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Huge Snow Taken in Stride Here; P.W. Crews Keep Streets Cleared

by James Giese

Ho hum, it was just another major snowfall. That seemed to be the attitude of city workers and officials as they continued to take their cleanup work in stride following an 18-inch snowfall rated one of the top six for this area in the recorded history of weather measurements. Unlike the streets in many other jurisdictions and the situation in Greenbelt in some previous storms, city streets were kept open to travel by means of steady plowing throughout the two-day snowstorm that fell on Presidents Day weekend. As soon as the sun came out for a few hours on Tuesday, February 18, a day following the storm, all city streets showed bare pavement in the main travel lanes.

Greenbelt Director of Public Works Kenny Hall said on Tuesday that all streets were driveable, although some roadways were narrow. Being a holiday weekend and with the federal government and many businesses closed for the weekend and Tuesday as well, some city streets were full of vehicles preventing plows from opening wide roadways. This was particularly true in the Springhill Lake and other apartment areas where streets are filled with parked cars or where residents dig their cars out and move them on to

plowed roadways, parking them often illegally and so that they obstruct the free flow of traffic. Hall expected that it would take several more days before streets were fully cleared of snow.

Public Works snow crews worked all weekend, many working around the clock. Sleep breaks were taken either by crawling into a sleeping bag on an office floor or by sitting in a chair. There were between 20 and 30 men on duty throughout the emergency, Hall said. He indicated that work had gone smoothly, with few problems. There were equipment breakdowns, a common occurrence in snow removal operations, but city mechanics were able to make speedy repairs and get the equipment quickly back into service.

Hall said that following the storm there were the usual complaints, primarily about cars and driveways that had been dug out being plowed shut again. While city crews make every effort to avoid this from happening, the first priority is to push the snow back as far as possible to make room for more snow, in case it should fall.

Refuse Collection

Hall noted that his office was also getting inquiries on refuse collection. There was no service scheduled for Monday, because

of the holiday, and crews could not pick up refuse on Tuesday either. With all routes needing to be collected and with many sidewalks still not shoveled out, Hall expected that it would not be possible for refuse crews to collect from every household this week. He hoped that those needing service would bring their refuse out to the curb to help crews in their tough job.

With city non-essential facilities all closed, Public Works was concentrating Tuesday on city parking facilities. Hall noted that the city was leasing two front-end loaders to help with snow removal. Snow was being loaded into dump trucks and taken to the end of Northway for disposal.

Closed

City Manager Michael McLaughlin, who was found at his office on Tuesday, advised this paper that it is now city policy to close all non-essential city services if Prince George's County closes its offices. The city used to be able to keep its facilities going on a limited basis using employees who were city residents. Now, however, too many employees live outside the

City Finalizes Agreement On Running the Theater

by Barbara Hopkins

In addition to other business, the Greenbelt City Council worked at its meeting on January 27 to finalize plans for operating the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Councilmembers also learned about a new program to monitor racial profiling by the police department.

Theater Agreement

According to City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi, in a letter to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, condominium plats and associated documents executed by George and Lisa Christacos have been submitted for review and the creation of new tax accounts to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Once these documents have been approved by the state, which Manzi thought should take about two weeks, settlement can be scheduled to transfer ownership of the theater portion of the building from the Christacoses to the city. Manzi anticipated the transfer should occur before the end of February.

Before that time an operating agreement must be established between the city and Paul Sanchez, current owner and op-

erator of the theater. The agreement will create a relationship in which Sanchez will rent the theater from the city and continue to run it as currently, with first and second run films nightly and during the day as well as on Saturday and Sunday. Sanchez will work with the city to schedule at least one film festival each year. The city may coordinate with Sanchez to use the theater for community events when films are not scheduled.

The city will purchase the theater equipment from Sanchez, who will then rent it back from the city and maintain it. The city will make improvements in the theater, such as renovation of bathrooms, upgrading them and making them handicapped accessible. The heating and air conditioning systems will also be upgraded. The agreement as written will be in effect for three years.

McLaughlin informed council in a memo that the agreement accomplishes what the city requires of it. He recommended its approval. Council unanimously passed a motion to that effect.

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Birds enjoyed the feeders with most other food sources buried. (More photos on page 12.)

What Goes On

Monday, February 24
8 p.m., Regular City Council meeting, Municipal Building
Tuesday, February 25
7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, February 26
7:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center
7:30 p.m., Rescheduled regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Community Center
8 p.m., City Council Worksessions, Briefing on Joint Police Communication/Dispatch System, Community Center
Thursday, February 27
7:30 p.m., GHI Board meeting, GHI Board Room



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

A front end loader digs into a pile of snow left by the plows on Centerway. The city hauls the snow to the end of Northway for disposal. The driver is Mike Fox. Mike Rall is driving the dump truck behind him.

city, often in areas lacking the good snow removal services rendered here and are not able to report to work.

All recreation centers including the Greenbelt Community Center and the Aquatic and Fitness Center were closed, as was the city office building. Greenbelt Police and Public Works were very busy, of course. Hall also said that the Greenbelt Connection was operating on a limited basis making runs with an automobile for residents in need of essential items such as prescriptions. The Connection bus was still snowbound in its parking lot, he said.

Helping Hands

While a major snowstorm can bring out the worst in some people, it brings out the best in many others. Neighbors were helping each other dig out, particularly helping those who were elderly or disabled. Throughout the city, work gangs could be seen working together, sometimes with the aid of children, who could be more of a hindrance than a help, but were having a great deal of fun, anyway.

Mayor Judith Davis noted the cooperative spirit that took place in Greenbriar where she

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Poets for Peace Meet And Read at New Deal

by Anne Sucher with Jim Link

After Laura Bush decided to postpone her conference, "Poetry and the American Voice," scheduled for February 12 at the White House, hundreds of readings across the country were hastily scheduled for the same evening. So it was that on February 12 at the New Deal Café a group of 20 or so poetry-loving souls gathered to read aloud about peace and war.

While Americans nervously stocked up on water, plastic and duct tape in anticipation of terrorist activity on the eve of a possible invasion of Iraq, this group spoke a little "truth to power" of the power of felt truth.

At the New Deal, poetry enthusiasts arrived Wednesday night to share some of these words. Many were people who enjoy attending the Greenbelt Poetry Group's gatherings at the Greenbelt Library. Some read well-known poems by famous authors while others read original works. Whether fierce or tender, subtle or blatant, the selections were impressive.

Joe Ross, a poetry workshop organizer, performed a witty but serious riff on the word "Peace." His friend Miles Moore from Alexandria, Va. reminded us that if we had actually experienced combat, using Wilfred Owens' moving words, "My friend you would not

tell with such high zest/to children ardent for some desperate glory the old lie: dulce est pro patria mori" (tr. "sweet and appropriate it is to die for one's country"). Readings from others included W.H. Auden's "September 1, 1939," "waves of anger and fear, circulate over the bright and darkened lands of the earth."

Rob, a local poet, stated in his own words, "The glory is war, the penance is peace, the sin is man." Another local poet, Marjorie Gray, read from her own work while Joel Rubinstein presented an eloquent and somewhat rare moment of silence (from him) entitled "Ode to Free Speech."

The verbal feast was complemented by the excellent food at the café. When the candles on each table were snuffed as the "affirming flame" (Auden) of the readings died, it was seemingly fitting to recall Todd Swift's introduction to "100 Poets Against War" (the poetry compilation from which many café participants read), "War is certainly where human language ends, let us continue to use language to end war."

For those who would like to share their love of poetry in good company, the Greenbelt Poetry Group, led by Emily Nutku, meets the second Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Greenbelt Library.

Letters

Communicating Is Hard to Do

I'm trying to figure out how to go about letting residents know about what is happening in the community. I live in University Square Apartments and since their new "towing enforcement" rule started on January 25, I have been towed twice. I have my permit in the window and it is clear to see. The towing company basically said, "oh well," the corporation office for the rental office said basically "I'm sorry."

I know I can't be the only one this happened to. The visitor spots (signs were put up on January 25) are at the other end of the lot. For my building, no one needs to drive up that far. The actual parking spots aren't labeled for resident or visitor. I think they are misleading people, costing people time and money and residents should be aware of the situation. Parking is a real problem for our community and if I've been towed twice, there is no guarantee it won't happen again.

Is this something I can have mentioned in the News Review? It's the best way to reach all of the other residents because I know everyone reads it.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Jane McClanahan

Editors Note: While your letter will notify the rest of Greenbelt, it will not reach University Square residents. The management's new policy (last year) of locked outer doors to the apartment buildings has eliminated delivery there of this newspaper.

Dumbfounded

I would like to applaud Shalom Fisher for a thoughtful and justifiably pointed response, regarding the Greenbelt City Council's letter to the President of the United States (News Review, February 6). I was dumbfounded when we first read that some members of the council had taken it upon themselves to speak in such a way for an entire and very diverse community without prior public notice or debate. This action of the councilmembers was ham-handed and thoughtless and unbecoming a community which has traditionally honored truly democratic principles.

Anthony Prosseda

Snow Heroes

We'd like to thank and praise the public works snow removal crew for a great job. Greenbelt is great, we have the best in the state.

Tom and Lori Moran

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Police Briefing

Police Chief James Craze explained to council how the police department is meeting the new state requirement on adopting a policy against race-based traffic stops. He said that nearly 60 percent of Americans surveyed believe that racial profiling is used by police forces.

The law, which went into effect on January 1, applies to departments with more than 50 officers. Craze said his department had looked at several systems and decided to follow the one being used by Charles County. Officers have been issued a mandatory training presentation about the program for their laptop computers.

According to the law, officers must fill out a comprehensive form during or just after each traffic stop. Information on the form must be compiled each calendar year and a report submitted to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center no later than March 1 of the following year. The Analysis Center will then work with the Police Training Commission to analyze the collected data and submit a report

before September of each year to the Governor, the General Assembly and each law enforcement agency.

Officer Maria Parker gave council a brief, computerized presentation of the process. She said that ongoing training would be required following results of the data analysis. She said that officers have been made aware that minorities feel singled out in traffic stops. Training deals with ways to assure that all persons stopped are treated fairly.

In response to a question, Parker said that determining the race of the driver stopped was up to the officer's discernment. Asking the driver for his or her race was considered too inflammatory.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull felt this was a weakness in the system and he wondered what the value of the data would ultimately be. Parker said the tags could be run through a computer check to find the race listed on the registration but acknowledged that this information would pertain to the owner of the car, not necessarily to the driver.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

THANK YOU

Jim Williamson, snow remover extraordinaire, poses for the camera at the end of his long circular drive – a two-day job to clear. His snow pile is almost up to his shoulders! Next on his list is digging out a path to the News Review's side door. Though the public works crew took over the task, Williamson returned later to widen the path, open the door and place signs to the newspaper's office. In between, he dug out staff cartoonist Izzy Parker's car.

The Old Curmudgeon



I.J. PARKER ©2003

"Let's see ... toilet paper, milk, coffee, toilet paper, cereal, toilet paper"

PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 27, 2003
(Immediately follows GDC Meeting)
GHI BOARD ROOM



GDC Key Agenda Items

- Year-End Financial Reports

GHI Key Agenda Items

- Member Request for Installation of Glass Block Windows – 33 R Ridge Road
- Forest Conservation Mgmt. Agreement & Renewal Options
- Videotaping Policy for Closed Sessions
- Eradication of Invasive Species in Woodlands
- Pest Control Contract – 2nd Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Nursery School Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School announces its annual open house, to be held on Saturday February 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration for September begins at the open house. Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the open house, meet the director and staff and view the classrooms.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a parent co-operative. The school offers classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4. Full-day educational programs are available. Greenbelt Nursery School is accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The school is located at 15 Crescent Road, in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information, visit its website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk or call the school at 301-474-5570.

Free Baseball Clinic March 1

A free baseball clinic will be held March 1 at Braden Field #1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. for players ages 13 through 16. It is sponsored by the Greenbelt Babe Ruth and Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club. Instructors are Bobby St. Pierre former NY Yankees, Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians pitcher; Jeff Chroniger former player at University of Maryland; and Al McCormick, Riverdale Baptist Coach. For more information, call Coach Frank Dorsey at 301-441-4630.

Lacrosse Club Holds Clinic

The Prince George's County Lacrosse Club (PGLC) is sponsoring a free lacrosse clinic this Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m. for boys, and 3:15 p.m. for girls, ages 9 to 14, at Greenbelt Middle School. PGLC fields three teams in the Southern Maryland Lacrosse Association, and plays and practices at Greenbelt Middle School.

Carolyn Fink, a spokesperson for PGLC, said "We'd love to see lots of Greenbelt kids come to our clinic. Everybody who signs up will play. Experience is not necessary - in fact, we expect that our new boys and girls will have no experience. One of the great things about lacrosse is how fast the kids pick up the game." PGLC's season starts in mid-March and runs through mid-May.

For more information contact Dennis Taylor at 301-345-5286 or visit the club's website at www.pglacrosse.com.

Beltway Plaza Welcomes Author

Beltway Plaza Mall welcomes Phillip Thomas Tucker, author of "Cathy Williams: From Slave to Female Buffalo Soldier." Tucker will be at Books-a-Million at the mall from noon to 3 p.m. on February 22 signing copies of his book. Tucker is the author of several books on the Civil War. These books include "The Confederacy's Fighting Chaplain," "Burnside's Bridge: The Climactic Struggle of the 2nd and 20th Georgia at Antietam Creek" and "The Final Fury: Palmito Ranch, The Last Battle of the Civil War." He also co-edited, with Jeffrey Smith, "The 1862 Plot to Kidnap Jefferson Davis."

To learn more, call Angela Hughes at Beltway Plaza Mall at 301-657-9900, ext. 138.

Community Events

Donors Needed For Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department will conduct a blood drive on Tuesday, February 25 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Council Room. The change in time - 2 to 8 - is to accommodate those who wish to make their donation after work.

Because of the frequent snowstorms that have occurred to date disrupting blood donations, the Red Cross reports that its blood supply is extremely low. It is important to have a large turnout of blood donors at the February 25 blood drive; with the possibility of war and terrorism, an adequate blood supply reserve is essential.

In order to minimize waiting times, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for an appointment.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Micki Weidenfeld, 1st vice president, opened the meeting. The greeter of the day was Lenev Holohan.

Members took part in a survey conducted by Ted Shafer, Federal Highway Administration, pertaining to street signs. Tom Moran gave a very helpful talk regarding income taxes. Call 301-541-5031 for an appointment for senior tax counseling.

The 50/50 winners were Solange Hess and Helen Gibson and the name tag lottery winner was Jim Holohan.

The anniversary luncheon will be April 16 at La Fontaine Bleu. Dues must be paid prior to this date.

Condolences to the Rimar family on the death of Ellie's brother, Oscar Souder and to Bill Souser on the death of his brother-in-law, Hal Spohn.

Enjoy the snow; it's beautiful but stay safe and warm.

The Feb. 19 meeting was cancelled because of the snow. The Feb. birthday celebration scheduled for then will be held at the next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

GHI NOTES

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet in the GHI Conference Room on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet in the GHI Board Room on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in the GHI Board Room on Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Members are always welcome to attend Committee and Board meetings.



Shoveling Reminders

You may not be finished with the shoveling, even if your car has been freed from the snowbanks outside of your home. Residents are reminded to clear the nearest storm drains in order to reduce the prospects of local flooding. You may also want to double check on your mail box - mail carriers are allowed to refuse delivery to those boxes that are obstructed with either snow or parked cars. Remember to uncover any fire hydrants near your home.

Coping Workshops For Cancer Patients

"I Can Cope," a four-session workshop for people with cancer and their loved ones, will be held every Wednesday during March (March 5, 12, 19, and 26) at 8 p.m. at Doctor's Hospital.

The program will be held in the Medical Office Building, fifth floor, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham. Call 301-552-8209 or 301-474-1386 to register.

Local Artist Holds "Green" Exhibit

The New Deal Café in the Roosevelt Center is currently exhibiting paintings by Barbara Stevens, a Greenbelt artist. The exhibit will run through the end of March. There will be a reception for the artist on Monday March 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The community is invited.

The exhibit contains nine works, including paintings on canvas and on watercolor paper. These are from Stevens' Green Paintings Series that include references to formal and informal gardens and green places around Greenbelt.

Snow Day Reprieve?

By Mary Moien

How will the current snowstorm affect the end of the school year in the Prince George's public schools? Although the school offices were closed on Tuesday, this is what is currently known about making up school days.

As of last weekend, the county schools had used three of their four snow days. In the county Monday, February 17 was a regular school day. In some other local areas Monday was a holiday; in other areas it was a snow make-up day. But it was just a regular school day in this county. Until the storm. Then it became the last of the allotted snow days for this school year.

Tuesday schools were closed and it became the first additional snow day with Wednesday set to become the second additional snow day this year. (School was closed all week.)

These snow days could take the school year into the latter part of June. Currently, the official last day of school was set to be Monday, June 16. However, the four planned snow days that were used pushes the last day of school to Friday, June 20. The additional days off are set to keep school in session into the last full week of June.

But many Greenbelters remember the two-foot snowstorm of January 196. That storm was declared a state emergency by the governor. Since the state had declared an emergency and so many school days were lost that year. The school systems were allowed to waive a few make-up days at the end of the school year.

Endangered Plants, Wildlife Explored

On Friday, February 28 Explorations Unlimited welcomes Dennis Hartnett, a volunteer at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. Hartnett will explore topics such as how species become endangered, why there is wildlife trade and how people can help species of plants and animals. He will discuss some endangered species products confiscated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement. His presentation will include a slide show as well as a display of many hands-on products.

New Deal Live

The New Deal Café has a smorgasbord of live music for its patrons starting Friday night, February 21, with Anna Wolfe's wide-ranging repertoire, described as 'from sweet to sweaty, from folk to jazz to rock and roll.' Saturday night welcomes The Rob and Heather show, the dark angel and sweet siren of iLYAiMy not quite unplugged. Sunday is the time for the plaintive skirl and merry cadences of an Irish Music Jam. Friday and Saturday shows start at 8 p.m. and Sunday's starts at 5 p.m.

Free Class Offered On Computer Files

On Friday, Feb. 28, Mary Camp will show how to view, delete and organize computer files in "How to Manage Your Computer Files, Part 2." There will be a brief review of last month's Part 1 for those who missed it. The class will be held at the Community Center from 7 to 8 p.m.

For further information call 301-419-8044.

Free Tax Help For Seniors

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a national tax counseling group for low income seniors age 60 and up, meets locally in libraries and churches. Co-sponsored by the IRS and the Collington Retirement Community in Mitchellville, TCE meets in the Greenbelt library through tax season Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To make an appointment for this free service in Greenbelt seniors should call the Collington site at 301-541-5031.

Rout Invaders From Parcel W

The GHI Woodlands Committee will be removing invasive plants from Parcel W (and other adjoining parcels) on Sunday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of Research and Greenhill. Parcel W is on the west side of Research Road and north of Greenhill Road.

Come out and help so herbicides can be avoided. Dress for the weather and bring gloves and clippers to remove English Ivy from the base of trees. This is a great opportunity for the youth in Greenbelt to get in community service hours. For more information call Jonathan Murray at 301-345-7933.

At the Library

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, February 26, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, February 27, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

GREENBELT BASEBALL



Registration for New Players

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VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon
at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway
Clinic Rain Date Sat., Mar. 22

Visiting Teachers Share Their Japanese Culture

by Leslie Hilliard

"Kon-ni-chi wa!" greeted the students to their visitors from Japan. The teachers from Japan were happy to reply. John Maruschak, program assistant of the University of Maryland's Mid Atlantic Region Japan in the Schools (MARJIS) Program, invited four Japanese teachers to visit St. Hugh's first and second grade classes to share their culture.



Hitoshi Masuzawa reads a children's story to Mrs. Hage's second grade class.

Mr. Masuzawa read a "kamishibai," or picture story, to the students. Mr. Suzuki sang a traditional Japanese song and then asked the class at what event would this be sung. Second grader Joseph Capotosto suggested that it would be used during a celebration. He was delighted to be awarded with an origami paper crane for his correct answer. The students eagerly responded to many of their visitor's questions and each treasured their origami bird. The students also enjoyed listening to a

song played on a harmonica and a children's lullaby.

First grade teacher Erica Barone and second grade teacher Tina Hage had prepared the students for the visit by teaching the children "hello" and "good-bye" in Japanese. The Japanese teachers enjoyed their stay and have returned to Japan. "They have sent the students postcards from Japan," said Barone, "along with digital pictures they took of themselves and the class. The children were very excited to see themselves in the pictures. They also sent a nice letter, remarking on how impressed they were with the students' participation during their visit." The MARJIS Program offers Japan-related classroom ideas and teaching materials. More information can be found through their website at <http://www.intleducenter.umd.edu/japan/marjis/resourcecenter>.

Catholic Schools Week Celebrated at St. Hugh's

by Leslie Hilliard

The beginning of Catholic Schools Week was celebrated on January 27 with the presentation of the National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award to St. Hugh's School Alumni, Beth Barber Fendley ('73).

On Monday, a "Volunteer Appreciation Tea" was held in Grenoble Hall. The talented singing of both the kindergarten and first grade classes entertained the attendees.

Open Houses were held at the school for parents of prospective and current students. They were able to view samples of the many student projects which were on display in the halls, visit classes in session and tour the gym, art, computer and library facilities.

Thursday was "Student Appreciation Day," and what a day it was. Students were permitted to come out of uniform. A small dance party was held in the gym during the morning and a bake sale was held during lunch. But the biggest treat of all, besides the absence of assigning homework on "Student Appreciation

Day," was the visit by "Reptile World." To a captivated audience, an array of reptiles, such as snakes, alligators, iguanas and turtles, were presented. The animals themselves were fascinating, but the "Reptile Man" also explained their different characteristics and ways they adapted to their environment. The hands-on favorite, though, for the students was the 15-ft. albino Indian Rock Python.

Finishing out the week was "Teacher Appreciation Day." The faculty was treated to a breakfast served by the Student Government Association, as well as a catered lunch. Their hard work was also exemplified during the Friday morning assembly when 43 students were recognized for their academic achievements during the second quarter of the school year.

Obituaries

Rose F. Sansone

Pioneer Greenbelter Rose F. Sansone, 93, died February 13, 2003 at the Glade Valley Nursing Home in Walkersville, Md. of complications from a fractured hip.

Born in Fairfield, Conn., Mrs. Sansone moved to Washington, D.C. in 1933. She and her family were among the first families to move into Greenbelt where she was a founding member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

In 1950 they moved to Wheaton and later to Silver Spring.

Mrs Sansone retired in the mid 1970s as linen department manager at the Silver Spring Hecht Co. store.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred A. Sansone, who died in 1963. She is survived by two children, Marie A. D'Aiuto of Silver Spring and Alfred G. Sansone of Walkersville, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Emmett "Zip" Nanna

Former Greenbelt City Solicitor (attorney) Emmett H. "Zip" Nanna (77) died February 2003 in Berlin, Md. He was a member of a Greenbelt pioneer family. A complete obituary will appear in next week's issue of the News Review.

Instead of a funeral service there will be a "pickin party and celebration of life" at the Berlin Lions Club, S. Main St. (Hwy 818) on Saturday, February 22 at 3 p.m.

Stephen Hanyok

Longtime Greenbelt resident Stephen Hanyok, 81, died on February 18, 2003. He resided with his wife Angela on Lastner Lane.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Borgwardt Funeral Homes in Beltsville. Viewings will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, February 23 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at St. Gregory's Greek Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road in Beltsville. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton.



Help for the Families of the Mentally Ill

A free 12-week course offered from time to time by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County begins again March 5. Classes will take place at the College Park United Methodist Church at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Hollywood Road from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The course will provide participants with information about all the major brain disorders, such as schizophrenia, depression, bipolar illness and panic disorder. Those leading the courses have mentally ill family members and have completed an intensive training curriculum.

Materials about the latest research and medications being developed will be distributed and discussed. The class will emphasize help with managing daily living for both the ill person and family members.

Call Dorie Arbach at 301-490-0609 to register or to get more information.

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Tom Simon on the death of his mother Frances Simon, a resident of Berwyn.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Greenbelt pioneer Rose F. Sansone.

Our sympathy to Ellie Rimar, president of the Golden Age Club, on the death of her brother Oscar Souder.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Buried Treasure" which played to critical acclaim despite the heavy snow. Some cast members stayed with Greenbelt host families for three days because of the weather. Others took on roles of absent actors and did well.

Condolences to Angela Hanyok and the extended family of Stephen Hanyok who died Tuesday.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of former pioneer Greenbelter/longtime city solicitor Emmett "Zip" Nanna.

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 Saturday 5 p.m.

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 Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.
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 Sermon: "Downpayment on the Blessing"

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 Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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lives. As a huge front-end loader came to clear the parking spaces at each building, building residents were called out to help with the clean up. With the residents clearing the snow away from their vehicles and the loader cleaning the roadway and empty spaces at the same time, the cleanup went a lot faster and better, she said. Channel 9 television had had a crew at Greenbriar reporting on their efforts for the evening news on Monday.

Owners of four-wheel drive vehicles were in their glory during the storm and its recovery. They at last had a reason that justified their having such a vehicle. With area hospitals all calling for help from drivers with such vehicles, some were able to perform good deeds by transporting medical personnel and others needing to get to the hospital or other emergency locations.

Most people, however, hunkered down and stayed at home, at least until Tuesday. For a time, Governor Robert Ehrlich had declared a state of emergency and banned all non-essential vehicle travel within the state.

Some, however, got out and enjoyed the beauty of the snowfall. By Monday noon, only a few hours after the snow had stopped, a footpath in the snow was established following the pathway around Greenbelt Lake. Some even jogged their way around the lake. A few were on skis. Parents and children also sought out places to sled or otherwise slide down a hill, with choices in Greenbelt being fairly limited.

"People behaved themselves," Greenbelt Police Chief James

Craze said. They stayed home, he said, calling Greenbelt a "ghost town." There were very few calls for service, a few domestic problems and no serious incidents, only some fender benders on the roadways that required minor assistance. "I've decided," he said, "that snow is an effective tool to use for crime prevention." Nor was the chief aware of any serious fire emergencies.

Craze lauded the efforts of the Public Works crews. "As usual, Public Works did a bang-up job," he said, "far better than in other places."

Praise

Davis also had much praise for Public Works who, she noted, had worked many long hours. She said that she had heard from many people. "Everyone is commenting about the excellent snow removal job the Public Works Department has done," she said. Getting a difficult job done like cleaning up from a major snowstorm is a "matter of pride" to them, she continued. "They are very proud of doing it and we are proud of them."

Davis also lauded the "show must go on" spirit of Chris Cherry, Carolyn Hammett, the cast and crew of "Buried Treasure," the Recreation Department-Arts Center musical scheduled during the holiday weekend. The show went on in spite of the foul weather, she said, with both the many young members of the cast and the audience, many of who were proud parents, walking to the performances. Davis had walked to see the production from her Greenbriar home. People came to see it, she said, "because Chris always does such a wonderful job."



City Information

CITY COUNCIL-Regular Meeting
Municipal Building Council Room
Monday, February 24, 2003 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda (marked by *) will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
 - Advisory Planning Board Report (Day Care Center - Belle Point)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Codifying the Late Fee for Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System Citations (1st Reading)
 A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase - Radar Trailer (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- City Trees and Vegetation Policy (ACT Report #2003-1)
- Detailed Site Plan for Proposed Day Care Center in Belle Point Office Development
- Loss of Neighborhood Conservation Program
- Pending State Legislation
- * Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Appointments/Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * Adoption of Resolution for Departure - Lot 27, Golden Triangle

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Community Relations Advisory Board

All applications are welcome. Volunteers from Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake are especially encouraged. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Arts Center present a Special encore presentation of

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Greenbelt Arts Center,
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February 22 at 2:00 p.m.
 February 16 or 17th ticket holders who could not make the performances may attend this performance by calling 301-397-2208. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the box office beginning at 1:30pm on Saturday.

BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, February 25
2-8pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road
For appointment, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212

Tune in to Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71 for local information and programming. City Council "live" on Monday 2/24 at 8pm

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Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon

Saturday, March 1, 2003
9:00am -- 5:00pm

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 After February 22, please add \$10.

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www.ncas.org/talktothedead
301-587-3827

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 24-28

Monday, February 24, 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, February 25, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, February 26, 7:30pm, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center.

Wednesday, February 26, 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Briefing on Joint Police Communication/Dispatch System, Community Center.

USED VEHICLE SALE

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following vehicles. Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment the week of February 24-28, 2003, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. For questions regarding the condition of the vehicles, contact the City Mechanical Shop at 301-474-0426.

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the City of Greenbelt, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2003. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description, including the serial number. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles/equipment from the Public Works Yard. The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

Vehicles

Unit #800	1994 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL52P4RR178597,	Odometer 117,874
Unit #805	1994 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL52P2RR200564,	Odometer 110,255
Unit #822	1994 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL52P0RR201907,	Odometer 95,488
Unit #148	1991 Ford Econoline Van,	Ser.#1FTFE24N1MHA51835,	Odometer 94,953
Unit #300	1990 Chevrolet Cavalier,	Ser.#1G1JC54G3LJ279693,	Odometer 64,916
Unit #455	1988 Dodge Pickup,	Ser.#1B7JW24Y4JS799639,	Odometer 76,383
Unit #447	1986 Chevrolet Pickup,	Ser.#1GCGK24MXGJ154222,	Odometer 119,026
Unit #711	1991 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL5375MW256068,	Odometer 159,310

Equipment

1983 Grimmer Schmidt Air Compressor, Ser. #1257193, Hours 1952; Parker Vacuum, Ser. #146535; Skid Steer Sweeper Attachment, Ser. #935653; Jacobson Greens Mower, Ser. #6220816292

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Carjacking

6200 block Springhill Drive, February 7, 8:54 p.m., a woman stepped out of her vehicle to use a pay phone nearby when she was approached by a man who asked for a ride to the Greenbelt Metro station. The woman refused, at which time the man displayed a handgun and demanded her car keys. The woman complied and the man drove away in her vehicle, described as a green 1999 Mazda Protégé four-door, Md. tags KVA854. The individual is described as a black male, twenties, 6', medium build, dark complexion, wearing a black hat and black leather jacket.

Assault

6300 block Ivy Lane, February 7, 11:43 a.m., a subject known to the victim entered the victim's office and threatened him with a handgun, over a business dispute. The victim was not injured and the attacker fled before an officer arrived. Investigation is continuing.

6000 block Breezewood Drive, February 12, 2:01 p.m., a man was in the laundry room of an apartment building when some persons known to him entered the room and struck him several times with baseball bats before fleeing. The victim was taken to Prince George's Community Hospital for treatment of injuries. Investigation is continuing.

Kidnapping

6000 block Springhill Drive, February 7, 6:41 p.m., a woman's ex-boyfriend came to her residence and waited outside as she pulled into the parking lot. He then forced his way into her vehicle and held a knife to her throat, ordering her to drive away. Near Route 1 and Sunnyside Avenue in Beltsville, the man got out and fled on foot, taking the car keys with him. He was apprehended in the area and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Deadly Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 12, 1:10 p.m., during a theft investigation by school administrators, a 17-year-old resident was found to be in possession of two folding knives and was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

6000 block Springhill Lane, February 12, 7:25 p.m., someone entered a residence by breaking a door. Two cellular telephones, three purses and several CDs were taken.

Drunk Driving

7700 block Hanover Parkway,

February 9, 1:57 a.m., a 24-year-old resident was arrested after an officer stopped his vehicle for an equipment violation and detected the odor of alcohol. The driver was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

7900 Good Luck Road, February 7, 3:38 a.m., a nonresident, 38, was arrested after officers responded to a report of a disorderly man inside the 7-Eleven store and the man refused to leave upon request. He was released on citation pending trial.

Drugs

7700 block Kenilworth Avenue, February 10, 11:18 p.m., a nonresident man, 22, was arrested after a traffic stop revealed that he had no driver's license and that paraphernalia used to store marijuana was in the vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

Parkway, February 9, 12:41 p.m., someone removed cleaning equipment from the hallway of an apartment building.

Open Alcohol

Greenway Shopping Center, February 10, 6:50 p.m., a nonresident man, 30, was arrested after an officer observed him drinking beer in the parking lot of the shopping center. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1995 BMW 318 two-door, Md. tags GCS540, February 8, from Beltway Plaza; a 2001 Toyota Corolla four-door, February 11, from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway, which was recovered the same day in Washington, D.C.; a silver 2002 Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tags JEB376, February 11, from the 7500 block Greenbelt Road; a grey 1991 Acura Legend two-door, Md. tags JDL804, February 12, from Beltway Plaza; a grey 1996 Dodge Caravan, Md. tags 900771M, February 14, from the 7200 block Morrison Drive.

One vehicle stolen before the period of this report was recovered, and one adult was arrested as a result.

An officer observing another vehicle being driven with improper tags tried to stop the vehicle. However, as the officer got out of his cruiser, the vehicle drove away. At the entrance to Lake Artemisia park, the vehicle collided with the entrance gate and the driver got out and ran. A suspect was apprehended after a short foot chase, arrested and charged with theft and related offenses. Investigation showed that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

A Review

Glittering Treasure Dragons and Princes

by Stage Mom P.J. Siegel

If you missed the Presidents Day Weekend presentation of "Buried Treasure" at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), then you missed a truly wonderful original children's musical theater production created by Chris Cherry, with music direction by Stefan Brodd, costumes by Carolyn Hammett and friends, technical direction by Mark Gitlis and lighting by Jessica Mealey. Who knew the title "Buried Treasure" would be so apropos, as two feet of snow buried the area? However, as they say in the theater, "the show must go on," and it did. Thirty-one exuberant children and two adult actors sang, acted, and danced their hearts out.

"Buried Treasure" opens with the Warrior King (Chris Cherry) and Queen Sophia (Carolyn Hammett) asking the musical question "Where Is Your Treasure?" The story then segues to three teens - Josh (Vikram Ivatury), Miranda (Dina Goldberg-Strassler) and Harriet (Dayna Burrows) in a cave. Josh has been left there alone to spend the night as a test of his bravery. The girls take cover there to escape a thunderstorm. They decide to explore the cave together and as they make their way through it, fall through a mineshaft and end up at the portal to the underworld. They are greeted there by Cerberus (Chris Cherry), the three-headed guard dog of the underworld.

Since they can't get back

home the way they came, Cerberus tells them they can find their way back home through the underworld, but in order to do so, they must "pay their fare" which requires each of them to give up what he/she treasures the most.

As Cerberus sends them through the portal of the underworld, each of them ends up in a different place, alone. As they journey through the underworld they discover that the things treasured most in the "surface" world are not the true desires of the heart.

Each teen, as they tackle the challenges of the journey, has an adventure that teaches them about the nature of their faults and their strengths. Their adventures pit them against dragons, illiterates, char-ladies, ragamuffins and the Golden Prince. Josh learns that bravery doesn't mean not being afraid. Harriet learns that knowledge and wisdom go beyond books. Miranda learns that being the perfect princess is hollow if you don't love and treasure others.

The exciting denouement involves defeating a dragon and breaking several spells that have held the play's characters in their thrall.

Having learned their lessons and found their true treasure, the children can now return home. The Warrior King informs them, however, that if he sends them back to the surface by the usual path, they won't remember their visit to the Underworld. None wants to forget so the Warrior King sends them home by a dif-

ferent route with bats leading the way. As the children sing "I Won't Forget This Moment," the entire cast joins them. The bats fly the children home and they awaken in the cave to find that only an hour's time has passed. They know that they won't forget the treasure they have discovered within themselves.

Videotapes of the production will be available for purchase through the city. The performance will appear sometime soon on Greenbelt Access TV cable channel 71.



Coyote (Chris Cherry) and Miranda (Dina Goldberg-Strassler) talk about Miranda's sister Nora (Shayne Siegel) who has been playing with her dolls.

Encore Performance

"Buried Treasure" will present a special encore performance this Sat., Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Ticket holders who were unable to attend Sunday's or Monday's shows may exchange their tickets for available seats to this encore performance. Any remaining seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis when the GAC box office opens on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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A Review

Performers Carry on as Snow Blankets City

by Sabine Hentrich

Defying Presidents Day weekend's notorious storm, including Sunday's blizzard, Chris Cherry's new heartwarming musical, "Buried Treasure," played to an enthusiastic crowd. While most other activities had been cancelled and public buildings and offices were closed, some Greenbelters got to the theater on foot, enjoying a great play and avoiding being cooped up by yet another of this winter's numerous storms.

The basic plot consists of three young people, Josh, Harriet and Miranda, who travel through the underworld and learn about essential differences between superficiality and deeper truths about both the world and themselves. While Josh, Harriet and Miranda discover themselves, they meet many magical characters and engage in quite a bit of soul-searching about the true nature of goodness, wisdom and bravery.

Among other things, Josh finds out that bravery has nothing to do with being a fierce warrior, Harriet learns that she needs to apply her wisdom to help others and Miranda discovers that it is futile to try to achieve perfection. Most importantly, the three figure out that they need to work as a team, to treat everyone respectfully and to look beneath the surface of people's and objects' appearances.

Carolyn Hammett and writer, composer and director Chris Cherry were the only two adult performers. Cherry played Cerberus, the three-headed dog that guards the underworld, along with several other roles including Coyote. Cherry, with his beautiful voice and his fabulous acting skills, is always a pleasure to

hear and watch. Hammett, who also designed the clever costumes, was convincing as Sophia, the underworld queen, who was disguised as a charwoman during most of the play.

The rest of the company's more than 30 performers were children. Due to the storm, different performers participated during the course of the play, depending on who lived close enough to the theater. The performers discussed here appeared on Saturday, February 15, in the following roles:

Dayna Burrows, as Harriet, was particularly impressive with her comfort on stage. There was never any question or doubt about her character as she performed her songs clearly and beautifully for everyone to hear and enjoy.

Dina Goldberg-Strassler, as Miranda, was great at capturing her character's faults and weaknesses, being awkwardly serious (and therefore satirical) at the right moments.

Vikram Ivatury, as Josh, was very funny pretending to be a fierce warrior who was really just a regular boy and great friend, unless one needed him to defeat a real live dragon.

A noteworthy theme involved Harriet and the Dummyshirts, especially their leader Dunstan. Cody Sanders, who appeared as Dunstan, has amazing comic talent. Sanders plays a gnome who is taught by Harriet to read and write and who discovers his individuality and intelligence along the way. Previously all the gnomes had been named "Dunstan," but eventually Sanders' character picks a real name. Since he has just learned the pronunciation of the word "gnome," he wants to be called "Gnorman," with a silent "g."

Various actors performing sev-

eral different roles played the Leopard Warriors, the Tiger Cats, the Ragamuffins, the Pixies, the Dummyshirts and various other characters. Daniel Arias, Cecelia Bell, Carolyn Brown, Nicole Brown, Ian Brown-Gorrell, Evan Camara, Makallay Conteh, Ethan Cowan, Dominic DiMarco, Michael DiMarco, Elise Flynn, Carly Geiger, Elizabeth Hammett, Jeremiah Hammett, Kelsy Hutchison, Scott Kincaid, Annie Loutsch, Julia McLaughlin, Leslie Primack, Krysten Ridgeway, Maureen Scianella, Shaine Siegel, Michelle Steiner, Mason Trappio and Kaitlin Walukonis performed these singing, dancing and acting roles admirably and joyfully.

Since they were quite catchy, many of these songs will probably stay with the audience for a while. "Spots of the Leopard," "Tiger Cat" and "Priscilla Perfect" were particularly well done.

Not only was the acting, dancing and singing fabulous, the costumes were too. The dummyshirts, for example, really looked like little gnomes come alive with their red hats and pear-shaped shirts, which instantly gave the performers an air of "dumminess."

Aside from the costumes, Hammett designed two dragons which Josh tries to defeat. The first dragon consisted of a huge, bubble wrapped and painted head attached to a play-tunnel in which the puppeteer hid and moved the dragon - a very impressive design.

Chris Cherry said that some of the performers who lived outside Greenbelt spent the night with Greenbelt families to insure the show could go on. Despite the weather, the performances were well attended. Those who braved the elements and trudged through the snow to see Cherry's new musical were certainly glad they did.



PHOTO BY MARILYN DIMARCO

Coyote Chris Cherry poses with entire cast of "Buried Treasure."



ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the oldest established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, March 3 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, March 15 11:00 a.m.

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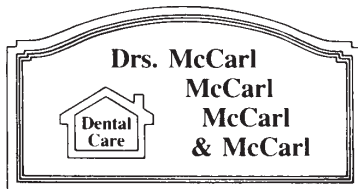
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The "Blizzard" of 2003

GHI Vehicles Break Down Removing Snow

by Judy Bell

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has had "a lot of problems" with the 2003 snowstorm, reported Julia Eichhorst, GHI president. Two vehicles broke down after getting overheated and the snow crew was down to two trucks to do the plowing. As of Tuesday one of the vehicles had been repaired.

A few calls were made to Eichhorst from residents who hadn't had their courts plowed yet. Once they heard the problems with the vehicles, the callers were understanding. "Bad weather brings out the best in people," commented Eichhorst. GHI plows the courts and the City of Greenbelt plows the streets.

Eichhorst spoke with "some of the guys" on the crew and said that a number of them had been staying at the GHI offices, catching "a few hours sleep" here and there. New GHI grounds employee, German-born Michael Jawer, was spotted out in the dark, using a snowblower with a light attached to it. He has "a wonderful work ethic," Eichhorst said.



Residents of 10 Court Plateau Place stranded by this weekend's snow storm.

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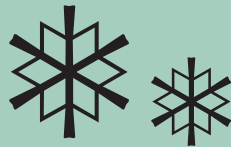
Snug as a bug in a rug, Carl Scaggs and Brian Townsend have been taking turns clearing snow from Roosevelt Center Mall in this mini-tractor.

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Joe Murray of Research Road chops wood for his parents' woodburning stove.

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It's a lot easier on the back if you have a snowblower such as the one Jim Giese used on his driveway.

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Jacquie Witte, using a pint-sized shovel, tackles a quart-sized pile of snow covering her car.

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Postal trucks were sitting idle on Monday due to the federal holiday, but they are out and about attempting to deliver the mail at press time. Residents are reminded to ensure that their boxes are unobstructed by mounded snow.

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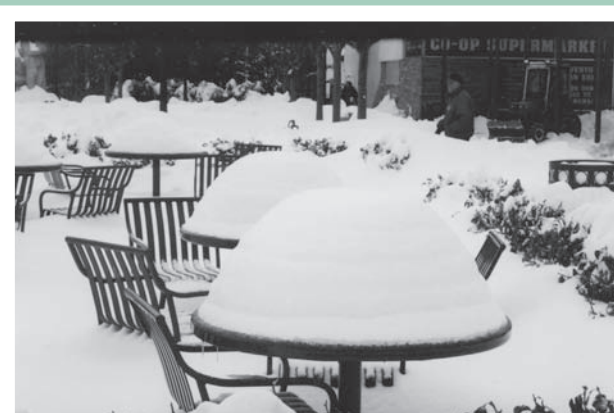
Outside the Co-op, two girls stake a claim to the highest snow mound. Mount Everest, here we come!

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Renata Atkinson of Research Road helps her neighbors, Joe and Alice Murray of Ridge Road.

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Bring a really big spoon! Organic snow cones sprout unbidden in Roosevelt Center.

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Good Samaritans Holley Wallace, Marc Siegel and Richard Loutsch shovel out Gudrun Mills' driveway and car on Maplewood Court. Wallace, her husband Leonard, Siegel and Annie Loutsch also helped out at other homes.

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An Eerie Silence; Neighbors Helping

by Virginia Beauchamp

There's nothing like the eerie silence after a great snowstorm. All the ordinary noises are muted – sounds of traffic, chirps of birds, car doors slamming, people calling back and forth. Tucked away in my house, snug in its warmth, I was enjoying the special silence of Monday's blanket of snow. As far as I could see everything was white; everything was still.

Having enjoyed the purity of that view from my window, I turned my attention instead to tasks inside the house, keeping myself busy with mundane work at hand. But suddenly my thoughts were interrupted. I was hearing noises outside my front door, a kind of scraping sound. And naturally I looked out.

There, creating a path from the door outward toward the street, was a man shoveling vigorously. I hadn't hired him, nor had he signaled in any way that there was work to do. All I could see was the back of his jacket, with a Mickey Mouse design emblazoned across his shoulders, a brimmed hat covering his head and the dip and thrust of his blue shovel.

I recognized him as my neighbor down the block, Marc Siegel, who was an elementary school and high school classmate of my own son John and who, after his father's death, moved back with his family into the house where he grew up. Out of pure neighborly spirit he was making it possible for me to reach out to the outside world.

Since his shoveling was so vigorous, I worried about Marc's physical safety. Sometimes people keel over with heart attacks from the especially challenging effort of stooping and the lifting of heavy snow. I opened the door and called out a warning.

Not to worry, was his answer. He was enjoying the clear, cold air and the exercise.

I was the third nearby neighbor he had already dug out, he said. The other two were at his end of the one-block-long street, but out of sight from my window. Every one of us has lived on this street from the very beginning, in the mid-60s when our development first opened up.

Something about this neighborliness is why none of us ever wants to move. Let's call it what Marc epitomizes – that quality all longtimers in this town recognize in a minute and that keeps us here. Hurrah for the Greenbelt spirit!