Kenilworth Avenue Proposal Is Subject of Public Hearing (6/15/00)
- Playgrounds to Be Made Safer (7/6/00)
- County Expands Metroland Uses, High Rises Now OK (8/10/00)
- Re-routing Soil Conservation Road Would Unify Goddard Campus (10/5/00)
- Public Works Expansion Plans Reviewed by Council (10/5/00)
- Future of Greenbelt Theater Is Discussed at Council Session (10/26/00)
- Jaeger Tract Acquisition Closed with "Friends" Pact (12/7/00)
- Council Shows Pleasure with Greenbelt Road Plans (12/7/00)
- State May Purchase Wetlands (12/21/00)

Our Special Issue

Every five years we publish a special insert focusing on the previous five years of publication.

We look for some of our favorite (or necessary) editorials, letters about us (for and against) or about important or nutty issues, items that make us laugh or cry or roll our eyes, good stories, good writing, and, occasionally, issues we thought were important in our city.

The selection and word processing was done by staff members Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, Margaret Benjamin, Judi Bordeaux, Pat Davis, Eileen Farnham, James Giese, Eve Gresser, Barbara Likowski, Mary Moien and Mary Lou Williamson.

Sue Krofchik obtained the special advertising to pay for the special edition.

We Need Your Help, Too

To volunteer, come to our offices on
Tuesday afternoons or evenings
or Wednesday evenings
or call us at 301-474-4131 and leave a message
or call our editor Mary Lou Williamson
at 301-441-2662.

Editorial

Our New Look

Readers will notice a new look beginning with this issue of the Greenbelt News Review. Some other new changes are not so noticeable. For the past five years the pre-press and printing of this newspaper has been done by Chesapeake Publishing's pre-press shop in Beltsville and its printing presses in Waldorf. The Gazette papers bought the Waldorf plant and some of the Southern Maryland newspapers, and the Beltsville shop closed this week. Waldorf will continue to print the News Review.

A committee of News Review staffers has found a new shop — Lynn Eppard and Associates — to do the work that was done in Beltsville, but the change requires technology that most of the newspaper staff is not familiar with. At some point in the near future all transmission of information will be electronic. Quite a leap for the present staff. We have been putting all the stories and classified ads on a computer disk and then sending the disk to Beltsville by courier. Now, we are sending the disk via e-mail. (And if you read Marti Scheel's letter last week concerning our competence with e-mail . . . well, we need help.) We are learning how to post FTPs on our website and downloading PDFs to see the results as Eppard is now doing the first cut on make-up. Wednesday evenings we will still be looking at how the pages are laid out and doing some proofreading, but we won't be cutting out galleys and pasting up pages as we have done for 60 plus years. We will be able to make some changes to reflect our concerns but not a lot. When these changes have been made, Thursday morning, the entire newspaper, photos and all, will travel to Waldorf over the Internet. Wow.

In addition to desktop publishing skills, Lynn Eppard has graphic design skills and has already done a few things to dress up the appearance of the News Review. We are encouraging her to experiment with ideas she has and you, our readers, may want to comment on what you like and think we should make permanent. The Co-op ad is a good place to look first. In transferring the template from Chesapeake to Eppard, and in concert with Co-op manager Bob Davis, the ad has gotten a facelift. There will be more to come.

We thought you'd like to know what's going on behind the scenes. What we hope for is that a few computer-savvy readers may be interested in helping us modernize our process and learn new stuff like how to do ads on PageMaker and how to scan and manipulate photos or other graphics. We hardly begin to even know the language. And, who knows, you may get the journalism bug and want to stay.

— November 29, 2001

Editorials

We Need Your Donations

The News Review has completed its 64th year of publication as an independent, volunteer owned and run community newspaper. While we are treated under laws of incorporation as a profit-making organization, the paper has never tried to make a profit. Only when costs go up do we increase our advertising rates. However, at times in our paper's history that has not been enough to meet our costs. At such times, we have asked our readers to pitch in and help.

We are in one of those tight spots now. Our costs have risen.

Once again, we ask our readers to help keep their local newspaper in the black by donating money to our cooperative. Consider it as your voluntary subscription to our paper. Or, if you feel guilty about not joining us as a volunteer, consider a donation as a way to ease that guilt. Whatever works for you, works for us.

What Others Say

In her recent book, "Greenbelt, Maryland, A Living Legacy of the New Deal," Dr. Cathy D. Knepper relied heavily on accounts reported in our paper as resource information. She recognized the value of the paper to the community in this way: "If any one community institution proved crucial to the persistence of Greenbelt's original goals and ideals, it is surely the News Review. The newspaper continues to serve in several key roles: providing communication among townspeople, functioning as the chief mechanism by which organizations are created and maintained and educating residents on the town's past, especially important for the continuous stream of newcomers in new areas. Greenbelt has maintained its identity as a cooperative, planned community due to its ability to keep its history alive in the present."

Jacob L. Warner, in a Letter to the Editor in the November 15 issue about his failure to list on the city election questionnaire the News Review as one of the things that he liked about Greenbelt, said it this way: "I did say that I liked the 'sense of community' that one feels in Greenbelt, but, of course, the presence of a community newspaper that is a real newspaper is a major factor in establishing that state, and I should have mentioned the newspaper."

Please help us to continue to be "crucial to the persistence of Greenbelt's original goals and ideals" and "a major factor in establishing" a "sense of community" in Greenbelt. Please volunteer if you can. Please donate if you are able.

— November 29, 2001

Can You Help?

The cold of winter and the heat of summer are financially bad times for the News Review. Our advertising drops off. As a result we must produce smaller papers and it is more difficult to get into the paper all the news that we have to report. Even with smaller papers we lose money.

Traditionally, our paper has made it difficult for advertisers. We have very limited office hours. We lack anyone willing to volunteer time to contact advertisers and to help them in placing their ads.

We'd like to do better. Advertising is essential to producing this newspaper, particularly since we do not charge subscription fees. We need volunteers to help us out. Could you be one of them?

— March 30, 2001

Special Thanks

The several-hour power outage on Tuesday afternoon due to extreme heat and high power demand, played havoc with the News Review's typing and editing schedule. And, computerlike, the beasts did not want to work properly after being unceremoniously blacked out. Special thanks for work on short (no) notice, that enabled this paper to hold to the usual publication schedule, goes to Tom Fishbeck and Jim Williamson, husband of editor Mary Lou Williamson. Thanks, guys! We'd have been lost without your pitching in to solve our power-failure-caused computer crisis. Special thanks also to Helen Sydavar who found and hitched up the old scanner when our new one displayed shattered glass. We had a lot of great photos for her to scan.

— August 1, 2002

News Review Moves Back to Parkway

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt News Review announced last week that they had decided to move back to their old office in the basement of 15 Parkway. Editor Mary Lou Williamson gave several reasons for the board's decision. "Although we enjoyed the added space, sunlight and available parking at the Community Center," she said, "the racket from the Jazzercise classes next door is unbearable. Our copy editors decided they preferred the noise of the water flushing down the pipes in the Parkway basement to the constant thumping up and down of a hundred pairs of feet every Tuesday night when we need to concentrate," she added grimly.

Another factor in the decision was that some staff members felt that the walk down the hall to the bathrooms was too long. "It was much more convenient to have the bathroom in the office," Williamson explained. The moving date is scheduled for early next month.

— April Fool Issue, April 1, 1999

No Y2K Fears

City Prepared for Y2K; 40 Police to Be on Duty

by Diane Oberg

The much talked about Y2K bug is not expected to bite Greenbelt, according to Senior Management Analyst W. Bowman Ferguson. But if it does, he said, the city is well prepared to handle whatever problems arise.

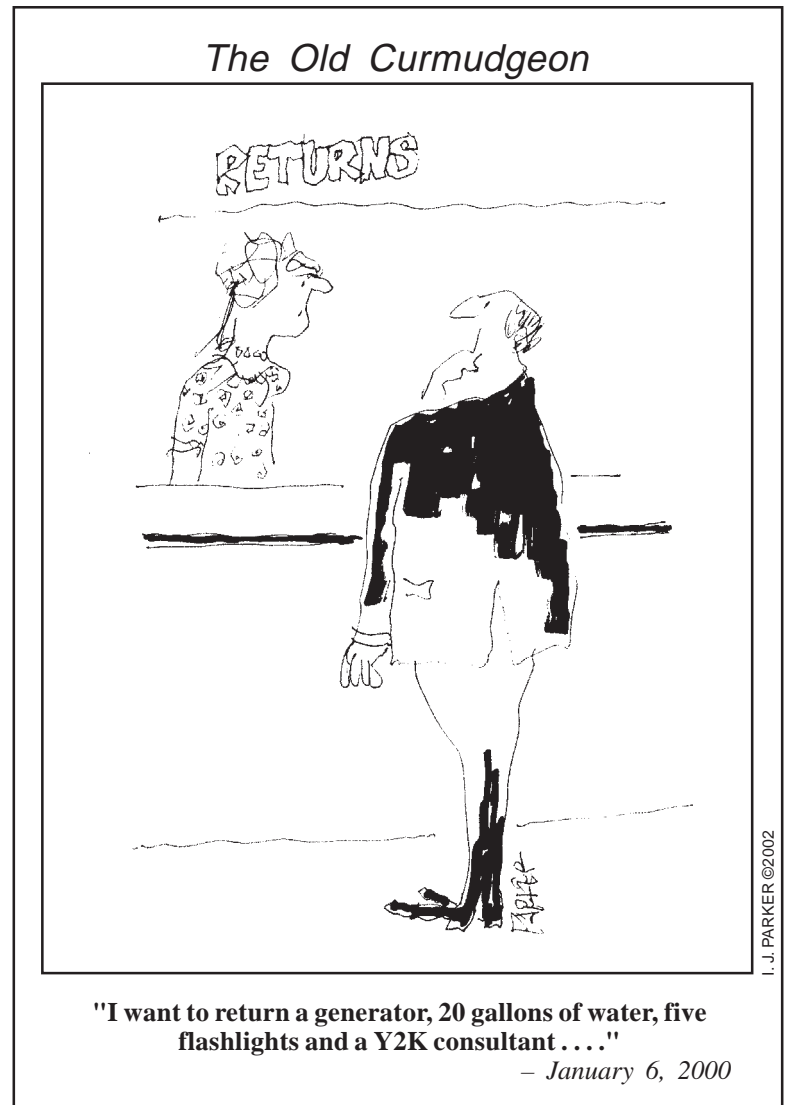
The city has tested every system it could, he said, including those with embedded electronic chips. A few minor problems were detected and modifications were made to some backup generators and the police telephone system. One unresolved problem is that the parking ticket software has been found not to be Y2K compliant. Residents should not look forward to avoiding fines, however, as the city is currently researching options for correcting this problem.

The bottom line, however, was optimistic: "The City has yet to find any evidence that suggests we will experience any significant effects on our services or to the quality of life of our residents."

Police Precautions

City police are also taking precautions in case of civil disturbances. All city officers will be issued a gas mask and helmet and receive special training in their use and in civil disturbance formations. The city has purchased 12 full-sized police riot shields in preparation for any possible civil unrest or violence that may occur.

The city will also staff a command post with staff from the police, public works, fire department and the local ham radio operators chapter, along with a representative from the Y2K preparedness group. Backup communications systems will be set up and essential staff from all city departments will be either on duty or on call. The city has even modified a backup generator



at the Community Center to ensure that the Greenbelt New Year celebration will have heat and power in case of problems with the power grid.

40 on Duty

Lt. Thomas Kemp, the police department's Y2K contact, noted that at the stroke of midnight there will be 40 city police officers on duty — the largest number in the city's history. Such precautions come at a cost, of

course, and the police department is developing an estimate of the cost of its Y2K preparations.

Although the contingency plans have provided for the worst case scenario, Ferguson concluded that "staff is optimistic that the city and its citizens will encounter no significant disruptions or inconveniences due to the Year 2000 date change."

— November 4, 1999



Congratulations to the Greenbelt News Review On Your 65th Anniversary

You are an invaluable part
of the Greenbelt Community.
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only inform but help to build
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**The City Council and Staff
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Letters to the Editor

Safer Playgrounds Not for Big Kids

These letters were written by my daughter and her friends in response to their anger over the "destruction" of their favorite playgrounds. I think they do have a valid point, in that the new, safer equipment that is being installed is all designed for very young children. This leaves the in-between age kids (8 to 12) feeling left out of the equation.

Theresa R. Henderson

Dear City Playground Directors,

I am upset by the playground equipment. You might as well not have any playgrounds because the equipment is booooooring. For example, swings make me sick. The only swing that doesn't make me sick is the extraordinarily fun tire swing. Like the one Chucky built that was high, fun and sometimes scary. You made him take it down. Maybe it's not safe but can you try to make it safe and fun instead of taking it down.

Your complaining couch potato,

Maddy Henderson

I really don't like the way you are tearing down everything fun at playgrounds in Greenbelt - for example, when you tore down the red metal slide at Plateau Place Park because the poles were too wobbly. Basically, you're torturing us and forcing us to be couch potatoes.

Your very annoyed citizen,
Katherine Zukauskas

I would like to tell you guys that I am furious about all of the taking down of all the fun playground things that the older kids like to play on. Could you please give me a reason, a "good" reason, why you are doing this. The playgrounds are boring.

Just bored 11-year-old,
Clay Harman
- May 31, 2001

Editor's Note: For smoother reading, we have taken excerpts of most letters and stories but omitted the ellipses (. . .).

Teeny Tiny?

Now just a teeny tiny minute. When I was house hunting, I decided I wanted to live in the city of Greenbelt. I think I bought one of those teeny tiny houses the Westchester Park writer alluded to in the October 29 issue of the News Review.

My teeny tiny house has four upstairs closets. Since they are in a teeny tiny house, I suppose they are teeny tiny closets. However, those teeny tiny closets all have solid wood panel doors and the floors are solid oak, tongue-in-groove floors as is all the upstairs flooring. After 60 years, oak acquires a lovely patina of age - a deep rich honey color. My teeny tiny house also has a slate roof and a brick fire wall between my house and the townhouse beside mine. Doors, floors and roofs like this are features that are found on a teeny, teeny, teeny, tiny number of homes of recent construction.

Although I do not have a walk-in closet, after I park my car in the garage (and yes, it is a teeny tiny garage), I can walk to the grocery store, the health and fitness center, the library, the lake, the museum, the Community Center, the doctor, the dentist, the lawyer, the post office, the theater and assorted other retail establishments. Thanks to Rexford Tugwell's planning, I can do this on the interior walkways and the sidewalk underpasses. I do not have to cross a city street or a highway.

One size does not fit all. In Greenbelt we have a wide variety of housing choices in all shapes and sizes. And for about 1,600 families in the city of Greenbelt, teeny tiny is just right.

B. L. Brant
- November 26, 1998

TO NEWS REVIEW STAFF

I would like to say:
All your hard work
Really brightens my day.
I look forward to reading
What has gone on
Throughout all of Greenbelt
Both hither and yon.
You keep me informed
About future things too;
Greenbelt's a busy place
With a lot of things to do.
Thank you all very much
For a job very well done.
As far as I'm concerned
Greenbelt News Review is #1.
- a loyal and grateful reader
(Valentine ad)
- February 11, 1999

Wayward Spelling Alters Nature of Trip

The article under your June 3 front-page headline ("Greenbelt Couple Peddling to Oregon this Summer") makes it clear the pair will be pedaling bicycles. It fails to explain, however, what small retail wares they will be peddling to others for cash as they travel.

I prey that you will not fall pray to reliance on your computer's spelling checker: It does not know how to use a dictionary.

Bill Rowland

Editor's Note: Yes, we goofed. Bill and Mary Clarke will not be selling door to door as they pedal to Oregon. We would be delighted if all those alert readers who pointed the misspelling out to News Review staff would either come in Tuesday afternoon or evening to edit or Wednesday evening to proofread.

- July 10, 1999

Greenbelt News Review
Congratulations on a job well done!
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To the Community



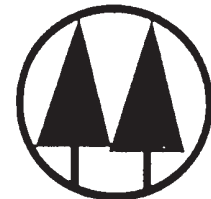
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The Playgrounds are boring

I'm bored

There's nothing on T.V.

They are inside

They went to the playground

T.V. on

T.V. off

Kids

Kids

Bad Parks

Good Parks

Your Just bored 11 year old

Clay Harman

- May 31, 2001

Beauchamp Named 2002 Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

The reporter for the Greenbelt News Review arrived a little late to the opening ceremonies of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival to the consternation of a few others there. Suzanne Plogman was already introducing the dignitaries on the bandstand.

The reporter was concerned about having to leave home to report on this ceremony for this paper. Although a grandmother, she was still worried about her children, all three of them. Her daughter Edith, in Miami, Fla., hadn't called her about what happened with a court deadline on her adoption procedure. Her son George, in Port Orange, Fla., also was unreachable by phone. And when she called her son John in Arlington to see if he might have heard from either of his siblings, she couldn't reach him either.

But she was there at the ceremony, anyway, sitting in the front row of the bleachers with her notebook in hand, ready to take notes about the recipient of this year's outstanding citizen award.

Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby began his short talk in which he would announce this year's recipient. For a while he talked in generalities about the recipients of this award. He noted that past winners had had the quality of exceptionalism in all the volunteer work they had done for the community. This year's selection, he went on, was no exception to having that quality of exceptionalism.

Finally Zugby began to give specific information about the recipient. A Midwesterner by birth, the honoree was a graduate of the University of Michigan. The reporter began to take notes. The honoree went on to get a doctorate degree at the University of Chicago. The reporter became extremely curious. Who in Greenbelt also had the same school credentials that she had without her knowing about the person? Zugby continued and the reporter quickly came to realize that it was not someone else, but herself, Virginia Beauchamp,



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Committee Chair Bob Zugby announces Virginia Beauchamp as this year's Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen for 2002 at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival Friday evening.

who was being named Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen 2002.

When Beauchamp went up onto the bandstand to receive her award, she received her second wonderful surprise of the evening. Appearing out of nowhere were her three missing children and two of her grandchildren, Allyn and Krissy.

News Review

Virginia Beauchamp was recognized for her volunteer work in Greenbelt. For 45 years she has been a mainstay of the Greenbelt News Review. In that time she has rarely missed a Tuesday editing session. She also has reported on numerous city council meetings and other meetings within town, drafted editorials and reviewed plays and books. In recent years she has become the lead reporter on planning and development issues, covering such important matters as the Greenbelt Metro Area planning and development and the Goddard Space Flight Center Master Plan process. On the former she monitored and reported on meetings of the Greenbelt Metro Area Focus Group since its inception in 1998. She was once the newspaper's editor and has served many years on the paper's board of directors.

- September 5, 2002

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens

- 1998 - Larry Hilliard
- 1999 - Rena Voight Hull
- 2000 - Leta Mach
- 2001 - Konrad Herling
- 2002 - Virginia Beauchamp

A Decision - Pool to be 83°

by Maria Piazzola

Greenbelters attended the November 13 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council to argue about the temperature of the indoor pool at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. After much debate, council directed that the pool temperature be set at 83 degrees, a compromise that most listeners appeared to agree was appropriate.

- November 30, 2000

Marge Bergemann Finalist In Million Dollar Bake-Off

by Dorothy Sucher

If you were walking down Lakeside Drive lately and smelled a tantalizing aroma, you might have been passing the home of Marge Bergemann. Marge, a 43-year resident of Greenbelt, has been selected as one of the 100 finalists who will compete for \$1 million in the 50th Anniversary Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest. You can be sure a lot of work went into that honor - work that had been going on for some time, ever since Marge decided to dream up a "Fast and Fabulous Dessert" recipe. What she emerged with

was a treat she calls "Chewy Chocolate-Peanut Butter Bars." Low cal it isn't.

Marge sent in the recipe by e-mail "for the fun of it," one day before the deadline. Five weeks later, she got a call telling her she had been chosen as one of the 100 finalists from all over the country. I said, "Go on - you're kidding, aren't you?" But they weren't. And in February Marge will be heading for San Francisco to compete in the final cooking and baking contest for recipes in four categories, all featuring quick and easy preparation.

- January 6, 2000

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GREENBELT COMMUNITY

FROM

TOM & HELEN WHITE

School Bells Awarded

The Greenbelt News Review was presented a School Bell Award by the Maryland State Teachers Association (MSTA) at the annual meeting on September 20. Mary Moien, education editor, accepted the award – the 23rd Annual MSTTA School Bell Award – for the News Review and its staff. The paper was one of 10 recipients from more than 200 submissions.



The Greenbelt News Review's winning submission included stories over a year's period from a number of reporters, each of whom received a school bell engraved with her name and the award. The other winners were Nelda Young, Barbara Likowski, Luci Gorman, Sabine Hentrich, and Pauline Santorelli.

Assistant editor Barbara Likowski has long been associated with and written about Greenbelt Elementary School.

Luci Gorman, a new kindergarten teacher, has written feature stories for the paper.

Sabine Hentrich has written a number of play reviews and feature stories.

Pauline Santorelli is an instructional assistant at Greenbelt Elementary and reports on activities there.

In presenting the award to the paper, the MSTTA noted the volunteer effort of the paper to cover education issues. They cited reporting that "exemplifies informative and fair reporting of issues related to public education." In stating the philosophy of the Greenbelt News Review, Moien observed that "Accurate reporting on educational issues is critical not only to parents but to the whole community as the quality of education influences the quality of life for the entire community."

– November 9, 2000

The Old Curmudgeon



"In the next millennium, perhaps . . ."
– January 20, 2002

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Minister Accuses Mayor Of Pie Eating Cheating

by James Giese

Mayor Judith Davis was publicly accused of cheating from the dais of the Greenbelt Community Church sanctuary by its minister, the Reverend Daniel Hamlin on Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

He charged that the mayor had switched her half-eaten peach pie with the mostly eaten pie of the City Manager Michael McLaughlin at the annual Labor Day Festival Pie Eating Contest. "This is not the first time that an elected public official has taken



credit for the work of public employees," he said.

Hamlin also charged mistreatment by other pie participants. He told his congregation that he had apologized to all concerned for his past misbehavior at pie eating contests. He had felt that by being dressed entirely in white, other participants would give him the respect he felt he deserved, but they had not.

– September 7, 2000

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The Greenbelt News Review
on your 65th Anniversary



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65th Anniversary

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Judith "J" Davis

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Honoring a Life Cut Short

by Marat Moore

An infectious smile, a ready laugh, a friend to young and old. That is the way family members, coworkers and friends remembered Tessa Osborne at a July 3 candlelight vigil at the Roosevelt Center.



The way she died so overshadowed her funeral that family members planned the vigil to highlight how she lived. "We wanted to share her life so people could see what she meant to us," said Cindy Donn, Tessa's maternal aunt.

"We're here to cherish and honor Tessa. We're here because of love," said Rev. Tino Cione, who prayed for peace for Tessa's family, healing for the community and justice for a crime that had gone unsolved. Doug Mangum recalled how when he delivered the mail, a young Tessa was always up in a tree with her brother Vincent in the yard of her grandparents, Sonny and Barbara Osborne. He described her as a "very generous soul" and said the crowd at the vigil was a testament to both Tessa and the people of Greenbelt who "always come together" in times of need. Donn read a biography of Tessa's life in which she was described as a "true Greenbelter" because she was born on Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1982, "just a bit too late" to make the community's annual parade.

- July 12, 2001

The Old Curmudgeon



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"This park is perfect for 'Outward Bound' training."
- March 5, 1998

Virtual Greenbelt on the Internet

by Barry Bernstein

Greenbelt can now be visited instantly anywhere around the world with the help of "Virtual Greenbelt," an internet site containing images, interviews and other materials related to the city. Virtual Greenbelt owes its existence to Professor Jo Paoletti.

The website she created is an ongoing project developed by the Department of American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. It is also a collaboration with the Greenbelt Museum, which houses many of the historical items noted on the site.

- December 9, 1999

Editorial

Take a Walk in Our Number One Park

We urge city councilmembers and city staff to walk around Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park on a sunny day. It doesn't matter if the day is cold or warm, mid-week or weekend. They will find the park filled with Greenbelters and nonresidents alike.

Not only is this the city's largest public park, it is the most used. On any nice day the councilmembers will find walkers, joggers, bicyclists, dog-walkers, children feeding ducks and geese, fishermen, bird watchers and beaver watchers. In warmer weather, they can see picnickers, ballplayers, playground users, concertgoers and more.

While councilmembers take their walk, we suggest they take a good look at the park itself. They will find examples of neglect and substandard facilities. These cannot be attributed to the failure of the Public Works Department or the city's park crews - who have become reluctant to improve the park for fear of criticism from councilmembers and others who are opposed to change. Even the park master plan essentially calls for little to be done. In our view, more needs to be done.

When and if councilmembers and staff take their walks, we ask them to take a close look at the problem areas. Please note the many types of surfaces along the lake path, ranging from mud to pavement, and the lack of proper drainage. Take a good look at the peninsula and the stunted scrub trees and dead wood and debris that line its shore.

Stand at the entrance to the park from the parking lot and note the lawn that is struggling to survive from lack of nutrients and heavy foot traffic. While there, look also at that eyesore in the middle of the lawn: the bandstand. Not only does it look bad, it is unsuitable for concerts. Also there is no covered group picnic area.

Try to push a stroller along the chipped path to the playground and chemical toilets. Feel free to use them, if one is available there, but hold your nose. And if it smells too bad, explain to a visiting child why she has to use the woods.

Please don't forget to enjoy the view of the lake as you stand on the path at the concession stand. See the shack-like building with its dark green visage, rotting doors and tree stump garden.

We think that a city that prides itself on its landscaped streets, its community-oriented Schrom Hills Park, its renovated historic Community Center, its fabulous Aquatic Center and its upgraded Roosevelt Center can and should do better in caring for and beautifying its number one park.

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Editorial

We Mourn as We Work

This newspaper is being prepared on a day of infamy, September 11, the day of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Our staff is numbed, shocked and saddened by the day's events and concerned for the safety and welfare of all those placed in the way of harm. Our hearts go out to all the victims and their loved ones. We pray that our leaders will have the wisdom and the strength to lead us in this time of turmoil and disaster into a safer and more secure world and that all those in the world who believe in peace and the fellowship of man and their leaders will support us in this effort.

Despite our anger and turmoil, we must not let the terrorists take control of us. It is important that we fight to preserve all that is near and dear to our hearts and to maintain and nourish all the institutions of our democracy that we cherish. Small as it is in the scheme of things, the weekly publication of our newspaper represents one of the expressions of our freedom that must be preserved.

– September 13, 2001



Proud of the Paper

I have just finished reading the News Review of September 20, which reached me by mail since I now spend half the year in Vermont. I was impressed with the way the paper covered the terrible events in New York and at the Pentagon. As a 40-year staff member of the paper I felt very proud. Mary Moien, especially, went the extra mile in writing five articles about a number of aspects of the disaster. But really all of you rose to the occasion splendidly.

I know how hard this must have been. Some of the people who wrote stories have been dealing with difficult times in their own lives. The paper itself has been going through a time of crisis all summer, due to the loss of several valued staff members, as well as the stress of adapting to a new printer, a new format, a much-increased use of unfamiliar technology, and a significant rise in costs. The fact that the paper's volunteer staff could manage to cope so well with all these challenges, faithfully bringing the news to Greenbelt every week, is nothing short of a miracle.

I hope a few Greenbelters with an interest in writing and a desire to make a contribution to their community will see these words and resolve to come down to the paper on a Tuesday and volunteer to help out. We especially need people with some familiarity with computers, as many staff members are of the pre-computer generation.

Recently I came upon some verses I wrote in 1964. They were published that year in the December 31 issue of the paper, but they still seem relevant today. They are enclosed.

I look forward to seeing you all in November.

Dorothy Sucher
Marshfield, Vt.
– October 4, 2001

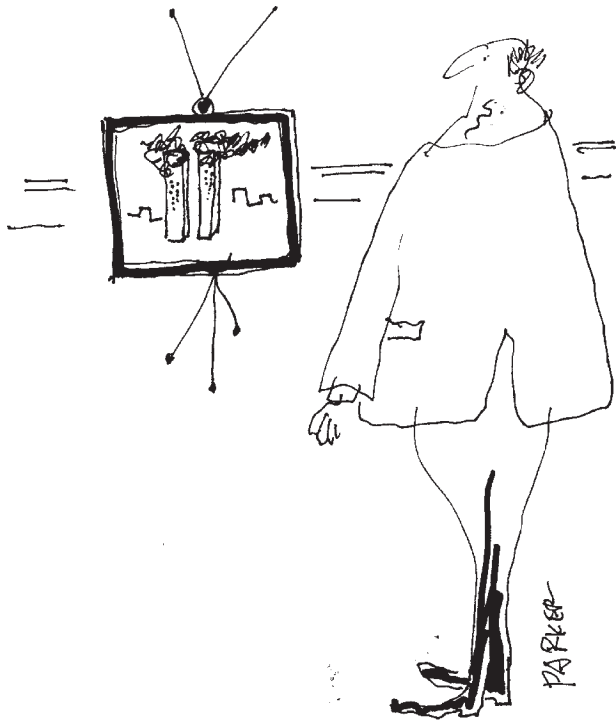


Artist and resident John Mortenson sketched this illustration of his court at 23 Ridge Road showing the American flags flying.
– October 18, 2001

"I'm very proud of Greenbelt and how our residents responded to the tragedy. I'm also very proud of how our police, fire, and public works departments rose to the occasion as well. The vigils and memorial services were heart-warming and comforting and were opportunities for all parts of our community to have solace and share their feelings with others."

Mayor Judith Davis
– September 20, 2001

The Old Curmudgeon



"Suddenly, all my problems seem trivial."
– September 20, 2002

What's New in Greenbelt

by Dorothy Sucher

What's new in Greenbelt? Nor very much;
Meetings and teas and a ballgame and such,
A fund drive, a bake sale, a wedding, a birth;
Nothing that's likely to shake this great earth.
When Greenbelt's aroused, and the voters assemble,
I doubt that we set many crowned heads atremble;
Perhaps it's absurd to make much of a fuss
Over crises and outcomes known only to us.
Yet the life of a very small town, in the end,
Is Life – on a scale we can all comprehend.
A heart-to-heart talk or a hard job well done,
A day that was hell or a day that was fun –
Is there very much difference in feelings and faces
In different ages and different places?
So, what's new in Greenbelt? The Council's to meet,
And we'll be there with bells on, for Greenbelt's our beat.

(Published in the December 31, 1964
issue of the News Review)

– October 4, 2001

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Editorial

Hello 22nd District

It will take a little time for Greenbelt activists to adjust to the sudden change made in legislative districts and to become acquainted with the residents of other areas who are now a part of the district. Some have been a part of this district for many, many years. Others, like us, are new.

We hope that the powers that exist in the district will be inclusive to us newcomers. We challenge our elected officials of the district to represent Greenbelt in a manner equal to or better than that which we have become accustomed to from our former representatives in the 23rd district. We are encouraged by Senator Paul Pinsky's remark that Greenbelters are his kind of people. We hope that the elected representatives from the 22nd district will be our kind of people as well.

Please know that Greenbelters will follow with close attention the goings on in its new legislative home. Be assured that the Greenbelt News Review will be watching and reporting as well.

— July 4, 2002

Step in the Right Direction

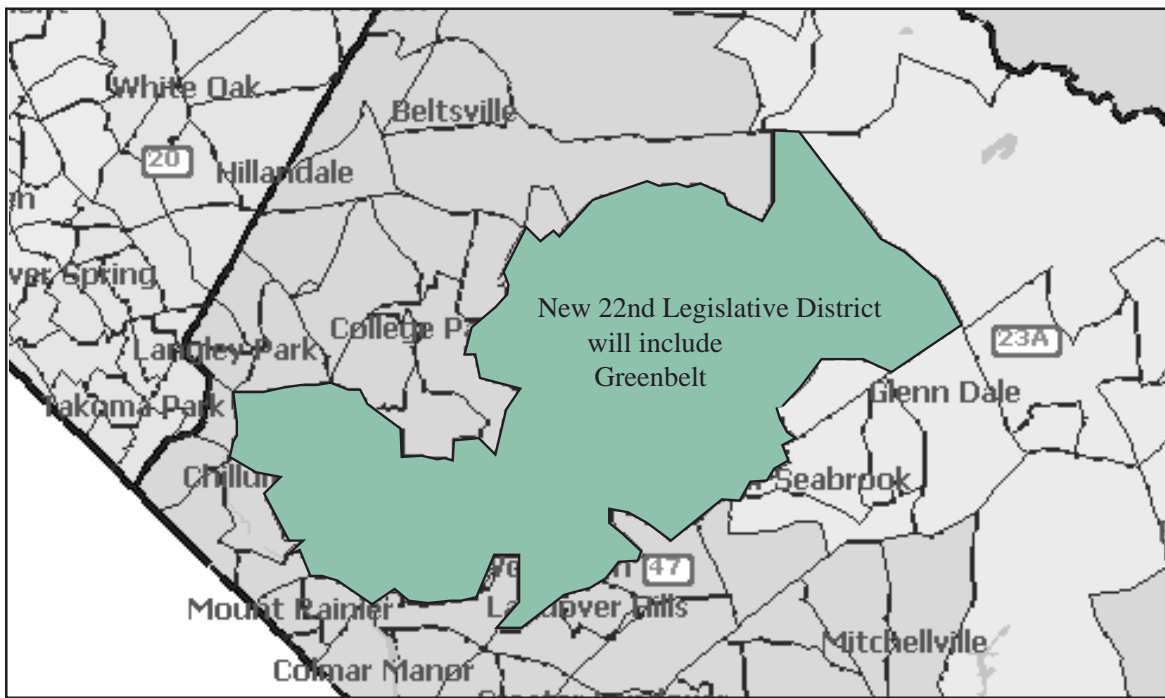


On February 25, a night that was unseasonably warm, more than 500 people gathered at Roosevelt Center to see an advertising sign light up. It was, of course, no ordinary sign, but rather an historically accurate replica of the original marquee of the Greenbelt movie theater. The new-old sign, with "Greenbelt" spelled in green raised letters back-lit by white neon tubing, brought back to the historic Roosevelt Center an architectural feature that had been missing for more than 20 years. It also brought back memories of old time Greenbelters that go back as much as 62 years, when the original sign was first lighted to advertise the first movie at the theater, Shirley Temple in "Little Miss Broadway."

The crowd was put in the right mood by the pre-ceremony singing and playing of Christopher Cherry and Stephen Brodd of vintage tunes from the 1930s, many from Broadway shows. By the time Mayor Judith Davis had led the countdown to the sign being lit, the audience was more than ready to see eight-year-old Shirley save an old hotel for Broadway performers. It was a grand time we all had.

Like Shirley Temple, we hope that our city council, together with theater operator Paul Sanchez, have saved our old theater for the enjoyment of future generations. Certainly, replacing the sign has been a step in the right direction.

— March 30, 2001



Local Politicians React to New Legislative District Boundaries

by James Giese

With the stroke of a pen and the vote of six of the seven-member Maryland Court of Appeals, legislative boundaries for Maryland were changed and Greenbelt became a part of a different legislative district. Unless an appeal is filed in the federal courts, no longer will Greenbelt be a part of a district that it shared with the much larger city of Bowie for the last 30 years. Instead, Greenbelt has been placed into a district that includes areas to the south and southwest of the city and includes the municipalities of Berwyn Heights, Riverdale Park, New Carrollton, Hyattsville, Edmonston and University Park. Also included is Westchester Park, a development bounded on three sides by Greenbelt, an area of great interest to the city.

The court rendered its decision on Friday, June 21. By that

evening, it was the hottest topic of conversation at a bull roast fundraiser at the Newton White Mansion for Congressman Steny Hoyer. State Senator Leo Green, who has represented District 23 and Greenbelt for many years, commented to a Greenbelt resident that he felt like a lover who had just been jilted. Between expressions of dismay, Delegate Joan Pitkin of the 23rd district

asked that the message be gotten to 22nd district delegates that she had Greenbelt mailing labels for them to use. State Senator Paul Pinsky of the 22nd district expressed pleasure to a Greenbelt on Greenbelt being included in his district, claiming that Greenbelters were "my kind of people."

— June 27, 2002

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