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**Athletic Fields Lighting Seems Remote Prospect**

by Natalie McGill

The Greenbelt City Council agreed at its worksession Monday, November 21 to put the lighting of McDonald Field and Schrom Hills Park baseball and softball fields on the capital project list as unfunded projects. The capital projects list is a cost-listing of improvement or construction projects budgeted or unbudgeted for completion in years to come. Field lighting at both McDonald Field and Schrom Hills Park was placed on an unfunded “wish list.”

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by James Giese

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**Other Events**

On Saturday, December 3 a community pancake breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt America Legion Post #136. There will be a juried art and craft fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, continuing on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, December 4 there will also be two all-age workshops. Wreath making is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and New Year’s decorations from 1 to 3 p.m. (Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult caregiver.) An Artie Afternoon in the community center, continuing on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and New Year’s decorations from 1 to 3 p.m., Songs for the Season featuring Sondra Holland on the piano at 2 p.m., in the multipurpose room and an AmLit-in-residence Studio Open House from 1 to 5 p.m.
Letters

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Barbara Ford, Chairperson
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Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday, December 3 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 hope lessly cloudy skies the event will be canceled with further notice. Information about other events can be found on its website at http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml.

Grin Belt

In the Greenbelt’s Business Section on page 5 last week the wrong street name was given for Community Radiology Associates. It is located on Greenway Center Drive, Suite 200.

In the article about programs at the Howard B. Owens Science Center in last week’s issue, a wrong tele phone number was provided. The correct number is 301-918-8780.

The News Review regrets the errors.

Anton Selbe


Corrections

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FloridaGreetings

I am in Lakeland, Fla., for the Thanksgiving holidays. My name is Leander Audioso. I grew up in Greenbelt while living at 2-B Northway. My parents, who are still living, are Leo L. and Helen Lee Audioso. Both are doing well and are in their 90s. I think it was the wild mushrooms they ate while living in Greenbelt that provided them with a long and healthy life.

My brother George and his wife Cindy live in Lakeland as well. They have three children. My youngest brother Julius also lives in Lakeland. He and his wife Teri are raising three girls. My only sister Rosemarie and her husband of 31 years Robert Garcia live in Las Vegas. They enjoy flying their small plane.

Best to all in Greenbelt.

Leander Audioso

Farewell to Mary Granofsky

Mary’s love and dedication to the News Review were clearly evidenced in her 60 years of service. Of recent decades, she had become discouraged by the criticism aimed at the paper. “We always bent over backwards to be fair,” she proclaimed, “but we were always being accused of being a monopol y or of not printing letters or of not printing what everyone said at a meeting.”

When her move to New Carrollton in recent years, Mary has resigned from the News Review. She knows she will miss the paper and the bank all in one stop – always while meeting people she knows.

‘Greenbelt was the best place to raise children . . . and the News Review was the best thing for the town.’

“I got to know how the town worked . . . I lived in Greenbelt for 16 years. It was tough to leave it was tough to leave the place. It is tough for the News Review to say goodbye to Mary. We will miss her good work and her London accent. We will miss her.”

— Sandy Lange, Thursday, September 6, 1973.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC. 2

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)

No book/movie goes coupons or passes.

Fridays 7:30 p.m. $5.50

Saturday 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Monday – Thursday 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

* If you are a group of 18 or older, Tuesday showings for $4.50.

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Baby Gate, 208 Crescent Road

Celebrating the News Review’s 60th anniversary are past and present editors. From left, back row — Doris Sucher, Harry Zahuboff, R. Greenbaum, Barbara Likowski (asst. editor), Izzy Parker and Ellie Ritchie. Front row — Elaine Skolnik (president emeritus and news editor), Virginia Beauchamp, Mary Lou Williamson (current editor) and Mary Granofsky.
**Community Events**

**Lions, Legion Hold Pancake Breakfast**
The Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post #316 will host an

**Golden Age Club**
By Bunny Fitzgerald

Thanksgiving is a time for thanks and we are thankful for the abundance of food to share with family and friends. We’ll be very thankful when all the turkey is gone. Special thanks for our Golden Age Club and the members and friends who contribute to the club, trips and activities. We wish Leney Holohan a speedy recovery from a fall and a broken bone in her hip. Cards would be ever so much appreciated to be sent to her home. We miss Leney and her home-grown goodies.

December 7 will be a business meeting and December 21 will be the holiday luncheon. The Program Committee chair has asked members to suggest speakers and activities for next year.

**Join in Invasive Plant Removal**
Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program repeats the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunchbox. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kentwood Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit http://www.nps.gov/fee.

**Angels Dancing At Arts Center**
"The Angels Were Dancing: A Celebration of Christmas" will be performed by the Duncan Dancers and guest artist Barbara Hoffman, director of Isadora’s Legacy in Frederick, at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, December 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. The fee includes special discount tickets for seniors and children 10 and under.

For tickets visit http://www.duncandancers.com or contact the Duncan Dancers by phone at 410-262-2490 or email tickets@duncandancers.com.

**GIVES Annual Holiday Meeting**
GIVES, Greenbelt’s local organization of “neighbor helping neighbor” (intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), will hold its annual Christmas potluck, which is also a quarterly meeting, on Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

A short business meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon. The meeting is open to all interested persons. Membership in GIVES is free.

If one has only been willing to participate by offering a service to someone else in exchange for a service one has received. A central record is kept in the GIVES office in the Senior Lounge of services rendered and received.

For example, someone may currently need leaf raking and would be willing to do some typing for someone else. Or someone may need a ride to a medical appointment which could be exchanged with telephone messaging on a regular basis with a volunteer. Such exchanges may be arranged through the GIVES office at 301-344-3944 (Greenbelt) from 10 a.m. to noon on weekdays. Messages may be left at other times.

Two issues will be open for discussion at the business meeting on December 10 – possible changes in policies regarding the provision of transportation and respite service for caregivers.

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**Greenbelt Museum**
**Festival of Lights**
**December 3 & 4**
**NEW LOCATION!**
Community Meeting Room
Greenbelt Community Center

**Cat’s Meow**
Oil Cloth Aprons
Izzy Holiday Cards

**Much More!**

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**GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

**Poison Dust**

“Poison Dust” is the title of the new Peacock & Justice Film Festival entry. The film begins with the story of three young National Guardmen, veterans of a 2003 tour of duty in the Middle East. One of the veterans is a victim of depleted uranium poisoning from U.S. weapons. The film dramatizes objections to the occupation of Iraq and the use of depleted uranium as a Cold War period weapon. “Poison Dust” is the title of three young National Guardmen, veterans of a 2003 tour of duty in the Middle East. One of the veterans is a victim of depleted uranium poisoning from U.S. weapons. The film dramatizes objections to the occupation of Iraq and the use of depleted uranium as a Cold War period weapon.

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**Greenbelt MUSEUM**
**NEW GIFT SHOP ITEMS**

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**GREENBELT ARTS CENTER**
123 Centerway - Greenbelt, MD
301-441-8770

**Tickets:** $12 adults, $10 seniors/students

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**UNEVEN PAINT**
**Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.**
**Tiddlywinks for ages 16 to 17 with caregiver, limit 15 babies**

**Wednesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.**
**Tiddlywinks for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers**

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**Two Winter Concerts At Roosevelt High**
The Winter Concert at Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. David Yarborough and the Symphonic Band and Concert Band II, directed by Sally Wagner. On December 14 the annual Revelations Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Six talented ERHS musicians and vocalists will perform concerts with the Eleanor Roosevelt Chamber Orchestra. The featured performers are Michael Murcison on trombone, Erin Mellott on piccolo, vocalist Paulaen Papagiannis, vocalist Andrew Exter, Santana Moreno on clarinet and Kiyas Riles on piano. A reception will follow the concerts.

All concerts at ERHS are free and open to the public. Coffee will be sold to support Grad Night 2006.

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**City Notes**
A Kamil Contel has five cats and a dog currently available for adoption. One dog was confiscated and the other is “living at large” call.

Public Works horticulture crews planted 500 pansies on Southway and continued pruning trees and shrubs on Hanover Parkway.
Obituaries

GRANOFSKY
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The News Review, and many other Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former News Review editor Mary Smith Granofsky. Greenbelters William Jones (K-12 teacher), Ken Brown (Thomas Mara) will perform in “Miracle on 34th Street” at the Publick Playhouse on December 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and on December 10 and 11 at 2 p.m. For information call 301-277-1710.

When News Review staffer Lucie MacKinnon visited Jane Love, Jane was happy to have company. Cards and calls are also welcome. Jane’s address is 1102 Crescent Health Center, 4401 East-West Hwy, Riverdale. Her bedside phone number is 301-864-3258.

Lucy Rich, a longtime Greenbelt resident, died at Los Angeles Pacifica Hospice where she had committed to a year of service to have Volunteer Maryland, an AmeriCorps program of the Governor’s Office. Currently attending Prince George’s Community College, Parisi will serve with the City of Greenbelt to recruit volunteers to help with the management program and personal assistance for seniors in Maryland counties.

UM Dance Program

Enjoy an informal program of new dances on Thursday and Friday, December 8 and 9 at 5 p.m. in the Dance Theatre of the Clarks Smith Performing Arts Center. This University of Maryland (UM) event is free but tick-ets are required.

New Manager Named In Greenbelt East

D. H. Bader Management Services, Inc., located in Laurel, has announced the addition of Jackie Powers who has joined their firm as Community Association Manager. Powers will manage Greenbrook Village, Greenbrook Village and Greenbrook Estates in Greenbelt. She has three years of experience in community association management and six years of experience in real estate. Pow-ers’ portfolio will include other properties in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties.

Bader Management Services specializes in the management of homeowners associations, condominium associations and office condominiums. More in formation about the company can be found online at its website www.dbaders.com.

Steny Hoyer to Speak At NAPE Luncheon

NAPE Chapters 1125 will hold its Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. at E.J.’s Landing Restau- rant on U.S. 1 in College Park. Congressman Steny Hoyer will be the speaker. Reservations and payment by December 9 is a must.

Call 301-345-7437 for information and reservations.

Democratic Club Presents Check for Emergency Funds

Members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club presented the City of Greenbelt with a check for $135 for the city’s Emergency Contributions Fund at the city council meeting on November 28. Pictured are from left to right: Councilmember Leta Mach, club member Julia Eichorst, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and club members Bob Doyle and Sylvia Lewis.

Greenbelt Baha’i Community Church

Our new church building has been dedicated. It is the case with the Greenbelt Baha’i Community Church at 6905 Greenbelt Road. Photos of the service are available.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

Mass
Sundays 10:00 A.M.
Municipal Building

Greenbelt Baha’i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2018
301-320-3160
newlakewest.org

Baha’i Faith

“O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure and right heart, for then may there be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.”

— Baha’u’llah

Greenbelt Baha’i Community

Congregation Mishkan Torah
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Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.

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Omnipotence, the ability to do anything, is an attribute of God. God explains to us, in the Qur'an: “Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss of goods or of the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere; who say, when afflicted with calamity: ‘To God we belong, and to Him is our return.’ They are those on whom (descend) blessings from God, and mercy, and they are those that guide others.”

— The Qur'an 2:157-158

This guidance is sent forth to humankind by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. And it is still relevant to this day. For more information about the Qur'an, call 301-982-9433 or email us at searchislam@mail.com or visit www.islanguide.com.

Sometimes life gets hard and we wonder why things go wrong, but let’s not forget the greatest of virtues — patience.

— John Nelson.
December 26 through 30 you’ll attend campfire sing-alongs, stories at the open door adventure, have fun at the craft corral. Remember the date Dec. 26 - 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
December 3 from 8-11 a.m.
at the Greenbelt American Legion
Pancakes, sausage and much more!

Tickets at the Door
6-12 years $3.00
13 years - Adult $6.00
Advance tickets save $1 each
Call 301-982-2312 Patti or 301-474-8964 Lynda

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
J’oin your family, friends and neighbors in celebrating the holiday season through the many events that make up Greenbelt’s “Festival of Lights.” See the full schedule at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Jr Art & Craft Fair
Community Center
Saturday 12/03, from 10:00am to 5:00pm
(All Ages Wreath Workshop: 9:00am-12:00pm)
(All Ages New Year Decoration Workshop: 1:00pm-3:00pm)
FREE
Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand crafted gifts, available directly from the artisans. Concessions, provided by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will also be available for purchase. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Artful Afternoon
Greenbelt Museum presents
Greenbelt New Year Decorations Workshop
Sunday, 12/4, 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Community Center—Rooms 113 & 116
Open to all ages / FREE
Four the students of the Community Center’s Artistic in residence working in a wide range of media.

Songs for the Season of Light
2:30pm, Community Center-Multi Purpose Rm.
Open to all ages / FREE
Sondra Holland (piano) and her students invite you to join in a program of seasonal music and singing.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation has received a petition for annexation of land containing 86.4576 acres of land consisting of Parts One, Two, and Three as recorded among the land records of Prince George’s County, Maryland, in Liber 12318, folio 654 and containing 85.941 acres more or less, and consisting of Part Five as recorded among the land records of Prince George’s County, Maryland, in Liber 7385 folio 245 and containing. 5166 acres more or less, commonly known as the South Core of the Greenbelt Metropark, LLC Development, being north of Branchville Road, east of the CSX Railroad tracks and south of the Greenbelt Metro Station.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Employee Relations Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee
(Openings for adult & youth positions.)

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Volunteers Needed
Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center
Beltsville, MD
IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE:
1) OVERWEIGHT WOMEN
2) NONSMOKING
3) AGE OVER 25 YEARS

If you meet all the above criteria, you may be eligible for this study.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMPENSATED
This is a study to evaluate the consumption of grain products from oats or barley

For information, call the USDA, at (301) 504-5454 or visit our web site www.barc.usda.gov/bhnrc and click on ’volunteering information’

Leaf Collection
Public Works will collect loose leaves with the leaf vacuum system from November 7, 2005, January 20, 2006. Residents should rake leaves to the curb, but not onto the street. Make sure to remove all sticks and stones from the piles as these can damage the machinery. Areas will be posted prior to collection.

The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows: December 5-9: Lakeside, Green弹簧 & II

December 12-16: Boxwood December 19-23: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village

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Labukas Receives Employee of Year Award
by Joan Quinn

On October 18 Elizabeth Labukas of the Greenbelt Nursery School staff accepted the Employee of the Year Award from the Prince George’s County Department of Family Services and the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities. Accompanying Labukas at the ceremony were her housemate Lois Funk and the house manager Yemisi Eugnlayi. Labukas is a lifelong resident of Greenbelt.

Labukas’ work history in the county began in 1976 when she graduated from the Bowie Special Education Center and began working as an aide in summer preschool programs sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Before long, Labukas was able to supplement her summer job and began working during the school year in her own Greenbelt neighborhood. Labukas walks to her job, rain or shine and has an excellent attendance record. As a program aide she has a variety of “hands on” duties, from telling stories to the children to setting up the room and cleaning the art supplies.

She gives an excellent impression to any child or adult who has never met someone with a development disability. With the help and loyalty of her sister Kathy Labukas, also of Greenbelt, church members, employers, recreation leaders and other professionals and neighbors, Liz has made great contributions to the many lives she has touched. Liz Labukas is another outstanding Greenbelt.

On October 18, the Chamber Singers Present Concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents the Catholic University of America’s Chamber Singers in a concert conducted by Leo Nozick. Concert selections will include Christmas and Chanukah pieces. The free concert will be held at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, 12826 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel. Sunday, December 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Resident artists studios will be open for a special holiday sale. For more information call 301-955-1357 or visit 410.792.0664. TT9 301-490-2329.

Guarnieri Quartet Holds Free Rehearsal
The Guarneri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal on Wednesday, December 7 at 5 p.m. Now in its 23rd year in residence, the world-renowned quartet continues a tradition of on-campus, open rehearsals at the Glenelg Rec Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the Un-

The County rate was up very slightly over the previous year with increases reported in murders (8 percent), rapes (2 percent), aggravated assaults (6 percent), larceny (22 percent) and motor vehicle thefts (5 percent). Offsetting these increases were reductions in robbery (3 percent) and breakings and entires (1 percent). The crime rates for College Park (67.3 per 1,000), Hyattsville (63.5), Laurel (61.9) and Riverdale Park (60.7) were slightly below that of Greenbelt, while the rate for Berwyn Heights (64.8) and Bowie (23.7) were noticeably higher than the neighboring New Carrollton (81.9) and the smaller towns inside the county, which all have experienced higher rates with the highest rate for a municipality in Prince George’s County being Chillum (150.7).

Other adjacent counties in Maryland experienced lower crime rates with the rate for Montgomery County being 26.7. Charles 36.8, Howard 28, and Anne Arundel 39.7. All experiment increases in crime committed. Baltimore City at 76.2 crimes per 1,000 and almost no decrease in crime committed is attributed to any single cause. In Baltimore the clearance rate of crimes solved for the larger municipal police departments is going to be somewhat below the 18 percent clearance rate for the previous year and the clearance rate for the larger municipal police departments in the county, but well above the 6 percent clearance rate of Prince George’s County.

Departmental arrests were up 4 percent from the previous year of which 70 percent of those arrested were adults and the rest juveniles. However, in the first six months of the current year, the number of juvenile arrests was less than for the previous year, although higher than the number for the first six months of 2002 and 2003. There was increased activity by the police over prior years in issuing traffic summons, parking tickets, and equipment violations. This has slightly reduced the response time for the police department. For the six months of 2005 there was another significant increase in traffic summons being issued, although the number of personal injuries has declined somewhat as compared to the first six months of 2004.

Other good news in the statistics reports that there was a decrease in both the number of reported traffic accidents and number of personal injuries in 2004 as compared to the previous year. For the first six months of 2005, accidents were down slightly more but personal injuries were somewhat greater.

There were three fatalities in 2004 and there have already been another three this year.

In his comments on the semi-annual statistical report Crape Hill, a former police captain that calls for police service has increased 41 percent since 2001. In that time the only change in staffing, he said, was the recently added Community Policing Officer in Springhill Lake.

The police department’s staff is stretched as far as it can be, resulting in responses being delayed or “stacked,” he said. At this time, the department’s complement of uniformed officers is at full strength, according to Crape.

Chamber Singers Present Concert
At 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents the Catholic University of America’s Chamber Singers in a concert conducted by Leo Nozick. Concert selections will include Christmas and Chanukah pieces. The free concert will be held at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, 12826 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel. Sunday, December 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Resident artists studios will be open for a special holiday sale. For more information call 301-955-1357 or visit 410.792.0664. TT9 301-490-2329.

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Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad
Blood Donations Are Badly Needed Now

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac (GC & P) Region of the American Red Cross is issuing an urgent plea for immediate donations from people with Type O blood. Type O is the universal blood type and the only type that can be given to all patients, regardless of any condition.

Both local and national infor- mation can be found at redcross.org. Donors are needed immediately to ensure that patient needs can be met in the event of an accident.

The Department is offering a reward of up to $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotters. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Robberies

November 18, 5:19 p.m., Edmondson Road and Breeze-wood Drive, a man reported that he had been robbed of a residence while he was in the process of a vehicle accident. He was not able to identify the suspect due to the nature of the accident.

November 19, 7:25 p.m., court Ridge Road, a nonresident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident, resulting in the death of a victim. He was released on citations pending trial.

Fraud

November 19, 22:04 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman was arrested and charged with uttering a forged prescription after she attempted to pass a forged prescription at the Drop In Pharmacy. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

November 21, 7:11 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a student resident was assaulted for malicious destruction after he allegedly broke out an apartment window. He was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a tan 2001 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 456M267 from the 6900 block hanover Parkway, and a white 2006 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 62R141 at the 9100 block Springfield Lane.

Fraud

November 21, 9:18 p.m., unit Crescent Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered an unlocked residence and removed money and a lock box.

Burglary

November 21, 3:37 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a commercial burglary was reported.

Robbery

November 19, 5:48 p.m., Schrom Hills Park, it was reported that a man had been the victim of a robbery and was then driven to a residence where he was assaulted by the suspects.

Burglary

November 9, 5:16 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with burglary and theft.

A resident reported that he had found the man inside his residence after he had been evicted. The man left the scene of the residence after he was arrested.

The suspects were located at Roosevelt Center and was found to be in possession of some of the stolen property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

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New Wits & Wagers Game At New Deal Trivia Night

by Mary Halbe

Starting December 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., the first Monday of every month will be Trivia Game Night at the New Deal Café. This free event for friends and families will feature prizes for local Greenbelt companies.

The New Deal Café and North Star Games are teaming up to sponsor Trivia Game Nights in the city. Games buffs will remember the local buzz when North Star previously introduced their Truzzle game here. Now North Star will introduce in new, Wits & Wagers, to Greenbelt players.

Trivia Game Night prizes will be awarded to several winning teams in a chance to unplug from the digital world and have fun interacting with friends, family members and neighbors from the Greenbelt community.

Wits & Wagers

Unlike trivia game nights found at many D.C. bars, custom- ers at the New Deal Café will participate in a huge game of Wits & Wagers, the latest release from Greenbelt board game company North Star Games. The best part about Wits & Wagers is that a player can win the game without correctly answering a trivia question. This makes the game will be fun even if there are no trivia buffs on a particular team.

In Wits & Wagers every team answers every question, so all teams are constantly involved. Teams will be asked to come up with educated guesses to numerical questions, so players do not need to provide exact trivia facts. The teams’ answers will then be placed on a big green betting mat. Each team will wager points on the answer they think is closest to the correct answer. Teams that successfully bet on this winning answer will get paid out by the house. To make things more interesting, some answers will pay out at higher odds than others, depending on how different the answer is from that given by the other teams. Go to http://www.northstargames.com to get more information about the game.

The key to Wits & Wagers is partly in what the team knows and partly in how well a player knows the other team members. As the evening progresses, participants will get a better idea of which teams are good in the various subjects, which will sway opinions about what answers to bet on.

While the point of the evening is to have a good time with friends, there will also be few prizes to heighten the fun and excitement, including gift certificates for the New Deal Café and copies of Wits & Wagers. Naturally Greenbelt’s North Star Games and its founder Dominic Crapuchettes hope local players will become a part of history as Wits & Wagers becomes the next blockbuster board game to sweep the nation.

Filipino Christmas Concert Offered

On Saturday, December 3 a free Christmas concert will be offered by Filipino-American choir groups and a native string band at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is voluntary donation; parking is free. The center is located at 3900 Harewood Rd., NE, Washing- ton, D.C.

The Paskong Pinoy concert, sponsored by the Embassy of the Philippines, will include the Filipino Choir of St. Columba, Cho sen Few, Buklod Kabiyan, El Shaddai Choir and the Northern Virginia Rondalla. Written plantations of the songs performed will be available for the audience.

Paskong Pinoy is the 22-day Filipino Christmas season cele bration, lasting from mid-Dec ember through the first Sunday in January with the celebration of Tres Reyes, the Feast of the Three Kings.

Planetarium Presents Holiday Program

Something is wrong at the rein deer stable! Santa’s render may be unable to fly on Christmas Eve. On Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. the Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, presents “Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer.” Come find out the lessons Santa’s dog Surius learns from his friends in the sky. A tour of the current night sky will follow the presentation. There is a fee for more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours.

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tion of Mars, including instruments and mission concepts be-
ing pursued at Goddard. Dr. Leshin is one of the few scien-
tists who study rocks from Mars in labs here on Earth. She will also discuss her experiences from childhood to becoming a lead-
ing planetary scientist who now heads the largest science organi-
zation within NASA.

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More Labor Day Festival Contest Winners

With priorities given to harder news items, many of the highlights of this year’s Labor Day Festival have not yet made it to print. Here are a few facts and photos that seemed worth sharing even at this late date.

**ADULT GAMES**

Softball Tournament
1st – Island Metal Works
2nd – Clyde’s
3rd – Crop Mecalf

Home Run Derby
1st – Joel Birner

Table Tennis
Singles:
1st – John Anderson
2nd – Sam Grammar

Doubles:
John Anderson and Brian York

**KIDS GAMES**

Diaper Derby, 6 mos. to 1 year
Moliva Jackson, Marisha Re, Sohdan Njad

Bucket Fill, 2 to 4 years
Chloe Crotts, Megan Rudy, Cyrus Felts, Kelli Price, Madison Rudy

Foot Race, 2 to 4 years
Adi Taya, Abrimi Krishnan, Paige Tinsley, Madison Rudy, Megan Rudy, Cyrus Felts

Peanut Race, 2 to 4 years
Sofie Kujawski, Ezra Pitts, Viola Pitts, Cyrus Felts

Hula Hoop, 5 to 8 years
David Naparella

Biggest Bubble
Corene Cantwell

Water Balloon
Vanessa Phillips, Mia Toso

These games were sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department

At right, Clark Reese, age 7, and Lee Reese of Greenbelt show “Peanut,” who won for “Biggest Dog.”

At left, Darius Butler, age 5, of College Park, and “Little” who won a ribbon for “softest and cuddliest.”

At right, Gavin Butler, age 2, of College Park, won Best in Show for his rabbit “Terri.”

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