

What Goes On

Thurs., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., GE-AC Meeting, Hunting Ridge Community Center

8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Festival of Lights opens with tree lighting, Municipal Bldg.

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News Review Marks 55th Anniversary

This week the Greenbelt News Review will begin its fifty-sixth year of continuous publication.

Originally a letter-size mimeographed publication consisting of sixteen pages, then titled the Greenbelt Cooperator, the paper began publication on November 24, 1937 — six weeks after the first families had occupied their homes.

History

The early pioneers recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep people informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that still guide the actions of the present News Review — a non-partisan, non-profit cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt "good neighbor" philosophy of life.

In January 1938 the Federal Government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the town commercial center, free of cost and also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters, and office equipment. The paper moved its office four times before finally coming to rest in the present basement office at 15 Parkway.

With the withdrawal of the Federal Government from town, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. through its wholly owned subsidiary,

Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the Federal policy of providing free office space with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

Free Delivery

An important development in the history of the newspaper was the decision to deliver the Cooperator free of charge to every home in town, beginning with the issue of September 7, 1939.

The policy of free distribution remained unchanged except for an unsuccessful effort to go to a subscription basis in 1953. Successive boards of directors have considered that the most important thing is to get the paper to each household in the city.

As We Are

Although some readers may recall when the News Review had only two pages, the standard size today is 12 and may be as large as 28 pages. The deciding factor each week is the number of inches of advertising

Anniversary Issue

With this issue, the News Review is celebrating its 55th birthday. Despite an overburdened staff and uncertain finances, the paper has been coming out faithfully once a week for 55 years.

To mark this occasion, this week's issue contains a special pull-out supplement featuring selected articles, columns, editorials and letters from the issues of the past five years that had more than passing interest.

which determines the number of pages that can be paid for.

At present 10,400 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt, including Springhill Lake, Greenbriar, Greenbrook, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Green Spring, and Hunting Ridge, and to Greenbelt office buildings and shopping centers.

For those who have wondered how the paper gets out each week, the staff is largely volunteer (or, at least, minimally paid) and, in the Greenbelt tradition, organized as a labor cooperative. The paper is unconnected with the city government, the other cooperatives in the city, or with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The paper gratefully accepts support from any segments of the community — from the city in the form of city advertising from GHI, in corporate ads and in housing for its operations and from the citizens when the financial pinch gets too tight. However it is essentially self-supporting.

The paper lives by its advertising revenues which cover all normal operations. Hence, the often-repeated admonition to its readers to "Patronize our Advertisers."

Staff

There have been 39 changes in editorship during the paper's 55 years. For the last 20 years, the position has been held by Mary Lou Williamson. There are now 54 staff members, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community's activities.

An innovation begun 13 years ago, augmenting the staff through an agreement with the Departments of English and Journalism of the University of Maryland to accept placement of student interns, is being continued to the News Review's advantage.

Students have participated in the regular work of writing and editing copy for this paper. The program is sponsored by the Alfred M. Skolnik Memorial Fund. This fund also provides for a yearly \$100 Savings Bond to be awarded to an outstanding Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate interested in the field of writing.

Festival of Lights Offering Something for Everyone

Friday, Dec. 4, will mark the opening of the 21st Annual Festival of Lights. As in the past, the Opening Ceremonies and Holiday Tree Lighting will be held at 7 p.m. near the Municipal Building. The holiday lights adorning the tree will be lit amid choral performances and caroling featuring traditional holiday music. Santa Claus will make a special appearance to light the tree at 7:30. The Recreation Department will serve cookies and hot chocolate.

Greenbelt East's tree lighting will take place at Greenbriar on Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate the holiday season there. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chorus will entertain with songs of the season. Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held in the Greenbriar Community Building.

The Recreation Department is helping Santa by scheduling his phone calls to pre-schoolers through second graders. Application forms are available at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Youth Center; they must be turned in to the Recreation Department business office by 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 7. Santa will be placing his calls December 8, through 10.

Santa's Visit

Santa will return in person on December 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. He will have his helpers with him for their annual stop to hear all Greenbelt's good little

boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Parents can bring a blank VHS video tape and have their child's visit recorded. Santa will make his stop at the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. The free event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Legion post.

Children and adults can also eat a Pancake Breakfast with Santa earlier at St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall on Saturday, December 5, from 7 a.m. until noon.

The event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with the Maryland National Guard of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Tickets are available at the door.

Crafts

Artisans will exhibit a full complement of handicrafts at the Holiday Craft Show and Sale at See Festival of Lights, p. 4, col. 1

Legislation, Funding Needs Set for Council Presentation To Senator and Delegates

by Virginia Beauchamp

In preparation for a meeting scheduled between the members of the Greenbelt City Council and the state delegates from this area, as well as with County Councilman Richard Castaldi—to occur on December 9—council had earlier directed the city staff to provide a list of the most important issues that should be discussed. These issues were presented as an agenda item at the regular city council meeting of November 9.

Of the list of 11 issues, council later deleted one as premature and added one that was characterized as administrative rather than legislative. Thus, the final list still totaled 11. Of these, two—the possibility for a pedestrian overpass at Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Road, and the need for support from other legislative jurisdictions in acquiring administrative approval for the proposed Greenbrook Lake—received considerable attention in later discussions during the meeting.

As amended the list included:

1. Enacting legislation where necessary, and providing help in obtaining state and county funding assistance in rehabilitating Center School as a Community Center.

2. Opposing the inclusion in future highway planning of an extension and expansion of Kenilworth Avenue from Cherry-

wood Lane north to Virginia Manor Road.

3. Enacting legislation enabling municipal governments to retain a portion of the funds acquired from traffic moving citations issued on city streets.

4. Enacting legislation requiring a majority of the Board of License Commissioners to approve the granting of liquor licenses.

5. Enacting legislation extending the requirements of the Adequate Public Facilities ordinance (APF) of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to include municipal facilities and adding personnel staffing requirements. (Greenbelt has never received an equitable share of support, council feels, from county tax money for recreational facilities the

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, six weeks after the first residents moved into this new green town, on November 24, 1937, the first issue of an independent, nonprofit cooperative newspaper was delivered free of charge to all homes; and

WHEREAS, not a single issue has been missed since that date - a record believed to be unmatched anywhere in the United States by a free weekly newspaper staffed by volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the key to good government is an informed citizenry; and the Greenbelt citizens are well informed about local news and happenings that impact on the community, because of the extraordinary dedication and hard work of the News Review staff; and

WHEREAS, the News Review has been instrumental in helping establish and maintain the strong community spirit and activism that has always existed in Greenbelt, and "is the glue that holds Greenbelt together."

NOW THEREFORE, I Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this Proclamation on the occasion of the Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review and hereby express our gratitude and appreciation for the important role it has played throughout the history of this unique community.

ATTEST:

Dorothy Lauber, CMC
City Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 23rd day of November, 1992.

Gil Weidenfeld
Mayor



COUNCIL

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city itself supplies).

6. Providing funding for pedestrian overpasses across Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Middle School/Beltway Plaza.

7. Providing funding for pedestrian/bicycle trails to the new Greenbelt METRO station.

8. Providing funding for a traffic signal at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive.

9. Protecting state pass-through revenues to municipalities, replacing the loss of the inventory tax, and opposing any reduction of funding for Youth Service Bureaus.

10. Enacting state legislation to allow for more flexibility at the local level in control of speed limits on city streets.

11. Providing support for authorization of Greenbrook Lake.

Overpass Discussion

As phrased in the city memo of legislative items, the original No. 9, later moved to the No. 6 position, called for "funding for a pedestrian overpass across Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive." In earlier council discussion, introduced by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas X. White, concerns had been expressed about the lack of safety at the Greenbelt Road crossing near Greenbelt Middle School at Beltway Plaza, where a 12-year-old student had recently been struck by a car and killed.

When attention turned to the Frankfort Road crossing, council member Rodney Roberts stressed that a second pedestrian overpass should be constructed at Beltway Plaza. He urged that two overpasses in Greenbelt East would be even better — a second one at Hanover Parkway.

Council member Antoinette Bram pointed out that at an estimated cost of around \$1 million, it was hard to imagine that more than one overpass could be funded. Sheldon Goldberg of Greenbelt East wondered if the cost estimate included the land on either side of the highway. If so, he suggested, the land at Windsor Green might in fact be donated. Land on the other side of Greenbelt Road is school board property.

Dorothy Pyles of Greenbriar queried whether the concept of a bike trail would be included in the idea of an overpass.

Council ended by putting the word "overpass" in the plural and moving the item forward in the list where another item, relating to possible legislation to authorize a Cinema n'Draft-house, had been deleted as "pre-mature."

In reference to item No. 4, council had been distressed that a tie vote by the state Liquor Board (with board member Muriel Weidenfeld as a Greenbelt resident abstaining) had been construed as a yes vote in the granting of a license at Beltway Plaza that council had opposed. Council passed a motion to go on record and to support state legislation that would require an affirmative vote before a liquor license could be granted. "The burden should be on the applicant, not on the liquor board," city attorney Robert Manzi said.

Council Tidbits

by Virginia Beauchamp
Hiring from Outside

Council passed an ordinance clarifying the wording of the city code relating to the hiring of personnel from outside the current city staff. If interpreted strictly according to the existing wording, the city is obligated to hire from among present staff if someone is found qualified, even if the person meets only the barest minimum standards.

Indicating his intention to continue promoting from within, whenever it might be appropriate, as well as providing training for those eligible for advancement, City Manager Daniel Hobbs nevertheless requested that the earlier language, which was seen as "overly restrictive," be changed to free the city to hire from outside when such a move appears preferable.

Code Enforcement Program

On the request of the city's Director of Planning and Development, Celia Wilson, council tabled an earlier motion, introduced on July 27, establishing an ordinance covering a code enforcement program that would transfer from the county to the city the enforcement authority over building construction and maintenance of commercial properties and rental housing. Following a public hearing in September and two late briefings, at which various questions were raised, the city staff has revised the wording of the ordinance to clarify some of its provisions and separate from it the building permit fee schedule. The new ordinance was then introduced for first reading as well as a separate resolution to establish the fee schedule.

History Book Profits

On a motion by council member Rodney Roberts, council unanimously passed a motion to allow the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) to retain the proceeds from sales of the 50th anniversary history, Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987. Since the costs of printing the book, which were advanced by the city, have been repaid in full, council agreed that the museum, which now markets the book, can keep the additional revenue to help support the operation of the museum.

Correction

The Greenbelt Combined Choir's annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sun. December 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. The candlelight program will also include the singing of carols by the congregation.

The Combined Choir is under the direction of Jean Cook, Janice Duffy and Mildred Kern serve as accompanists.

Stroke Club Meeting Held in Bowie

Stroke Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30-9 p.m., at the Easter Seal Society, 6400 Grady's Walk, Bowie. Meetings are open to all stroke survivors, family and friends. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call the center at 262-5550, weekdays.

The One Book Recycling

Council suspended the rules and introduced for both first and second reading a resolution to participate with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) in an agreement with the Donnelly Corporation, publishers of *The One Book*, as it already does with the Bell Atlantic Directory Services, to establish drop-off locations at specified times to collect outdated phone books. Donnelly will pick up the directories shortly after new directories are distributed.

Purchases

Council also approved a bid not to exceed \$49,900 to Petro Services, Inc. to remove two underground fuel storage tanks and install a dual compartment above-ground storage vault. This change will be required by law in 1994. They also approved purchase of a new copier for the Police Department.

Reappointments

Three Greenbelt citizens whose terms were expiring were reappointed to advisory committees — Ray McCawley to the Advisory Planning Board and William Ayers and Benjamin Rosenzweig to the Employee Relations Board.

Letters

A Blessing

In response to the complaints regarding the Greenbelt Connection reported in the article, "Seniors Address Concerns at Successful Open Forum" (November 12 issue), I would like to state that I have lived in old Greenbelt since 1962 and have been riding the Connection (a true blessing, not just a boon) at various times since its inception when the schedule was three days a week using either a sedan or a well-used old school bus. Never has the driver stopped to "gas up" during those times and the van, sedan, and even the old school bus have always been clean. Also, to my knowledge, the Connection has provided service on Sundays.

Because I live in old Greenbelt, I am not aware of the Connector service to the rail system in New Carrollton. However, one can obtain discount coupons for cabs using the County Call-A-Cab Program. The telephone number is 925-5656. Perhaps this will alleviate some of the problems.

Marian M. Carle

So Impressed

I wish to refute the critical remarks made in the November 12 Seniors Forum article about the Greenbelt Connection, the city bus which drives people around in the Greenbelt area.

I used the Connection about 40 times while recuperating from surgery and was so impressed that I wrote a letter to the di-

rector of Public Works commending both the driver Norman and the dispatcher Antoinette.

In addition, I always found the van clean and we never had to stop for repairs or "to gas up." I believe the people quoted in the article have confused the Greenbelt Connection with the senior citizen bus or another service—not our wonderful Connection.

I consider Greenbelters very fortunate that our fine city has made the Greenbelt Connection available to us. Let's be grateful and give credit where credit is due.

Sue Krofchik

Help the Needy

It's that time of year again. Most of us are getting ready for the holidays, knowing that we have a roof over our heads and food on our table. But please take just a moment and remember, there are those among us who are not so fortunate. Last year the St. Hugh's food pantry helped hundreds of families by providing food and other necessities. This service is provided for any Greenbelt individual or family in need.

It is through the generosity and support of the Co-op grocery store, its manager Bob Davis, his employees and customers that we have been so successful in previous years. Collection boxes have been set-up in the front of Co-op to collect the non-perishable food items. So far this year we have collected over 400 cans and boxes. Remember with each single act of kindness, one less person will go to sleep hungry tonight in Greenbelt.

Linda Callahan

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Food Drive For New Day

The children of Laurel Hill Daycare are again sponsoring a charity drive. They are collecting canned, boxed or bagged food to benefit New Day, a non-profit organization serving individuals and families in the county that are infected with HIV+ or the AIDS virus.

Donations will be collected November 27 through December 18. There will be a designated drop box in the Co-op grocery store, at the daycare home at 13-D Laurel Hill in old Greenbelt or pick up may be arranged by calling 474-2407.

Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Annual Holiday Bazaar/Bake Sale will be held at the Greenbelt Nursing Center on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The nursing center is located at 7010 Greenbelt Road. Baked goods are needed, table space may be rented.

Holiday Countdown At SHL on Dec. 3

Springhill Lake will host The Holiday Countdown on Thursday, December 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Pros DJ service throughout the evening.

Enjoy holiday trivia, games, door prizes and refreshments. There is an admission fee. Persons 21 and older may attend. For information call 474-4555.

Boys & Girls Club

The Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club is now waiting for signups for basketball and cheerleading. For information call Randall Ramsey, Commissioner, at 220-0942 or Alison Reynolds, Athletic Director, at 441-4668.

Fire Dept. Auxiliary Has Portrait Project

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a fund-raising project promoting family portraits. This project will be under way within the next week or so.

The auxiliary would like to stress that residents ask solicitors for proper identification. They are required to display a city permit at all times. The auxiliary's project has the approval of both the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Police Department.

Residents with questions or concerns should call the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on 345-7000.

Genealogical Society Will Meet on Dec. 2

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, December 2 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are welcome.

The speaker will be Coon Blaauw, genealogist and lecturer, who will speak on Dutch Colonial Records: Where and How to Access. These records are usually difficult to locate and this lecture will give much needed guidance to the researcher.

GEAC Meets Dec. 3

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 3 at the Hunting Ridge Community Center on Hanover Parkway. Topics to be considered include Code Enforcement, Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Road, and Greenbrook Lake.

Contact Tim Sechrist at 345-6861 with any questions or comments.

Pancake Breakfast

Greenbelt Lions' Annual Pancake Breakfast will again be part of the City of Greenbelt's Festival of Lights activities. St. Hugh's Catholic Church has donated the use of Grenoble Hall for this event. The Greenbelt American Legion and the Greenbelt National Guard are also participating this holiday happening.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. until noon on December 5. Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee will be on the menu. Baked goods will be available from the Ladies of St. Hugh's Church.

Tickets are available from St. Hugh's Church and Lions Club members. Tickets will also be available Saturday, December 5 at the door. For more information call Lions Breakfast Chairman at 345-9557. There is a fee. All proceeds go to the less fortunate of Greenbelt.

Watch Group Meets

All residents are urged to attend the next lecture sponsored by the Springhill Lake Good Neighbor Watch Group which features Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department.

The lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room above the Pharmacy.

Special attention will be paid to carjacking and car thefts and literature will be available regarding parking lot safety and rape prevention.

For more information call 474-3260, 474-4562, 474-8453, 474-4681, 345-3596 and 441-3459.

Literature and refreshments will be provided.

ERHS Drama Group Presents Wilder Play

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School's drama department will present Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth" on December 3, 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Signing for the hearing impaired will be available for each performance. Attendees at the December 5 performance are asked to bring a canned food item to be donated to a local charity to help those in need this winter. There is an admission fee.

For further information regarding the drama program of the production, please contact Brian Clancy at (301) 345-7500.

One-Act Plays Scheduled For Holiday Production

The Greenbelt Arts Center holiday production features three one-act plays celebrating the spirit of Christmas. The plays will be performed Friday and Saturday, December 4, 5, 11, and 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church.

"A Partridge in a Pear Tree," directed by Virginia Zanner, is a comedic dramatization of the origin of the song. Many Greenbelt children have roles in this play, building upon their acting experience in earlier Greenbelt Arts Center productions. "Was It a Star?" looks into the possible explanation of the Star of Bethlehem.

There will also be a dramatic Christmas reading and holiday music. The program is free to the public; donations received are divided between the Greenbelt Arts Center to cover production costs and the Church for its charitable causes. For more information, contact the Arts Center at 441-8770.

GHI Notes

The December Board meetings are scheduled for December 3 and December 17 at 8 p.m. in the board room.

Blood pressure testing will be held in the board room on Wednesday, December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, in the GHI Library.

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, December 2 in the board room at 8 p.m.

Green Belters Meet

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library lower level conference room. For information call 474-4863.

Volksmarch

On Thursday, December 3 the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers will host a 10-kilometer Guided Night Walk beginning at 5:30 at Roosevelt Center. Bring a flash light. Meet at Joe's Deli, 107 Centerway, next to the NationsBank in old Greenbelt. A "B" medal event (medals from previous events available). Trail rating = 1, not suitable for strollers. For additional information, write 4-D Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, or call Lee Struglia (301) 345-3203 or Dee Downs (301) 474-4653.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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the Youth Center on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children pre-school and over can make and buy all kinds of crafts in the Children's Room Saturday, from 10 to 2. The Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters/Swim Team will sell baked goods.

Musical Events

The Greenbelt Concert Band's holiday performance will take place on Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Under the direction of John Del-Homme, the band will perform their traditional holiday concert.

Those who want to join in holiday carolings are invited to meet at the Roosevelt Center Mother and Child Statue and stroll through the mall singing all the old favorite carols. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

On Sunday, December 20th Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual Christmas concert at Greenbelt Community Church. Members of all the Greenbelt churches join together to perform a memorable evening of seasonal songs.

Food, Glorious Food

For pre-schoolers, three to five years old, the American Legion Post will provide lunch, followed by craft making at noon on Saturday, December 12.

Pre-registration is required at the Youth Center Business Office by December 9. There is a fee. The event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt American Legion.

Later on Saturday, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Gray Panthers and the Greenbelt Recreation Department will co-host a holiday pot luck dinner at the Youth Center.

Open to all, it will be an opportunity to dine with fellow neighbors. Everybody is asked to bring a dish to share. For more information contact Janet Parkec at 474-6668 or Esther Webb at 474-6890.

On Sunday, December 20, the Greenbelt Community Church Youth Group is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is a fee for adults and a lesser fee for children 6-12; those 5 and under eat free. The dinner will be held in the church social hall.

Parade Results

The results of the annual Halloween Costume Parade held at the Youth Center October 30 are:
Pre-school: Kimberly Wynkoop, Cock-a-Too; Colin Fenchak, Pooh Bear; Ryan Barnett, Batmobile; Erika and Sarah Boulavsky, as two bunnies.

Three and four year olds: Ricky St. Denis, Vampire; Rebecca Baron, Baby Bop; Michael Bistany, Captain Hook; Timothy Nutwell, Thomas the Tank Engine.

Kindergarten: Kelly Okleson, Dalmation; Greg Bistany, Scarecrow; Kevin Bailey, Robin Hood; Justin Tomko, Ninja Turtle.

First and second grade: Melissa Pollen, Sylvester the Cat; Carrie Gekerson, Genie; Anthony Ladnier, Great Princess; Lauren Fleshman, Phantom.

Third and fourth grade: Kelly Camaron, Pocahantas; Nina Strauss, Spider; Ashley Gohr, Gypsy; Erin Thomas.

Fifth grade: Michael Anderson, Monster; Sarah Barnett, Old Lady; Lauren Byers, Gypsy; and Andrew Weyel as a Devil.

The youngest participant ever at nine weeks old was Corine Barnett as the Great Pumpkin.

Fifty Years Ago In Greenbelt

by James Giese

In 1942, each issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator contained a brief article about the history of a Greenbelt organization. The following is based upon an article on the Catholic Church.

Catholic life in Greenbelt began on a Sunday morning in October, 1937 when, for the first time in the community, Pastor Leo J. Fealy offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Home Economics Room of the Greenbelt Center School. Services were later transferred to the Social Room at the school and by 1942 were being held at the Greenbelt Theater for approximately 250 families. If you missed the 9 o'clock mass in Greenbelt, you could go to other masses at the Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn, the mother church for the Greenbelt Catholic Church mission.

Originally, confessions were heard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore. After four years, the Moores moved to "A" block, and the more centrally located home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Madden at 17-E Ridge Road was used. Elementary school age parochial school children were bused to Berwyn.

The Greenbelt Church was about to embark upon a drive for funds with which to start immediate construction of a church when all building construction was temporarily halted by the War Board.

(Note: St. Hugh's Parochial School was eventually constructed and used as the church as well until the early 1960's when the church edifice was built next door.)

Get Arthritis Advice On Dial-A-Doctor

The Arthritis Foundation will offer its free Dial-A-Doctor services on Thursday, December 3 and Thursday, December 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.

To reach the physician, call the Arthritis Foundation, 703-276-7555 in Arlington, Virginia.

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

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Rev. R. H. Thompson 937-3666

Special Contest Winners From Labor Day Festival

A record number of entries made the diaper derby at this year's Labor Day Festival one of the most interesting and exciting derbies in the many years this contest has been part of the Festival. More than 25 infants—or it definitely seemed more than 25—and parents, grandparents and siblings were there in droves to cheer their infants on. The first place winner was Sean Kennedy; second place, Connor Hibbs; and third place, Adam McClendon.

The more mature toddlers also had an exciting event, won by John Yakupkovic, who took first place. Second place was pulled down by Russell Donaldson with a very fine performance and third went to Tyler Hibbs. In the Ping Pong Race, Kathleen Donovan was first and Nick Bailey was second.

For the Fireman's Relay, Joe Crossed was first; Brian Hanley, second; and Julia Crossed, third. The winning teams in the 3-legged race were: Nelson Da-Silva and Michael Faherty, first; Nicole Osborne and Christy Osborne, second; and Connie Bailey and Erica Baca, third. A steady hand brought Rosemary Reiss first place in the Egg-on-a-Spoon race. Jessica Pray was second and Sima Fadli, third.

Again teams took the field for the water balloon toss and the winners were Sima Fadli and Jason Brooke in first place; Robin Storke and Aubrey Bar-

ber, second place; while the team of Brad Barber and Beth Storke took third. In the final event of the special contests, perennial winner Steve Bond took first place in the pie eating contest again. Michael Bond was second and Sima Fadli, third.

Karen Yoho, who organized this year's special contests, expressed thanks to Emily Crossed and Angela Shehadi for their assistance. She also thanked the many entrants in the contests and hopes that the names of the winners were recorded correctly. She hopes that an equal or larger number of contestants will take the field next year.

Prizes were provided by: Three Brothers Pizza, Beltsville and Beltway Plaza Mall; Party Palace, Cipriano Square Shopping Center; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Beltsville; Golden Dome and Video Village, Beltway Plaza; Taglio for Hair, College Park; Hawthorne's Restaurant, Cipriano Square; and P&G Theater, Roosevelt Center.

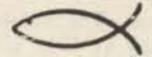
Magnet Arts School Taking Applications

The Visual and Performing Arts Program at Suitland High School is a part of the Prince Georges County Public Schools Magnet Program and admits students based on desegregation guidelines and audition results.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office of any Prince Georges County middle and high school or from the Magnet Office

All students interested in this program must complete a separate application and attend an audition. The completed application should be mailed as early as possible and no later than December 11 to Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries, Room 211, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

Auditions will be scheduled at Suitland High School from January 9 through February 18.


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Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.
For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the church office.
Edward H. Birner, Pastor 346-5111

The Labor Day Festival Photo Show Winners

The 1992 Labor Day Festival Photographic Exhibition drew a wide array of photographs and a large number of viewers. Winners of the photo show are listed below.

In the youth category: First place tie, Michael Bond and T. J. Luby; second place, Christine Zugby; third place, Lynn Hull; fourth place, Christopher Bond and Michael Bond.

For the Abstract photo category the winners were: First place, Celia Escudero; second place, Larry Virts; third place, Prospero Zevallos; fourth place, Julie Eckardt.

In the General category: First place, Larry Virts; second place, Willie Losinger; third place, Bruce Mangum; fourth place, Lisa Goldman.

In the Nature/Landscape category Greg Hageage claimed first place; second place went to Janice Miller and Julie Eckardt; third place was awarded to William Johnson and fourth place to Celia Escudero.

The Community Favorite selected by viewers by their votes during the show was awarded to Bruce Mangum. For the first year the Committee to Save the Green Belt and the Greenbelt Greens awarded a prize to the photographer whose work best expressed concern for the environment. John Evans was the winner of this environmental award. The Cipriano Award was presented to Ann Aloï for the best photograph honoring Americans at work.

Photographic Exhibition chair Jim Parker announced a new category for next year's exhibi-

Fifty Years Ago In Greenbelt Veterans Day

by James Giese

The American Legion Post 136 conducted its ceremonies in the auditorium of Center School on the Sunday evening before Armistice Day. (Armistice Day recognized the signing of the armistice that ended World War I and the veterans of that war before the holiday was changed after World War II to Veterans Day for the purpose of recognizing veterans of all wars.)

Post Commander Virgil Estes presented a regulation sized American flag to Mike Loftus for the Greenbelt Band. Principal speaker on the program was James P. Fitzgerald, past commander of the Maryland Department of the American Legion. Greenbelt Town Manager Roy Braden also spoke. Band music and other program numbers completed the special observance, which was dedicated to the memory of our war dead and to the living defenders of this country.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I and my classmates stood in silence facing east on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in memory of the dead servicemen of World War I. Following the moment of silence, the poem "In Flanders Field" was read to the class, a ritual observed in classrooms through-

out the land. Interesting People. He said that should be an easy category for Greenbelt photographers to find many interesting subjects. He expressed thanks to judges Barbara Dellinger and Bill Phelan.

out the land. In Greenbelt, residents were gearing up for another big Civilian Defense mass meeting in December which was to feature four films, the main attraction being "Target for Tonight," a five-reel film about an actual bombing raid by the R.A.F., the British air force. Admission would be a 25 cent defense stamp.

The Cooperator featured an interview with Chief Gunner's Mate Claude Conger of 24-L Ridge, who had just received a citation from Secretary of Navy Knox for "the deepest dive on record." Conger had dived 440 feet in connection with the salvage operation on the submarine O-9, which sank on June 21, 1941 off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Conger had been flown immediately from Washington to Portsmouth.

Although he and another diver were able to reach the doomed vessel, it was not possible to save the crew or salvage the submarine. He did provide valuable information bearing on the safety of undersea craft and diving operations. The paper's reporter, Anne Hull, said that when she went to his house for the interview, she interrupted Conger at poker with his wife and friends.

In an editorial, the Cooperator noted the boost everyone had received by the successful invasion of North Africa. "Such a clean-cut and well executed job should make us glow in our confidence as to the final outcome even though we know that there are long months of bloody fighting and self-sacrifice ahead," it said. This action compensated "for the eleven months we took the war on our chin."

In other news, Mrs. D. J. Neff reported that the Canteen Unit of the Greenbelt Civilian Defense had provided refreshments to 80 blood donors in Beltsville. The Red Cross Unit, with 25 women making surgical dressings, had made 3400 so far. Another 16 women had knitted 109 garments and 27 Red Cross kit bags, which were given to soldiers and marines embarking for foreign service. Equipment put in the kit bags was donated by the Woman's Club, Men's Bible Class, Athletic Association and the Homemakers Club.



It's drugs that Center School's After School kids are stamping out - and they made their footprints to prove it. — photo by Letty Morton

Center School Children Vow to Be Drug Free

Singing "Drug Free and Proud" the children of Greenbelt Center School's After School Program began a vibrant program for their anti-drug red ribbon rally on Wednesday, October 28. The song was adopted by Wilma Vasquez, Center's vocal music teacher.

Dressed in red with red ribbons pinned to their clothes the children affirmed their promise to grow up drug free.

The program was varied. For entertainment there was David Vanderver who delighted the audience with his juggling tricks—some of them performed while riding a unicycle. Also members of Ms. Rogers After School drama group performed a skit portraying young people going trick or treating who were invited in to a party and offered some strange substance. They refused and left.

After school Director Bertha Stewart introduced Tony Jews from the Prince Georges Office of Pupil Accounting. Jews challenged the children to stay drug free and be proud. He introduced Shawn Reynolds who sang "We Are the Children." Reynolds, who lives in Washington Heights where many Center School Children live, went to school in Greenbelt. He is now a student at Howard University. His presence and ability were signs to all children present of what opportunities are available to students who seek them and can refuse to join the drug scene. After singing "If You're Drug

Free and You Know It," Joseph Brown, After School Coordinator distributed a red crepe paper ribbon which went from person to person until everyone in the gym was holding on to the ribbon. Then they all raised their hands and affirmed that they were drug free and proud.

Many parents from Washington Heights and Greenbelt were in the audience. Other honored guests included Carolyn Goff, Center School's principal; Daniel Hobbs, Greenbelt City Manager; Dave Barnes, Office of Drug Education, County Schools; Debbie Tyner, Intergenerational Coordinator National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and Harry James, from the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Not only were the refreshments prepared by the After School children, but the decorations were made by them, too, red footprints and anti-drug posters. The red footprints that circled the gym were actually footprints made by the children of the After School Program to "stamp out drugs." The posters were the results of an anti-drug poster contest, two winners from each class.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285
Happy birthday to David Hensel of Hanover Parkway, who will be 30 on December 1. David and his wife Colleen will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on December 9.

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Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A 39-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia after police responded to a report of a disorderly person blocking traffic in the area of Route 201 and Route 193 on November 14. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$1,000 bond pending trial.

An 18-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$300 after police stopped his vehicle on Centerway for an equipment violation on November 17 and found that he had a stolen credit card. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 982-0580. Callers may remain anonymous.

An attempted breaking and entering of a residence in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive was reported on November 12.

On November 20 a breaking and entering at the Wall Street Deli was reported.

A 22-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with theft on November 17 after police found that the registration tags on his vehicle were stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

A red 1985 Chevrolet Spectrum, MD tags SVK479, was reported stolen from the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy. on November 20.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 100 block of Breezewood

Tour the Green Belt

Tours of the "Green Belt" Woods, sponsored by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, will be held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments provided. For information, call 474-4863.

Drive, the 6500 block of Capitol Drive, the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, the 7800 block of Hanover Pkwy., the 8000 block of Lakecrest Drive, and the 400 block of Ridge Road.

Library Has New Rules For Juvenile Cards

Beginning November 1, children and young adults under 18 who want a library card from the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will need to bring a parent or guardian with them to the library. Before a card is issued to the child, the parent or guardian must show identification and sign the child's card.

Older children who have picture I.D. cards, such as a driver's license or school identification card, can get a library card without a parent or

guardian being present; however, the parent's signature is still required on the child's card.

Currently the Library issues cards to children without requiring identification of any kind, but the card has to be signed by a parent or guardian to be valid.

"We want to make sure that parents know that their children have library cards and are checking out books," said Library Director William R. Gordon.

For additional information, call 699-3500.

Volunteers Needed

The Visitor Contact Station on Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's North Tract (formerly Ft. Meade) needs more volunteers. Individuals who enjoy dealing with the public and have some spare time are encouraged to consider this. Volunteer staff inform the public about environmental and wildlife-oriented activities on the property. Volunteers must work at least four hours each month, though the average is approximately 10 hours per month. Call to register 779-9444.

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Volunteers are always needed for work on the Greenbelt News Review. Most people have little or no experience when they first tentatively walk down a short flight of stairs into the orange-colored basement of 15 Parkway. They will probably be greeted with the banging of typewriters and babel of voices, seemingly coming from all directions at once.

When someone finds out you want to volunteer, you are shown how to count letters for headlines, or how to edit in the News Review style. Newcomers are often asked to type or help at the business desk. Actually, most people wind up doing what they are most comfortable in trying. Reporters, of course, are always sought.

To give you a sense of how some of the staff began their careers on the paper we present a sampling of recollections on joining the News Review.

When Al and our children settled in Greenbelt, I envisioned a peaceful, relaxed lifestyle. So it did not occur to me in early 1955 to be suspicious when my neighbor, Marion Hatton asked me to make "just a few calls" for her "Our Neighbors" column.

Nor did I suspect anything when another neighbor, Greenbelt Cooperator editor Isadore Parker made a special point of thanking me for assisting Marion. However, when I found myself sole author of the column three weeks later, it was clear that I had been had—panicked too! My marks in English had not been impressive and never in my wildest dreams did I envision writing for a newspaper—covering zoning hearings and city council meetings and immersing myself in such fascinating topics as sewage treatment plants. I really feel I have received more from the volunteering on the News Review than I have given.

As for Al, his romance with the News Review began also in 1955. A frustrated journalist, he suffered no qualms about joining the staff. His favorite beats were GHI and the city council. President of the board from 1959 until his death in 1977, he was involved in every facet of the newspaper.

Al was deeply concerned about Greenbelt and about who was protecting the public interest. He stressed that the News Review should provide a forum for the exchange of views.

—Elaine Skolnik

I'll never forget my delight during the first week in town to have the News Review dropped on our doorstep. It was like a rare gift, inviting us into the community. So about a month later, when an ad ran in the paper asking for volunteers, I decided to amble down. I had to call the office first, to ask for directions. I had no idea where Parkway was. (I also had to get my husband's support for this venture alone. Someone, after all, had to watch over our year old daughter.)

The office turned out to be a dismal, unpainted basement room. Only two people were there—Harry Zubkoff and a high school girl, Phyllis Crasanow. (The latter is now known to everyone in the metropolitan area as the Washington Post's food critic Phyllis Richman.) I'm not sure if I began editing copy that first night, but it must have been soon.

What I remember most about that first summer on the paper was the delicious feeling of getting a night off—the one time of the week that was wholly mine and that was devoted to adult conversation. I could walk off from the dirty dishes and the putting-to-bed chores and occupy myself with matters of moment within the community. It was an oasis.

And of course I felt needed. During most of that summer there were only the three of us in the office—sometimes only Harry and I.

Ads and news were both often scarce that summer. Sometimes we produced the smallest issues in the paper's history—only two pages, a one-sheet flyer. Look in the back files for the summer of 1957 and see if I'm not right.

There's something addictive about the place and the enterprise. Every Tuesday night still finds me at the News Review.

—Virginia Beauchamp

Two months after moving into Greenbelt in February 1962, a neighbor, Virginia Beauchamp, knocked on the front door. With

no curtains yet hanging in our windows she had seen the collection of books lining our living room wall. "Anyone with that many books," she said, "must have a copy of Robert Frost's poem about 'good fences make good neighbors' that I need for a class I teach tomorrow." We did. Chatting for a few minutes, Virginia discovered my interest in history. "Maybe you'd like to work on Greenbelt's history. We're writing about the town's first 25 years," she offered and I accepted.

I remember interviewing longtime town clerk Winfield McCamy (badly) and helping to round up missing church histories (better). I joined the News Review staff, made coffee for Harry Zubkoff on Tuesday night, would spend hours writing a handful of headlines, was fascinated by evening-long arguments about treatment of that week's controversial news between "hype-it" Harry and "keep-it-fair" Al Skolnik, proof-read on Wednesday nights at Virginia's house, and was warmly encouraged in everything I tried.

Secretly I was smug in the knowledge that I had emphasized three years of experience working on my college newspaper without letting on that my experience was strictly on the business staff. I had not done any writing. It was years before I realized that it was my enthusiasm and willingness to try that had been noticed, not my "experience."

—Mary Lou Williamson

I moved to Greenbelt in January 1966 and six months later I joined the News Review staff. My beat was the bimonthly GHI board meetings. I also would telephone Chief of Police William T. Lane on a weekly basis to obtain excerpts from the police log for "The Police Blotter." And I also was responsible for picking up the Ben Franklin and the Pizza Carry-out Shop ads. It was either 1968 or 1969 that I attended my first News Review annual meeting at the home of president Al Skolnik and his wife, Elaine. To my amazement David Stern, a staff reporter, nominated me for the board. A skeptical Al Skolnik stated that he thought board members should be on the staff

longer than I had been. But David gave an impassioned plea for "new blood" on the News Review. I was elected—and was the new blood for at least the next five years.

—Sandra Barnes

When I moved to Greenbelt I wanted to be on the News Review staff right from the beginning. On those occasions when I dropped off a report of my Brownie troop's events, the very sound of the activities in that small office made me eager to plunge in. But having a husband who worked nights and two children who needed me at home, I knew joining had to wait.

Then I saw in the paper that proofreaders were needed in homes in my neighborhood. My daughter was then old enough to be left in charge for short periods, so I started in.

Later I joined the editorial staff and began editing, writing, covering meetings, doing make-up, going to the printshop . . . and 21 years later have found there is no end to what needs to be done. I have loved it all and enjoyed meeting the many other staffers and working with them.

—Barbara Likowski

When I retired in December 1979, I wanted to spend part of my "free at last" life getting back inside my home town. A city advisory board was quickly ruled out. I'd been a charter member and chairman of the old Personnel Advisory Board for three hectic years in the early '60s. With that (and 27 years as a federal personnel specialist) I'd been there and enough was enough.

The News Review was my next thought. It would give me an inside role in city life but outside of city government. I had no journalistic experience, but did have writing skills. And I'd known Elaine Skolnik since the mid-1950s and figured she'd take me in. Somewhere in there, an eloquent letter to the editor from City Manager Jim Giese pleading for persons to volunteer for the News Review sealed my decision to join the staff.

—Bill Rowland

Like Bill Rowland, I also joined the News Review in response to Jim Giese's letter in the spring of 1980. Since moving to the city in 1979 I had enjoyed reading the "little paper" that appeared on my doorstep each week, but had never realized it was put together by a friendly band of volunteers, rather than by some commercial venture.

I started working on the advertising desk and have since gotten involved in many aspects of the paper. Two years ago I became the third of the five member board who originally joined the paper in response to the city manager's letter.

—Diane Oberg

The first person I met when I arrived in Greenbelt after being hired by the Council as City Manager was a News Review staff member, Rita Fisher, who recognized me at the center by my picture which had been made available to the paper. For the next 28½ years I had to deal with a wide variety of volunteer reporters, some good and some bad, who questioned me about everything and anything that took place in the city, some of which was good and some bad.

Long Ago in Greenbelt

by Virginia Beauchamp

Sherrod East, whom some folks remember as having served on Greenbelt's first city council, stopped by recently with his wife, Dorothy, on the occasion of his long-time friend Donald Cooper's presentation to the Greenbelt Library of his book on the history of the original co-op. As things happen on such occasions when old friends get together, the conversation turned to days of yore.

Dorothy and Sherrod recalled how hard they worked and how much fun they had with the little theater group, which in 1937 was using the Greenbelt Theater for its performances. (This was so early that no movies had yet been shown there). Unfortunately there was a problem: the theater had no curtain.

But the idea of doing without occurred to no one. What to do?

Well, the one room in town that had a stage curtain was the gymnasium of the Center School. That, of course, did double duty on Sundays for the congregation of what would later become the Community Church. Could they borrow the curtain?

They could and they did.

To get ready for the drama presentations, Sherrod would climb up and unhook the heavy velvet curtains at Center School, cart them over to the theater, and hang them up with an elaborate device of ropes (since the curtains were too short otherwise to reach the floor). There they were put to good use before, between and after the acts of the current production.

Following the Saturday performance, however, everything had to be returned. So late that night Sherrod would climb up to disconnect the curtains from their rope hangers—with Dorothy holding her breath the whole while because his perch was so precarious. Then Sherrod would carry the curtains over to Center School and rehang them. That way the stage was always ready for Sunday services.

That's how people made-do in the old days. Who would have thought that one might do without?

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I quickly realized the important role this citizen operated newspaper played in making Greenbelt a special community. I came to respect the dedication of the staff, their desire to accurately relate the news without being sensationalists, and the need for citizens to support them by contributing their time and talents. Having previously urged others to volunteer, I had no choice but to do the same when I retired and had the time available. Besides, it's been fun.

—James Giese



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Sunday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m. — Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Greenbriar. Everyone invited to celebrate the holiday season in Greenbelt East. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chorus will entertain with songs of the season. Immediately following the ceremony is a reception in the Greenbriar Community Building.

Monday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m. — Greenbelt Concert Band Holiday Performance

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December 8th - 10th — North Pole Calling Greenbelt Children

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Friday, December 11th, 7:30 p.m. — Holiday Caroling

Meet at the Roosevelt Center Mother and Child Statue. Stroll with us through the Mall singing all the old favorite carols. Refreshments to be served afterwards at the Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, December 12th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon — Santa Visits Greenbelt

Santa and his helpers make their annual trips to hear all of Greenbelt's good little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Bring a blank VHS video tape and have your child's visit recorded. Santa will make his stop at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. FREE. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt American Legion.

Saturday, December 12th, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. — Pre-School Holiday Lunch

American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Lunch and craft making for 3 - 5 year old's. Pre-registration required at the Youth Center Business Office by December 9th. Fee: \$5.00. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt American Legion.

Saturday, December 12th, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Greenbelt Youth Center — Sponsored by the Gray Panthers and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. FREE. Open to all. Enjoy an opportunity to dine with fellow neighbors.

Everybody is asked to bring a dish to share. For more information contact Janet Parker at 474-6668 or Esther Webb at 474-6890.

Saturday, December 19th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Children's Holiday Workshop

Greenbelt Youth Center. Children, 6-12 years old, will be busy making cookies, Christmas ornaments and gifts at our holiday workshop. Registration Fee: \$15.00. Call 474-6878 for registration information.

Sunday, December 20th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — Spaghetti Dinner

Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall. Sponsored by: Greenbelt Community Church Youth Group. All you can eat. Fee: Adults, \$4.00; child 6-12 yrs., \$3.00; 5 and under, Free.

Sunday, December 20th, 7:30 p.m. — Greenbelt Combined Choir Concert

Greenbelt Community Church. Members of all the Greenbelt Churches join together to perform a memorable evening of seasonal songs

Wednesday, December 30, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Ice Skating Trip

Herbert Wells Ice Rink, College Park. Children 12 and under are invited to meet at the Youth Center and travel to the Wells Ice Rink for an enjoyable afternoon on the ice. Cost of the trip is \$5.00/person which covers transportation, admission and skate rental. Please register in advance. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

Saturday, December 26th, 10:00 a.m. — 28th Annual Holiday Race

Braden Field Tennis Courts. D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10 or 20 mile runs and 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Sign-up one hour before. Contact Larry Noel, Sr. 1:3011447-2224 or D. C. Road Runners. 703-241-0395. Fee: \$5.00 Non-Member of D.C. Road Runner; \$3.00 Member; \$1.00 for 1.75 Mile Fun Run.

Saturday, December 26th, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Family Holiday Swim

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center — Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at the pool. Bring your towels and innertubes. Light refreshments, family swim, games and music make this a night for the entire family. Free to passholders, daily admission for non-passholders. For more information call 513-0390.

Thursday, December 31st, 7:30 p.m. to Friday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m. — New Year's Eve Sleepover

Greenbelt Youth Center. Need a babysitter? We have an evening of fun planned for your child. Program includes a New Year's Eve Party with games, movies, munchies and a light breakfast. Registration is \$25/child; \$15/each additional child in same family. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the 10:00 a.m. pick-up time. Age limit 6-12 years old. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for registration form.

HOLIDAY HOURS

FOR GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

Thanksgiving Day	- 8:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
Christmas Eve	- 6:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
Christmas Day	- 12:00noon-8:00p.m.
New Year's Eve	- 6:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
New Year's Day	- 12noon-8:00p.m.

YOUTH CENTER AND SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

Thanksgiving Day	- 12:00noon-10:00p.m.
Christmas Eve	- 12:00noon-10:00pm
Christmas Day	- 12:00noon-5:00p.m.
New Year's Eve	- 12:00noon-5:00p.m.
New Year's Day	- 12:00noon-10:00p.m.

NOTE*** DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BOTH CENTERS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON.

*** ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY EVENTS ***

Throughout December — Lions Club Toy Drive Kick-Off

Beltway Plaza and other various City locations. Also, Youth Center and St. Hugh's during Pancake Breakfast. Donations for needy children. Drive will be in progress throughout the month of December. Please, new toys only. For additional information contact Lion Joe Wilkinson, 474-6893.

For special events (residents only) in the following communities dial — Greenbriar Community Building, 441-1096; Windsor Green Community House, 345-4837; Hunting Ridge Community Building, 345-1777, Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge, 474-4555.

This schedule was prepared by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Except where noted, programs are open to the public free of charge. Dial 474-6878 for further information. The Recreation Department staff extends their thanks for your support this year and wishes you and yours "HAPPY HOLIDAYS".

Original Goals

1. To serve as a non profit 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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Anniversary Issue

Thursday, November 26, 1992

Staff Runs a Full-Scale Business New Volunteers Are Always Needed

by Sandra A. Lange

The News Review masthead lists over 50 persons who comprise the newspaper staff. There are four basic types of jobs on the News Review—writing and editing, advertising or business, production and circulation. Many staffers perform a multiplicity of jobs. Most stories are written by staff reporters or contributors from the community, or they reach the desk of the News Review when a business or institution issues a press release.

All written content is edited for substance, style and grammar—with an alertness to screen out anything that might be libelous or in questionable taste. Letters to the editor sometimes must be cut for space or other reasons; and most press releases require a rewrite to get them down to their essentials. Finally, an appropriate headline of just the right length must be written for each article.

The business side of the News Review involves the acceptance and solicitation of advertising, collection of debts, payment of bills, and maintenance of extensive records on business transactions and personnel. The amount of advertising on any given week usually determines the size of the paper.

The production of the newspaper involves the physical layout of ads and stories on a page (called "make up"); proofreading from long strips of newsprint (called "galley") for spelling, punctuation and other errors; and the actual typesetting, page composition and presses by the print shop.

The circulation covers the delivery of each paper to the homes of Greenbelt residents by a cadre of young persons as well as by homeowner associations. Bundles of papers also go to the shopping malls and some large office buildings. Weekly circulation is now 10,400 copies and more development in Greenbelt East will go higher.

Board of Directors

The News Review is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected each fall. A membership meeting for all the staff is held in a member's home. Board members are elected by the members for one-year terms; however, some people have served for many years. The board, which is the policy-making arm, is also responsible for creating and approving editorials conveying the paper's opinions on matters of concern to the city.

The present board consists of Diane Oberg, president; James K. Giese, vice president; Virginia Beauchamp, treasurer; Bernina McGee, secretary; and Barbara Likowski.

The editor, Mary Lou Williamson, is an ex-officio member of the Board, as are Elaine Skolnik, president emeritus, and Diane Oberg, a statistician. Mary Halford, business manager,

with the Census Bureau, has been with the paper 12 years. She works Tuesday nights, regularly covers city council meetings and writes on other subjects. Having started at the advertising desk, she is the versatile "troubleshooter" on the staff, who can write, edit, put the paper together, work the "ad desk," and help with business records of the paper as required. She is the paper's computer guru who writes programs for the paper's unique needs. As president she keeps a finger on the pulse of the paper.

Following his retirement in June 1991, former manager James K. Giese joined the staff of the News Review. His in-depth knowledge of issues and people has brought invaluable expertise to the newspaper. Giese is a prolific writer on a variety of subjects and also works at the editing desk on Tuesday nights.

Virginia Beauchamp is a former News Review editor who exchanged that job with Dorothy Sucher when Virginia moved away for a two-year hitch in Africa. With the paper for 35 years, Virginia digs into her memory bank to retrieve details on past events. She writes news stories and editorials, but concentrates on editing. A retired associate professor of English at the University of Maryland, a published author and now as special assistant to the president of the university, Virginia is the staff's last word on points of grammar.

With the News Review for 21 years, Barbara Likowski has an eagle eye for errors and an almost photographic memory for what has arrived in the stacks of mail received by the paper each week. Her total recall and attention to detail on Tuesday nights contribute greatly to the paper's accuracy and completeness. She covers occasional city council or GHI meetings, does the make-up once a month on Wednesday nights and often reads page-proofs at the print shop on Thursdays. Another extremely versatile staffer, she can and does fill in for almost any staff job which needs doing.

Bernina (Bernie) McGee recently was elected to the Board of Directors following the resignation of Pat Scully. Having retired from her position at the University of Maryland, Bernie became a volunteer on the News Review. An active resident of the

community for almost 30 years, she brings valued knowledge of the issues. She edits copy on Tuesday nights and reads page proofs at the print shop on Thursday mornings.

At the Heart of the Paper

Editor for 20 years, Mary Lou Williamson does some of everything. She solicits advertising throughout the week, edits copy on Tuesday nights, does make-up herself or assists with it every Wednesday night and goes to the print shop to give the paper its final review on Thursdays. She is the one person who knows all jobs and can do any of them while dealing with dozens of callers and constant staff questions in her relaxed and calm manner.

From her 17th floor Bethesda apartment, Elaine Skolnik is the Katherine Graham of the News Review. She cut her teeth on the paper by writing the chatty "Our Neighbors" column for almost 20 years. Gradually she became the guru of sewage disposal plants, development, zoning, roads, and numerous other critical public issues. With telephone in hand, she is a relentless factual researcher. Elaine now specializes in residential land development and progress of the Metro subway. Elaine rarely attends meetings but she hobnobs with politicians, developers and their attorneys at social functions in Greenbelt and never hesitates to follow up with tough questions for her stories.

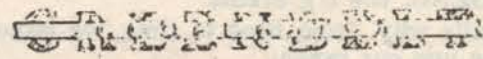
Elaine assumed the presidency of the News Review when her late husband, Alfred Skolnik, died in 1977. She stepped down from that position in 1986 to be able to devote more time to her grandchildren and other pet projects.

Elaine, in her present job as news editor, assigns stories, trains journalism interns and new reporters, calls errant advertisers who are late in paying bills, is usually on hand Tuesday nights, and checks in by phone every Wednesday night (even when she is on vacation) to help decide what goes into the paper and what doesn't. Despite her attempt to reduce her role, Elaine continues to exert a strong influence on all aspects of the paper.

This reporter is a community development specialist with Prince Georges County government. I have been with the News Review for 26 years and consider

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This special edition of the News Review stresses the last five years of publication. Staff members Pat Davis, Jim Giese, Sandra Lange, Barbara Likowski, Bernina McGee, Linda Savaryn and Mary Lou Williamson prepared this issue.



Greenbelt's Own Newspaper	Greenbelt, Maryland	Published by the Citizens
Vol. 5, No. 1	Published Every Wednesday	November 26, 1937
NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN SOON Co-Op Gas Station Starts Operations		JOURNALISTIC CLUB BEGINS WORK ON MEMORIAL Consumer Services Aide Greenbelt Weekly
Opening date of the new store has for several weeks, also for hours with the bus service and parking on the most popular conversation given in Greenbelt; and it is felt that at this time com- mend of its progress will be welcome.		The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting Thursday evening, November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, 25 C Ridge Road.
While Consumer Services is ready to open the store, there will be some de- lay until the premises are ready for occupation. Electricity and refrigeration have not yet been provided for, and an elevator will have yet to be drilled through the eight stories of con- crete floor, and plumbing lines have to be run through the building. It is un- likely that the store will be ready for several days.		More than fifteen persons partici- pated in a general discussion on the best methods now available for the dis- tribution of authentic news and action communities in Greenbelt.
This announcement was made with deep regret by Mr. A. H. Tompkins, store manager, who had hoped for an earlier opening date.		Several attending the meeting sum- marized their personal experiences in publicity and newspaper work and volun- teered their services as reporters.
The filling station, by way of com- pensation, has now been operating for several days. This will also be run according to the cooperative principle, meaning that the Greenbelt car owner may now get gas as well as groceries conveniently.		Tentatively, a plan was suggested to issue six numbers of the Cooperator, a weekly Journal, covering matters of lo- cal community interest.
(Continued on Page Two)		The principle generally adopted by club members is that any Bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively assigned.
		As its first venture the club will appear the Greenbelt Cooperator with the assistance of Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.
		The club elected the following of- ficers: Louis Peasner, president; William A. Peck, vice president.
		(Continued on Page Seven)

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This is how the first page of the first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator looked. The first issue appeared on November 24, 1937 and consisted of 16 letter-sized mimeographed pages of local news and editorial content. The name of the paper was changed in 1954 to the Greenbelt News Review.

How We Do It

(In "the more things change, the more they stay the same category, we reprint our editorial of Feb. 6, 1942 — with a few updates, such as the present name of the paper.)

Last week we received a letter from a new resident . . . asking us when the boy was going to collect for the paper. Neighbor, the boy doesn't collect for the Cooperator/News Review. It's free to you, one of the few free things in a world of soaring prices and increased taxes.

But you pay for your town paper indirectly through every advertisement published. In a year we average just about enough advertising revenue to cover the printing bill and other costs of publication. The staff is made up of your neighbors who contribute their time, from two to ten or more hours a week.

Begun as a mimeographed job, the Cooperator/News Review has maintained weekly publication through crisis after crisis, under 39 different editors. In 1939, the paper was printed with a photo-offset process, and a year later changed its format to an eight-page tabloid size. Last September (1942) the Cooperator changed to its present printed style—and here we are (and still are 50 years later).

At one time the Cooperator considered all readers in town as owners of the news organ, and allowed any resident to vote for the editor in the semi-annual elections. Last fall, (1941) in order to establish a firmer financial basis for operation and to insure continuity of publication the staff incorporated the paper as a producer cooperative, the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

Any resident is welcomed on the staff with or without previous journalism experience. This is an amateur paper, which accounts for the way it looks and reads some weeks. We don't make much money but we have a lot of fun. Come down to the office any Monday or Tuesday evening after 8 o'clock. You will find us in our basement office at 15 Parkway, and we will put you to work at once.

— February 27, 1992

Join the Crew

"Why don't you cover the news better in Greenbelt East?" "Why didn't you report our organization's meeting?" These are questions we News Review staff members often hear. And for those new to town the answers are far from evident. We're a newspaper, after all.

Well, even old-timers in town sometimes forget our reality: We're really a very small crew. We work part time. We're volunteers. Sometimes we're stretched to the limit—and even beyond. And that's why we ask you to submit the stories about your own meetings. We try to cover the citywide issues—the council, GHI (which used to be all the town) and GEAC, the big events.

And that's why, from time to time, we issue an invitation: Come join our ranks.

Want to try your hand at writing? We've some beats to cover, or special stories. Want to do research for us, from your own house, or over the phone? Want to work at our ad desk, or rustle up new ads? Want to learn the fine points of editing? or headline writing? Want to help with billing? Want to learn layout?

There's really a job for every taste, and most can be fitted into your own schedule. What we can offer is flexibility. And fun. And a finger on the pulse of the community.

If those sound attractive, give us a call (441-2662, 493-8336 or leave a message on 474-4131), and we'll be delighted to put you to work.

— October 4, 1990

Large Crowd at Meeting On Future of Center School Wants School At North End

This proposed new facility could be the focal point that will stimulate the revitalization of the North End of Greenbelt. I also understand that a new elementary school is the most viable solution to the future educational needs of our children and grandchildren.

I would like to see our children's children attend a new North End School and would encourage the citizens of Greenbelt to support such an initiative.

—January 9, 1989

I believe the children of Greenbelt deserve to learn in a safe and orderly environment, or at the very least, in a building which is on a par with schools throughout the county.

The city should restore the Center School Art Deco structure to its original state. A public facility at this central location could serve all of the citizens of Greenbelt.

—February 2, 1989

Error Found

I stand by my statement that the school board's claim that the North End site is somehow closer to more students is incorrect. However, I have found an error in my calculation of straight-line student distances to Center School and the North End site. My corrected figure is that the North End site is, on average, 15% farther from the student population than Center School, not 29% as I previously reported.

Although the school board has yet to substantiate their claim,

At Center

We can argue till the end of time about the merits of a good school at the North End versus a good school at the Center, but the debate will stay balanced between two goods except for a timely consideration.

Tradition, remembered in our drive for progress, weights the balance in favor of the Center School. The world does not begin anew with each generation. It took a lot of effort to get us where we are and the physical structures of that history achieve institutional status.

—January 9, 1989

Center School is too important to Greenbelt to leave control with the county.

—January 9, 1989

Show of Hooves

This morning, as I went out to view the wilderness from my back yard, I noticed deer prints in the yard. Following them back to the trailside bench beyond my yard, I encountered an assemblage of pine needles and deer footprint I carefully pasted a3m on a sheet of paper as I found them, and offer the following interpretation, in case anyone has trouble reading the letters: "Dear voters; Please vote for a community center at the North End so that we can share the woods." I take the horizontal line followed by a deep deer footprint as being a deer signature.

—June 22, 1989

I would be happy to provide data supporting my own conclusions upon request.

—March 9, 1989

CENTER WINS NARROWLY

by Diane Oberg

Greenbelt East, along with the absentee ballots, provided the margin of victory as the \$3 million bond ordinance for a community center was approved 833 to 762 (51.5% to 47.1%). Center School was selected as the preferred site for the community center by an even narrower margin, with 50.3 percent of the voters for Center versus 46.4 for North End.

— June 9, 1989

We Remember

Leo Gerton

by Eileen Peterson

Despite the biting cold last Saturday morning, over 50 friends and relatives of the late Leo Gerton gathered on the grassy slope across from the High's store on Centerway to remember him.

In a tribute read beside the simple ground plaque and kousa dogwood given by the Gerton family, City Councilman Thomas X. White expressed the feelings of many as he recalled Gerton's place in the community.

Following are excerpts from that tribute:

"We are here today to memorialize one of Greenbelt's finest citizens. . . . The Center was so much a part of Leo's life and, in return Leo was a significant contributor to the life of this Center. . . . It is very easy to retrieve with mind's eye a particular personal memory of Leo, either in or near the High's store he operated for so many years.

"The real measure of Leo Gerton, however, is in how he extended himself beyond the Center and put countless hours, quiet energy and enormous heart into very important community-wide endeavors. . . . intended to improve Greenbelt or assist its citizens.

"Leo's work on the City Council and its Advisory Planning Board contributed greatly to the development of the Greenbelt Master Plan. (His efforts) brought comprehensive health testing and disease screening programs to Greenbelt. Even Leo's love for fishing was transformed into his own personal and unique fish fry (at Greenbelt Lake)—everyone was invited, of course.

"One of Leo's fondest achievements was his role as one. . . who worked tirelessly to bring the branch library to Greenbelt. . . . It was not surprising that Leo earned his community's highest honor (when he became) Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1977. . . . Let this memorial, situated in one of his favorite places, be a constant reminder of how we can be good citizens and serve others."

—December 15, -988

Planned City Abandoned

The citizens of Greenbelt, based on such information as was made available to them, have decided. There will be a new school building at North End and the city will assume ownership of the building which has heretofore been the Greenbelt Center School. The "planned community," whose Depression-era advertisements all emphasized the importance of children and their environment, is all but abandoned.

—July 7, 1989

Greenbelt is a planned community that is sticking with its plan and adapting quite well to changes no one was able to foresee at the time of its birth. The town's ability to adapt and change is the reason for its survival as a planned community. No one ever expected Greenbelt to be a static display or a museum: this is a living community and as such must grow and must change. We have voted to move ahead into the 1990's but we have not changed course, we have not varied from the original plan.

—July 13, 1989

Janet James

by Sandra Barnes

Janet James was a special member of the News Review staff. In the mid-1970's, when Janet was in her 70's, she was asked if she would do make up; that is cutting up the galleys of type and setting the ads and stories on pages. When assured that she could still write letters to the editor, she gladly accepted the make-up job until arthritis in her hands forced her to give it up several years later.

However, Janet continued as almost a weekly proofreader. She eagerly came out on Wednesday nights despite cold, rain or snow. A meticulous proofreader, her specialty was looking for incidents or typos which would remind her of a funny story.

Janet also liked to sing and would occasionally startle other proofreaders with her rendition of an Episcopalian hymn or nursery rhyme. Her singing was in evidence at the recent wedding of Sally Sims and Sam Stokes, where she was heard gustily leading the audience in some of her favorite hymns.

Sally Sims bought Janet's GHI home in April. When she found out that Sally was going to marry Sam, she was delighted to know that her house would really become a "honeymoon cottage."

Sally recalls that Janet telephoned her one day to ask if Sally had any silver reveré bowls. Janet traditionally gave all brides-to-be a Reveré bowl as a wedding present, because one had been given to her when she moved into her first house. She was a person of strong traditions.

Among the many wonderful memories of Janet are her hospitality in opening her home to visitors for frequent House and Garden tours and for luncheons and dinners, her love of cooking and singing, her joy in storytelling; there was her incredible memory—in which she could recite a poem heard only once 20 years ago—her hearty, infectious laughter and her irrepressible humor.

—December 8, 1988



The View from Ridge Road

by Christina O'Boyle

I have been waiting for the wreckers to arrive and tear down North End School. Empty for ten years, it could be waiting too. But it has not been idle—not completely.

Whenever there was a decent snowfall, the hills behind the school made for great sledding. Dog owners used its lawns for an unobtrusive place to let their dogs run. Some of us used it as a playground: I stood at the bottom of a hill to catch Michael as he ran down, blissfully screeching.


For a while we neighbors voted there. It was almost an unpleasant experience, the smell of mold and mildew filled the unused corridors. Fans were set up to push the air around. They did not help much, but at least the lonely building had some visitors.

One winter we took a chilly tour of the vacant school. Architectural drawings for a potential community center were posted beside a hot coffee pot. City leaders and interested neighbors commiserated with members from Greenbelt's various committees about what could be done with the derelict building. As we sipped coffee, we talked excitedly about fulfilling our dreams through remodeled school rooms. Somehow these hopes trickled over to Center School, leaving North End all the more desolate.

In the beginning North End School was full of children and their dreams. I imagine them sitting at their wooden desks, staring out the windows onto Ridge Road. From my kitchen windows I watched those children amble to and from school. When North End closed, I missed that young traffic. It reminded me of my own happy, dream-laden walks to school.

Yet there is a dream to come. It is a vision of my own children walking up Ridge Road to their brand new North End School.

— August 8, 1991




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for 55 years of volunteer efforts to
benefit the Greenbelt community.

**Richard J. Castaldi, Chairman
Prince George's County Council**

Some Bouquets and Brickbats

The Nicest People Support the Arts

I have enjoyed your News Review for many years, but have never written to you before. . . .
—March 7, 1991

Our Year's Stay

This month my family and I are returning to our home in Florida after a year's stay in Greenbelt while we worked temporarily at the Goddard Space Flight Center. During our year in Greenbelt, we participated in most of your community events, attended one of your local churches, had our first child born nearby, and, of course, have received your newspaper regularly. I am writing to you and your readers to express our thanks for an enjoyable year. . . .
—August 18, 1988

Thanks

On behalf of my mother, and siser, thank you for the honor you bestowed upon my father, by including in the News Review, the picture and lengthy article on his life and activities in Greenbelt.
—May 21, 1992

Thanks to the citizens of our community and to the News Review for the wonderful support provided to the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Prince Georges Arts Council. Since my 75th birthday concert on March 3, I have received many telephone calls and letters and spoken face to face with at least 100 people who expressed regret that they were unable to attend.

Our Greenbelt has a great thing going for it—our sense of community and our ability to forge ahead while even with our diversity we relish in our unity. So, please, give yourselves a present and become a patron of the arts.

Thanks

Thank you for the wonderful job producing the Greenbelt News Review. Your combined talents and dedication show through in a consistently informative and quality publication.
—February 18, 1988

Ready For the 90's

The News Review deserves much credit for its participation in the Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) forum, "The Role of a Community Paper," held at the March 15 membership meeting. Where else but Greenbelt could this sort of event take place? CFG will continue to serve as a means of bringing forth residents' views on serious issues of public concern. . . . CFG is ready for the 1990s!
—March 22, 1990

Thanks

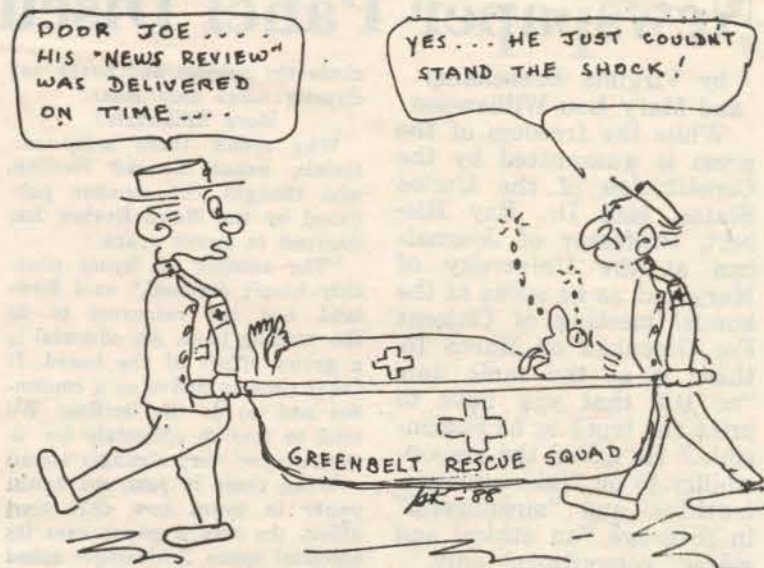
P.S. Your newspaper gave me a handsome write-up as Outstanding Citizen of which I am duly appreciative. I do have a nit to pick. If I served on the Community Relations Advisory Board, I was the invisible member. Those who have put up with me for 24 years were the members of the city's Employee Relations Board—for the record.
—September 12, 1991

Fourth Option

I must take issue with the News Review's front page story of July 2 on the Greenbrook Pond. Virginia Beauchamp's coverage never mentions my request for the development of a fourth option that would include a pond somewhere between the original five acre wet pond and the 1.9 acre pond/2.7 wetlands combination. . . .
—July 9, 1992

The Real Story

"The News Review may attempt (as it has done in the past and as it did in this instance) to defend their comrades from criticism by adding misleading or erroneous editor's notes to citizen letters. Despite this kind of intervention, however, reversal of an unwanted policy may still be achieved through the action of a single citizen who is willing to speak out. Your voice can make a difference!" . . .
Ruth E. Kastner
— August 27, 1992



—cartoon by George Kaufman
— September 29, 1988

Insists on Facts

Since the July 19 News Review article concerning the annexation of the federal courthouse property inadvertently failed to mention the reasoning for my "negative response," I would like to clarify my position. . . .
—July 16, 1992

Misplaced Focus

This last week's festival of war is not what I had in mind when I suggested that the News Review cover local reactions to outside issues. Coverage of "Where were you when . . . was raped?" would be in better taste. These articles leave out most of Greenbelt by asking where they were years before they were born, except for those that will treat it like they do the Civil War, re-righting it until they figure out how it could have been won by their side. I would prefer that you ask questions such as "Where were you when Homer Smith of LaSalle County, Illinois brought in the bumper crop of wheat and corn that sent his son to college?"
—December 12, 1991

Good Thing

It's a good thing the council members are putting signs up. I wouldn't have known there is an election. I don't think the News Review has been dropped off even twice where I live in the past year.
—October 24, 1991

Just Say No Double the \$ Not the Term

I agree with last week's letters to the editor, which were in favor of keeping council terms to two years. Unquestionably a two-year term is more democratic. On the one hand, voters have more impact. On the other hand, the candidates, while campaigning, talk to many more citizens than they do once they have been elected. As a result they gain a better understanding of the needs and desires of the whole community, not only the "activists." I strongly recommend an increase in the stipend council receives. Recommendations: (1) Vote NO to the proposed extension of council terms to four years. (2) Work towards increasing council's stipends.
—October 21, 1991

A Step Away

The city council's proposal to extend the terms of its members should not be supported; vote "no" on this advisory question at the city election on November 5. Several good reasons could be given, but the most important is that such an extension of terms would represent a further shift away from full participation by Greenbelt citizens in policy-making decisions which affect our lives.
—October 17, 1991

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Newspaper Panel Discusses Issues

by Virginia Beauchamp
and Mary Lou Williamson

While the freedom of the press is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, said Dr. Ray Hiebert, Professor of Journalism at the University of Maryland, as he spoke at the annual meeting of Citizens For Greenbelt on March 15. There is at the same time "no law that you have to print the truth or be responsible." He called the responsibility to be "fair, accurate, truthful" and "meaningful" in coverage "an ethical and moral" commitment only.

Hiebert, who is also consultant to the Voice of America, appeared with two members of the board of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, publishers of the News Review, as participants on a panel to discuss the role of a community newspaper. Bill Rowland, president of the board, and Diane Oberg, represented the News Review.

Questions and Answers

How does the News Review determine what news events to cover? Keith Chernikoff, speaking for Betty Timer, began the question and answer session trying to understand why the paper did not cover the council's recent two-day retreat to Westminster.

We did not have a staff member to cover the retreat, although we would have liked to, explained Oberg. The News Review covers almost every major meeting involving the council and almost all community-wide events and many other meetings as well, she said. We attempt to distribute the available staff based on the importance of the events.

Newspapers always have problems of shortages of space and staff to cover stories, Hiebert agreed. "I know of no newspaper in this country that has readers who feel that everything was covered. Any group you talk to will gripe about not having their point of view expressed or their meeting covered. . . . I don't know a tougher job in the country than to try to cover the news and tell the truth and be fair to everybody. It might be impossible."

What about the incident when three citizens vociferously disagreed with a decision council took at a meeting and their objections were not included by the reporter, asked Charles Hagegans.

"It's difficult for me to comment on that," responded Hiebert. "But I can comment on (tonight's) meeting. Any reporter that didn't report on your concern would not be accurate."

"If it is an issue of importance," responded Oberg, "it will be included." She reminded the audience that council meetings sometimes go on until 2 a.m. So we can't cover every detail, she said. "Every time you write a story you have to judge what is important and what is of interest to the community."

"What are the criteria," asked Schlesinger, "for choosing which comments are quoted on an issue?"

"It's always a reporter's judgment," said Oberg, who frequently reports on council meetings. We try to use quotes that sum up major viewpoints. But even here, she explained, some people are easy to quote and others, even though they speak very well, may

circle the subject and never say directly what they mean.

More Editorials?

Why aren't there more editorials, asked Konrad Herling, who thought the number published by the News Review has declined in recent years.

"The number of issues probably hasn't declined," said Rowland, but our resources to do the writing have. An editorial is a group effort of the board. It takes time to arrive at a consensus and to do the writing. We tend to reserve editorials for issues we feel very strongly about.

When there is just one newspaper in town, how does that affect the way a paper uses its editorial space, Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

Usually the owner of the paper says what the editorials are going to be, said Hiebert. It is much harder when you need a cooperative effort in making those decisions. "It seems to me as an outsider, looking at what you've got here and also what I know about similar communities, my sympathies lie with this newspaper. The newspaper has become a very fragile kind of institution. It doesn't get a lot of money or support and it does get enormous criticism. It's so very important in our society, yet it is almost an endangered species." So what can you do? "Find ways to support and energize this very important resource you have."

Activist or Reporter?

I have heard over and over "we don't have enough staff," said Leonie Penney. But I understand that if you are an activist, you can't be on the News Review, that people who have volunteered to write about the garden clubs have been told "no because you are an activist." That limits the supply of volunteers, she said.

"That's not completely the way we work," replied Oberg, offering some examples. A council meeting reporter could not also appear before council with a petition or cover an issue in which he or she has participated to the extent of being identified with that issue. On others, who write human interest stories or are not involved in writing, e.g., advertising or business, we place no restrictions.

What is considered appropriate, particularly in a town like Greenbelt, where you have such a small pool of people to do things? Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

"You do have a problem in Greenbelt," he responded. "You have fewer people to draw from here. I'm not sure you can really get people who are 100 percent objective and 100 percent not identified (with an issue). Maybe you have to encourage people even though they have a point of view to do their best to leave that point of view at home."

"There's no such thing as an unbiased point of view," argued

Ben Abramowitz. "Where there is controversy, particularly in small towns where citizens are writing for the paper, there is partiality."

Extrapolating a question from what he called Abramowitz's philosophically interesting comments, Schlesinger asked: "Is it possible to be totally objective?"

From his personal experience, Rowland related what the reporter has at hand at the end of a council meeting—some direct quotes, a very solid set of notes, and a city clerk available for checking facts the next day. I think we can be very objective. As a staff, he said, "we're biased in all sorts of different directions, but we're also biased in favor of bringing it all together . . . as close as possible to the facts. It works well, we think. Of course, we're biased when we say that," he joked.

"The more we are involved in the community, the harder it is to be objective," said Hiebert. The role of the reporter is not to be involved in the issues, it is to get all points of view and let the reader make up his mind. "It's only a goal toward which journalists can strive."

Jerry Dancis protested that the paper had allowed a board member of a Greenbelt organization to report on his own meeting. The practice showed the problems of bias, he suggested, because controversy was not included in the resulting story.

Oberg explained, "We try to cover the council, advisory boards, city-wide organizations, (but) do not cover many of the other cooperative organizations . . . so we do allow those organizations to tell our readers what happened" with the name of the writer appearing on the story.

Letters-to-the Editor

The letters-to-the-editor columns are the mirror of thinking by ordinary people, the non-official part of the community, said Leonie Penney. If letters are not published or are changed, that mirror changes. Charles Hagegans followed up by questioning the objectivity of the paper in its letters policy. He began listing specific letters his wife, Ruth Kastner, had written that were not published for a variety of reasons. Schlesinger, stopping him, asked whether the News Review had provided explanations. Hagegans replied they had.

Rowland responded regarding the one letter he could recall, and agreed with Hagegans' description of the News Review's point—the election was over and so the issue was no longer timely. Referring to his earlier "list of things we look for in letters," he said each letter is considered individually, on its own merits and on its news value and then measured against the available space. We respect the

words people choose to express themselves, he said, and the substance of what they are saying when we must shorten the letter. Most letters we receive we print.

What are the most frequent grounds for not printing letters, asked Schlesinger.

Issues that are not specific to Greenbelt, or not addressing a current issue, said Oberg. Responding to Hagegans' point on objectivity, Oberg objected.

"That's something we take a great deal of pride in." We make every effort to leave our personal opinions out of the decision-making. Also we do print letters critical of the News Review.

Tom White expressed his dissatisfaction with the newspaper's responses in discussing criteria used for accepting letters. Timeliness, he suggested, should not be included. Why can't you just let Greenbelt be Greenbelt?

Is timeliness a reasonable criterion? Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

"A newspaper has a responsibility to be timely and interesting," Hiebert asserted. "If the information is old," he added, "it's not going to be part of a lively discussion. As such, I as an editor would not use it."

— April 5, 1990

Self-Serving

The city council has placed an advisory question on the ballot in the upcoming city council election which proposes extending council terms from two years to four. I urge Greenbelt voters to respond to this proposal with a resounding "No."

People in other parts of the world are fighting and dying for their right to vote. Here in Greenbelt, we are fortunate to enjoy the privileges and rights of the electoral process. But instead of encouraging involvement in and appreciation for this process, our elected officials are offering to relieve us of the "bother" of voting.

—October 17, 1991

— April 21, 1988

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An Historic Seat Finds Its Final Resting Place

by Sandra A. Lange

Visitors to the Greenbelt Museum, at 10-B Crescent Road, have been interested in the origin of the historic toilet seat, a recent acquisition donated by Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, Sr. For 50 years, the toilet seat was installed at 28-A Ridge Road, which is the site of the McCarl family dental offices. From 1937 to 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Sau's lived at 28-A Ridge. They sold the house in 1955 to Dr. McCarl's father, Dr. James W. McCarl, who also bought the adjoining unit at 28-B.

Dr. McCarl states that the toilet seat was "used every day, morning, noon and night . . . and was used as a resting place for the weary and troubled . . . a place to find relief."

In his acquisition report to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dr. McCarl provides information describing the historic value of the object. "This old black rubber toilet seat was the worst looking thing you can imagine. Like most of the building, it was built to last forever. For thirty-three years I resisted the outraged requests of my family and staff to get rid of it. My reply was always, 'No!' It is historic."

"Now I am exonerated! I have found an historic resting place for the resting place!"

Those who have not visited the Museum and viewed the "historic resting place" are cordially invited to do so by FOGM docents, who provide a guided tour of the house, including the bathroom. The Museum is open every Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment other days. Call 474-1936 for additional information.

Celebrating Half A Century

The Greenbelt News Review celebrated 50 years of continuous publication in 1987. Elaine Skolnik celebrated more than 30 years with the paper, beginning as the "Our Neighbors" columnist, continuing as the resident expert on zoning and development issues, and serving as president of the board from 1977-1985. When she stepped down from the presidency, she was elected president emeritus. Today she

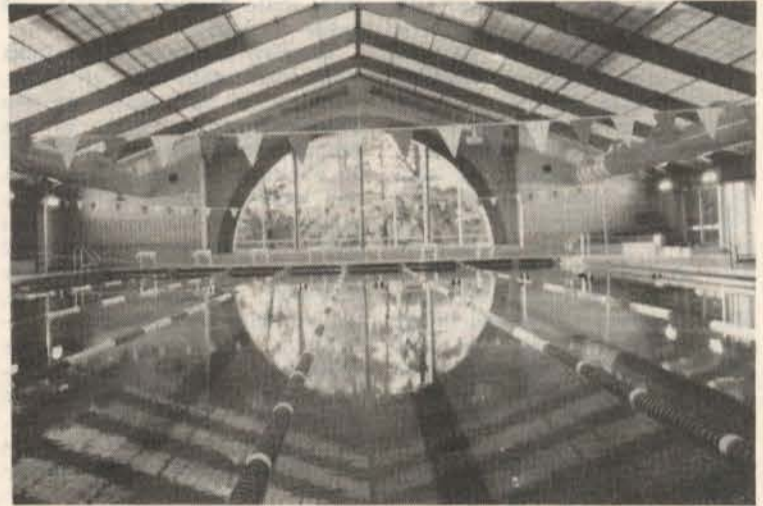
is News Editor, responsible for news assignments and training of interns. In tribute to her many achievements, to her high standards for accuracy and excellence and her personal warmth and integrity, her friends presented Elaine with "Elaine," a publication of anecdotes and remembrances highlighting her career and her special qualities.



Elaine Skolnik is honored with a compilation of personal tributes, appropriately titled "Elaine," during the News Review's 50th Anniversary Dinner in November. Sharing her pleasure are her husband Victor Nicholson (left), long-time News Review friend Roger Clark (right), and

(beaming over Elaine's shoulder) former News Review Editor Harry Zubkoff. Zubkoff was Master of Ceremonies for the fiftieth anniversary dinner. Attorney Clark took the 1960's libel suit all the way to victory for the paper in the Supreme Court. — January 14, 1988

New Greenbelt Pool Makes a Splash



— photo by Nick Pergola

Rover Race a Riot

by Larry Noel

A most unusual running race, dogs on a leash with runners, was held in Greenbelt National Park on December 13. This writer, who has been to many a running race was treated to a new experience when about 75 dogs and fewer runners entered a 1½ mile running race. Some runners ran with two dogs. Some runners were pulled along to a faster than usual pace (the winner had a very large dog) and won in 7:53, almost a 5-minute mile pace. The winning dog's master (someone remarked "with big dogs one wondered who was the master") was Jim Robinson of Columbia with Jouet of unknown origin. Mark Shaw of Laurel with two Border Collies, Joe and Kathy, was close behind in 7:59.

Awards were made in a different way from normal running races. For instance, the dogs were the only ones getting awards and they made the pick. Awards were made in unusual groupings: Best Dressed dog, sporting sunglasses, was a golden retriever, owned by Beth Eason of Greenbelt in 12:30. Smallest dog was Fluffy, a miniature poodle pulled by Ray McCawley of Greenbelt in 21:27. Largest dog was Chocolate Moose, a golden retriever who pulled Jennifer Ramelmeier of Greenbelt to a 11:22 finish. Oldest dog was Nutmeg, a Sheltie breed owned by Larry Black, College Park, who is a well known biker and writer. First woman finisher was well-known area runner and triathlete, Mary Ann Zimmerman with Camie, a doberman (who refused to let other dogs pass).

Jim Walsh, also a runner and triathlete, was the first Greenbelt to finish with Jack, a Jack Russell terrier in 9:09. Tom Winkert, formerly of Greenbelt, won the race for the little dogs in 8:45 with Penny, a Shetland Sheep dog. Almost everyone there asked for more of these races.

Call 474-9362 for further information about races sponsored by the Prince Georges Running Club.

— December 31, 1987

For the Squirrels

What a fool I was to think I could leave a jack-o-lantern on my doorstep in Greenbelt. Or to think I could grow lettuce or peaches or tomatoes. Because you can't in Greenbelt. In Greenbelt all we can grow is fat squirrels. All of us humans are on health kicks—jogging around the lake having our fat calibrated at the health fair. There aren't many obese humans in Greenbelt, but there sure are obese squirrels. I say it's disgusting.

I have some proposals. One, which is probably un-Greenbeltian, is open season on fat squirrels. Ah, the joy of taking a scatter gun to a squadron of fat squirrels. A squirrel in every pot. Another proposal would be to encourage all Greenbelt cats to become outdoor cats. Don't feed them—they'll get the squirrels. If people won't be predators, maybe cats will.

But perhaps I should look at them in a different light. They could become a tourist attraction. We could charge admission to see the world's fattest, boldest squirrels. We'll have the squirrels counted in the 1990 Census and become an electoral district all by ourselves. People could make them into pets—with leashes, licenses, rabies shots. And squirrel doors, because they're certainly getting into our houses.

My most modest proposal would be at least don't feed them. Squirrels eating out of your hand will soon be squirrels nesting in your house. Maryland may be for crabs, but Greenbelt is for squirrels.

November 24, 1988

Police Blotter

Breaking and Entering
Greenbelt police believe they have found the man responsible for a series of breakings and enterings in the SHL apartments area. A Greenbelt officer recognized the suspect who was in the custody of an officer from another police jurisdiction at the District Court building in Upper Marlboro.

The suspect was wearing tennis shoes reported stolen from an SHL apartment, according to Mathews. As a result of further investigations, a residence in Hyattsville was jointly searched by Greenbelt and Prince Georges police. Several stolen items were recovered. . . Mathews credits the arrest to "good observation on the part of the Greenbelt officer."

— October 10, 1991

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Who's Who on the Staff

(Continued from page 1A)
 myself mostly a writer, preferring feature writing to news. Over the years, I have interviewed a lot of "Greenbelt's Greats," as well as written a number of obituaries on the same. I also do make-up on Wednesday nights as well as work on special issues like this one.

News Review as a Business
 Few people understand that though the News Review is a volunteer organization which started in someone's living room back in 1937, it nevertheless is a business. Business manager Mary Halford, a Certified Public Accountant, works hard to make sure that the business desk runs smoothly and that the board is supplied with timely financial information. At present she is training her new staff: son Andrew Farris and friend Sean and Marlene Vikor. Tim Farris handles subscriptions.

Among them, they tally up the advertising inches each week, send out bills, maintain the records, and fill out the tax forms.

Advertising, that life-blood of any newspaper, is managed on Tuesday nights by the ad staff, Dorothy White, Joanne Tucker, Lucille Howell, Linda Savaryn and Adrienne Plater. Joanne has fielded ad calls and solicited ads from forgetful advertisers for the last 17 years. It is her job late on Tuesday night, to total up the inches of advertising and tell Mary Lou how big the paper can be that week. Most readers don't think about it, but that's the deciding factor each week—the number of inches of advertising determines the number of pages that can be paid for. The make-up staff chooses from the news copy and fits it to the paper's size.

Proofreading
 Proofreading can make a paper shine or become an object of ridicule. Fortunately, the News Review has a core of superior proofreaders, who work Wednesday nights. Those include Lekh and Suzanne Batra, Peter Brady, John Bremer, Sharon Clauser, Robin Cochran, Pat Davis, Cindy Friend, Patty Heil, Elizabeth Jay, Dorothy Lauber, Edward Leake, Robert Levine, Morris Levitt, Betty Maffay, Linda Mallardi, Anne Meglis, Mary Moien, Walter Penney, Bonnie Reinke, Mary Sandilands, Sandra Smith, Olga Strocovsky, Ottilie Van Allen, Tillie Wetter and Virginia Zanner.

Several of these people have

been on the News Review staff for over 15 years. Some, like Mary Moien and Sandra Smith and Betty Timer are also reporters who write feature articles and cover occasional meetings.

Tuesday nighters, those folks who come out—rain or shine, blizzard or hail storm—to the paper's long-time home in the orange-colored basement office of 15 Parkway to type stories, edit and write headlines include copy readers Betsy Likowski and Jan Kuhn along with editorial board members Oberg, Giese, Barbara Likowski, Beauchamp, McGee, Skolnik and Williamson.

Betsy also writes on some zoning and environmental matters. Linda Savaryn writes the popular "Our Neighbors" column. Jane Jaworski compiles the "Police Blotter," and helps occasionally with typing.

Christina O'Boyle charms readers with her "View from Ridge Road" columns.

Judy Goldstein has written the Greenbelt Grab-Bag for years. She holds the record for longevity in column writing, and her gentle humor has tickled the funny bone of two generations of Greenbelters.

Eileen Peterson is a regular feature writer who focuses on cultural arts, the theatre, and library issues. Sheila Cherry is a paralegal student who covers issues in Greenbelt East. Doug Love brings in humorous articles and covers the green scene.

Barbara Likowski, Mary Lou Williamson, Marlene Vikor, Dee downs, and Bernie McGee read page proofs at the print shop on Thursdays.

Putting It All Together
 The Wednesday night make-up job—when the News Review stories are cut up, headlines pasted on, and all that fits on the pages is placed in its spot alongside the ads—is performed in rotation by Barbara and Betsy Likowski, Mary Lou Williamson, this reporter, and Marlene Vikor, with assistance from Pearl Siegel, Judy Bordeaux and Pat Davis.

Circulation — delivering the paper on time (well, by Friday evening anyway) — is the job of David Stein, who drops stacks of newspapers on the doorsteps of the carriers within the core of Greenbelt, Greenbelt East, and at businesses throughout the city.

Colin Roberts manages circulation in Springhill Lake.

Approximately 30 boys and

New Plans for Parcel 1

by Elaine Skolnik

In a work session scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt city council will review Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc.'s revised plans for the development of Parcel 1, the land between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property, north of Northway extended and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.
 — December 3, 1987

Last Call for Hike Need Wild Land

Hey, Greenbelt — there are 100 beautiful acres of land in this town that you may not know about. The trouble is, it's about to be plowed down so we can have hundreds of additional cars for morning and evening rush hour. If you'd like to see it before the destruction or construction takes place, meet me at the Dump at 1 p.m. this Saturday at the end of Northway extended for a grand tour. There'll be free sandwiches and drinks. For more information about a great hike, call me at 474-4653.

When I was a kid, I used to play in the woods that are called Parcel 1. I lived all the way across town, but it didn't take a 12-year-old boy long to find such an enchanted forest. I saw my first deer in those woods. At the age of 27 I still go back there to take walks and relax. I'd like to be able to walk through those woods 10 years from now.

—December 3, 1987

girls, ages 8 to 18, (and a few adults) deliver the News Review weekly. Often this is their very first paying job.

The News Review has been printed by Allen Printing in Hyattsville for almost 50 years. This family-owned business — three generations working together, is an integral part of the News Review operation with its ancient linotype machines and hand-set headlines. New-fangled computers have yet to catch up with the Aliens who know more about Greenbelt than most Greenbelters.

It takes a lot of people—and a fair amount of dedication and hard work—to put out a newspaper every week, with never a week missed, for 55 years, that's 2860 issues!

Editor's Note: The News Review always needs more help—writing, proofing, editing, advertising or business. Wouldn't you like to join our staff? The pay is nominal. The rewards are great! Call us at 441-2662.

Save the Green Belt

From the Air

From an airplane, Parcel 1 seems like a "cushion" protecting the original part of Greenbelt from the hectic Parkway traffic. Winter sunshine shows that this land has large areas of evergreen, surrounded by other, now leafless trees — a microcosm of nature's variety . . . only from the air can you appreciate how much building is already going on! Does anybody need still more? It would be a sick joke indeed to lose this last natural green area during our Golden Anniversary year. Let us not lose it!

—December 17, 1987


Lost Vision

When the Parcel 1 area is developed, the original idea of a green belt will be dead.

Have the good people of the city council lost that original vision of Greenbelt? Did they forget about what Aldo Leopold and Henry Thoreau wrote about communities and the land? It was Thoreau who once said: "the goodness of a community should not be judged by the righteousness of its men, but by the amount of woods that surround it." Need I say more?

— December 10, 1987

Council Authorizes Purchase Of the 102.5-acre Parcel 1




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Bill Mayhew Hits the Jackpot

by Mary Lou Williamson

Greenbelt Center School's librarian for the past five years, and Greenbelt resident for longer, Bill Mayhew will not be returning to work next fall.

Bill will be doing what he loves most, telling stories at birthday parties and conventions and festivals; something he has been able to do only part time in the past. The problem, he said, has been that most story-telling jobs are during the hours when he has been at school. But that won't be a problem any more. He no longer needs a regular pay check coming in. Every May for the next 20 years Bill will get a big check. Last Saturday Bill Mayhew won \$2,000,000 in the Maryland State Lottery.

He sings a little song now, "I ain't gonna work no more, no more . . ." He's enjoyed his years as a librarian in at least six Prince Georges County public elementary schools, he says, and the people he has worked with. "They're marvelous." He liked getting to work early, a half hour at least. He'll miss all that, he says, "but not all that much." Mayhew is a little crazy. It's in his voice. Yesterday he went back to the Tobacco Shop. He bought \$50 worth of dollar lottery tickets, took them to school and gave one to each of his fellow teachers, "hoping a little of my luck might rub off," he says. "I'm so looney!" He laughs.

Mayhew tells classic stories, Beowulf and Odysseus, and folk tales of Black Americans and American Indians and the traditional Germanic tales collected by the Brothers Grimm. He learns new stories at swap sessions, memorizing the ones he likes as he hears them. Mayhew has a collection of 500 books and tape, all indexed in his computer, 16,000 entries.

Bill has bought about \$180 worth of lottery tickets over the years, responding off and on to a friend who bugs him to buy. "It's one chance in 13,000,000," he says. "Someone's gotta win."

Last Saturday he went to the Co-op for a few groceries and a prescription. When he returned to pick up the prescription from the druggist, Mr. Galloway, it wasn't ready. "So I went to put the groceries in the car and kill a little time." He bought a dollar lottery ticket at the Greenbelt Variety Store. And won. He won \$2,000,000 and the right to "tell stories, to realize my dream of all these years."

So folks he's available for birthday parties, and yes, he will charge.

Bill lives with his wife, Maren, a nurse-practitioner.

—May 31, 1990

St. Hugh's Thanks Mishkan Torah

At their mid-morning service at Mishkan Torah Congregation on July 8, Rabbi Saul Grife and the congregation were given a gift from St. Hugh's Parish, its parishioners and its school students. Father John P. Stack, pastor at St. Hugh's made the presentation of a standing pamphlet rack, made of oak wood.

Father Stack expressed the thanks of the Parish for the use of Mishkan Torah, and the immediate unsolicited response to St. Hugh's fire that was given by the congregation through the efforts of Linda Spivack.

—August 3, 1989

A Year Ago And Now

Thanks

Open Letter to Our Greenbelt Patrons:

We could not let '91 draw to a close without thanking the town of Old Greenbelt for the support of Old Greenbelt Theatre.

To our staunch loyal regulars that stuck with us from the very beginning throughout our trials and errors a special thanks is offered for hanging with us these past months . . .

Staff & Management

P.G. Old Greenbelt Theatre

— December 26, 1991

The Real Story

To the Editor:

I read with interest your "Ten Top Stories of 1988" and wish to reflect upon two entries.

First, when the News Review selects the "Top Ten Stories for 1989," report the real story (of the fire at St. Hugh's). The story of how a small community accepted the challenge of a tragic event and turned it into a triumph of community spirit. Tell how city leaders acted quickly and remained steadfast throughout. Tell how city staff made themselves a part of the recovery effort in a way that was sincere and meaningful. Tell how the Recreation Department acted in aid with the true spirit of sportsmanship. Tell of the leaders and people of all faiths who offered and provided temporal and spiritual support. Tell of countless contributions from the people of Greenbelt who live what we profess: We are a family and when one of us hurts we all hurt and when one of us succeeds we all succeed. If ever anyone takes issue with this, tell them of the Christmas fire.

"Paradiso"

The Academy-Award winning film "Cinema Paradiso" is the story of a man who spent most of his young life enthralled with old movies that played every week in his small town's movie theater. The wonderful (and painful) experiences he had at that theater marked his life forever.

So did my theater experiences. My home town of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania had just one theater. I remember how I held my breath during the opening sequence of "The Sound of Music." For what seemed like years, I wanted to be Julie Andrews when I grew up. I wanted an indomitable spirit that would climb every mountain and ford every stream.

The day the Slippery Rock marquee dimmed its lights forever, my world seemed to become smaller. Sure, I still had my books, but I missed the magic that happened when moving pictures, words and music all came together.

It's true . . . downtown Greenbelt did seem to come alive the day the theater marquee brightened. And it's a wonderful place to see movies, thanks to a large screen, a spectacular sound system, and a manager named Cheryl Reid who has never failed to greet me.

I believe that something important will be lost if the Greenbelt marquee lights are dimmed again. I'm not sure exactly what, but it could be something as simple as happiness. Walker Percy once wrote, "I am quite happy in a movie, even a bad movie." Isn't this true of all of us, in some small way? The only lights that should be dimmed at the Greenbelt Theater are the ones inside . . . the ones that signal the beginning of another movie experience that holds the promise of a moment or two of happiness.

We need our Greenbelt Paradiso!

S. J. Anderson
— September 10, 1992

Plant Kills Hurt

After reading a recent letter to the editor titled "Fish Kills Hurt Too," I went out into my backyard to practice casting. In my haste, I snagged a tomato plant on my first cast. While removing my hook I noticed all the leaves wilting from pain. A blood-like fluid was dripping from the wound in the body of the plant. At that instant I realized that plant kills hurt too!

In sadness I went back inside only to notice that my house plants were bent towards the window light in a symbolic escape attempt. I began to think differently about plants and vegetables. Raising and caring for vegetables only to kill and eat them at the mature point of their lives is more than unfair. It is another form of human exploitation of a less motile life form.

I began to study gardening only to find that government doesn't regulate it yet. No license is needed to raise, kill, and devour plants and vegetables. To deal with this dilemma, I have started the first vegetable rights organization in Greenbelt. The only membership requirement is to have eyes on the front of your head and canine teeth in your mouth like other carnivores. Only people with eyes on the sides of their head and herbivore type dentation will be excluded. With these membership requirements in place, I'm expecting an overwhelming response to the upcoming membership drive.

Vegetable righters will respect their lawns and stop mowing them. The senseless killing of millions of grass blades with sharp whirling metal blades is not only a dangerous practice but also an unnecessary waste of dwindling energy supplies. As more and more Greenbelters join the ranks, the community will become progressively greener. Soon the green in Greenbelt will have a new meaning.

Jim Lynch
President of Brown Piece

—August 27, 1992

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Giese Retires

by Sandra A. Lange

After 29 years of public service as Greenbelt's city manager, James K. Giese retires on June 30. Jim Giese has been called the ultimate city manager, the true believer in the council/manager form of government. Without personal fanfare he carries out directives of the elected officials under whom he serves. In so doing, he brings to Greenbelt positions that are respected in the halls of the State legislature and the chambers of the County Council. Greenbelt's voice is one that policy makers and politicians heed. . . .



Everybody's going to the retirement dinner for Jim Giese and Gudi Mills. Got your tickets?

— May 16, 1991

His insistence on fairness is equalled by his dedication to hard work. "I've tried to instill in people who work for the city that whatever Greenbelt is, it can be better. I'm not the only one who feels this way. I hope employees of the city do their jobs better in Greenbelt than (employees) elsewhere."

Proud Accomplishments

Over the years Giese has been most surprised—and gratified—by the decisions of Greenbelt East citizens and the commercial developers of the Greenway Shopping Center/Maryland Trade Center Complex to seek annexation to the city. "When condo homeowners and developers choose to pay higher taxes in order to have a voice in planning and zoning issues, it speaks well for the respect the city has earned," he proudly asserts.

He enjoys seeing a project through from conception to fruition. "Every new project gives me great satisfaction," he declares. He particularly savors his role in the construction of the new police station and Green Ridge House. He is also proud of the indoor swimming pool. . . . "It will be the most attractive building in the city," he asserts with obvious pride. . . .

He also is proud of the visual image of the city with its many flower beds created by Bill Phelan, the city's horticulturist. "There is always something to look at which helps make the city a nicer place," he beams.

The community center, too, will be a valued addition to the city, he believes. . . . "It's important to provide facilities for a lot of different groups, especially for arts groups. It's as important as having a library or a museum," he states. . . .

For the most part, he is pleased with his accomplishment. "The job has been dynamic, challenging. I never felt it was getting to be 'old hat,'" he comments. "Greenbelt always had its characters. It helped to make

life interesting." He pauses and smiles. "To some extent, I became one of the characters." . . .

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Mills Retires

by Sandra A. Lange

Gudrun Mills has been Greenbelt's city clerk for 20 years. She retires on May 31 at age 65. A joint retirement dinner for Mills and City Manager Jim Giese is planned for May 23 at Martin's Crosswinds.

Sometime after coming to the Washington area, Gudi applied for the city clerk's job in Greenbelt. She did not know what the city clerk's job entailed. Her interview with city manager Jim Giese went well, and within a month she had left her higher paying job on Capitol Hill and joined the city staff.

Over the years, she has become more than the keeper of the official records—the recorder of the minutes of every council meeting. She has an encyclopedic memory, and can recall details of council meetings that occurred 10 or 15 years

Hobbs Appointed

by Sandra A. Lange

"Where is Greenbelt Going?" And, How does it want to get there?" These are the profound questions Greenbelt's new city manager, Daniel G. Hobbs, thinks will need to be answered in the next few years. But not by him. The essence of Hobbs' management style is that he sees himself as a facilitator—not a creator. "It won't be my job to answer those questions," Hobbs asserts, but rather to bring the right people together—citizens, staff, council—to process problems effectively.

Hobbs can be described as "the textbook city manager." He is young (40ish), lean, with a polished manner somewhat in variance with his unruly shock of light auburn hair. His desk is uncluttered. He conveys an air of drive and ambition, as well as boyish enthusiasm for being the manager of a planned community. In his 20 years in the field of city management, he has steadily climbed the ladder to more and more responsible positions.

"I always dreamed of being manager of a city like Reston or Columbia," he remarks. It wasn't until after he came to Greenbelt that he realized he had accom-

plished his goal; he was the manager of a planned community, one of the first in the country. It is these experiences in fiscal management that Hobbs feels attracted the Greenbelt city council's attention. He feels that he and the council are a good match. He respects the policy-making role of elected officials and the high degree of citizen participation in Greenbelt. He believes these qualities were responsible for the council's selecting him as the new city manager. . . .

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previously. "You just can't record (council meetings) word for word," she states. "You have to have a sense of what is happening, an understanding of what is meant."

Keeping Neutral

One of the hardest parts of her job is to keep her mouth shut, she asserts. When she prepares the minutes or summaries of the meetings, she is very careful to remain impartial. "As a city employee, you don't have opinions," she maintains. "I have to look at issues and reflect what happened—and keep neutral." . . .

Gudi has special praise for her boss, Jim Giese. "People don't realize how much he has done for the employees," she declares about the benefits enjoyed by city workers. "He never takes credit for things other people do," she adds. "But if there's a goof up, he will take the blame. A lot of what is accomplished is due to Jim Giese," she states emphatically.

She also applauds what she views as his "Open Door" policy. "I can talk with him any time I have a problem—as can any employee." . . .

Gudi is proud of the Outstanding Employee of Maryland award she received from the Maryland City Manager's Association. Dorothy Lauber, Jim Giese's administrative assistant, will replace her. . . .

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