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Three-Alarm Greenbriar Fire Claims a Life, Injures Nine

by Elaine Skolnik and Judy Bell

The three-alarm fire which occurred Friday, November 21 in a Greenbriar condominium apartment building at 7806 Hanover Parkway has claimed the life of Mary Alice Carroll, 61, of the same address, according to MPO George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department. The Washington Post reported that nine people, including five firefighters, suffered injuries including burns and smoke inhalation.

A three-alarm fire relays to fire departments that every possible resource is needed. According to Mayor Judith Davis, the units responding included fire departments from Greenbelt, College Park, West Lanham Hills,

Branchville, Berwyn Heights, Anne Arundel County, as well as special units from the Prince George's County fire system and the fire chaplain from Baltimore. Nearly 100 firefighters were on the scene during the night.

Davis said the dense smoke and flames went through the walls, spreading so rapidly that the stairwells were completely filled with smoke. Many people trapped inside the building went out onto their balconies to seek help. Because the interior floors of the building were collapsing, firemen had to exit and work from the outside.

At one point some firemen were returning to their trucks,

believing that the fire had been contained. But when flames burst through the roof of the building, horns from other trucks were sounded, signaling that the fire was out of control. Three adjacent buildings were evacuated – 7800, 7802 and 7804, Davis said. Firemen stood on the roofs of those buildings to wet them down and prevent a chain reaction. Those buildings were without power and water.

Almost all of the residents of 7800 and 7802 were allowed to return later when the utilities were restored. Building 7804 was also checked for structural damage. Residents were allowed to go in one by one to retrieve personal items.

The Greenbriar Community Building was set up as a headquarters. Four Red Cross volunteers were called to the scene at 11 p.m. for immediate disaster relief, according to Public Affairs Officer Courtney Prebich. They stayed until 5 a.m. providing lodging, food and clothing to nine families. Five volunteers returned on November 22, assisting a total of 25 adults and two children. An emergency response vehicle was on-site as well, providing dinner to the dis-

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PHOTOS BY KARL PENA

A lone fire fighter stands on the front steps of 7806 Hanover Parkway. The area of the fire can be seen in the apartments to the left of the entrance from the terrace level up to the roof, each of these four apartments were burned out in Friday's fire at Greenbriar.

Firemen Are Devastated By the Loss of a Life

by Mary Lou Williamson and James Giese

Greenbelt Fire Department Co. 35 Fire Chief Randy Krob told this paper that a black cloud hung over the members of the department as the result of the loss of life at the November 21 fire at 7806 Hanover Parkway. "The fire department did everything in its power to save every person trapped in the building," he said. "Many rescues were made. Some things are out of our hands. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of the person who died and to those who were injured."

The fire call was received by

the county fireboard at 9:48 p.m. Friday night. Greenbelt received the call at 9:49. Three Greenbelt units were on the scene in three minutes. The first unit on the scene reported that a fire was showing and that it would be necessary to hold all equipment at the scene. (Normally, once a fire scene is assessed, unneeded equipment is quickly released to return to the fire stations and become available for other emergencies.)

Fire companies from

See LOSS OF LIFE, page 5



Ladder shows the height of the top floor from ground level.

Two Meetings, Two Versions Of Springhill Lake's Future

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two competing versions of the future of Springhill Lake (SHL) and its recreation center were spelled out in succeeding meetings in the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday evening, November 19. The second of these meetings, long scheduled, was a joint hearing by the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the Advisory Planning Board (APB) to consider the city's concept plan for the renovation of and construction of an addition to the SHL center.

But this meeting had been preceded by a hastily called "Meet and Greet" get-together which representatives of Aimco, owners of the SHL apartment development, had asked for with members of the Greenbelt City Council. That both occurred on the same night was mere coincidence. Nevertheless, what was discussed in the first meeting almost undermined what was to take place in the second.

It turned out that an Aimco officer, Patti Shwayder, vice president for governmental and community relations, had asked to

discuss with council the corporation's renovation plans for the apartment complex – what she described as "a total redevelopment, a top to bottom expanded plan."

The company, she said, had engaged Andres Duany, a top-flight urban designer of the Gaithersburg firm of Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ), to develop the renovation plans. DPZ was known for major urban community designs in the region, she said, most notably for Kentlands. His first step will be to host a charette, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13 to engage local stakeholders in the planning process.

Shwayder said Aimco has already been discussing plans with county and state officials concerning funding and bond issues. "It will be a very significant project," she said. She estimated its cost at "several hundred million dollars."

Charette Plans

Shwayder's primary interest in speaking with council at this

See SHL's FUTURE, page 9

What Goes On

Monday, December 1

8 p.m., Council Work-session with Beltway Plaza, Community Center

Wednesday, December 3

8 p.m., Council Work-session with State Highway Administration, Community Center

Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 5

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center Lawn

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center

Saturday, December 6

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

Sunday, December 7

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon Activities

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

Greenbelt's News Review Begins Its 67th Year

The News Review is unique – the longest running, all-volunteer, cooperative weekly newspaper in the United States – and has been featured in numerous books and television programs, as well as graduate theses and other student papers on Greenbelt, planned towns and the cooperative movement. Some of these researchers have focused on the paper's four-year David-and-Goliath struggle against a \$2,000,000 libel suit in which the paper was finally vindicated by the US Supreme Court in 1970. The News Review decision supported freedom of the press and the case is still studied and quoted as a significant legal precedent.

In a town of many co-ops, the News Review is the next to the oldest.

Originally a letter-sized mimeographed publication consisting of 16 pages, then titled the Greenbelt Cooperator, the paper began publication on November 24, 1937, six weeks after the first families had occupied their homes.

For those who have wondered how the paper gets out each week, the staff is largely

volunteer (or, at least, minimally paid with member dividends) 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. (GHI). The paper gratefully accepts support from any segment of the community – from the city in the form of advertising and in housing for its operation, the Co-op grocery and GHI in corporate ads, and from the citizens when the financial pinch gets too tight. However it has been mostly self-supporting.

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, nonprofit cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt "good neighbor" philosophy of life.

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Editorial**An Invitation to All**

This week's headline recognizes the completion of the Greenbelt News Review's 66th year of publication. In the article we boast about being the oldest weekly publication in America produced by an all-volunteer staff. It's a record we are proud of. It's a record the community can be proud of too because the members of the community themselves produce this community paper.

How long can we continue to keep setting a record? That, too, depends on the community and particularly on you. The Greenbelt News Review cannot survive without an extraordinary amount of work done day in and day out by the members of its staff.

We need more help. We need more volunteers. Greenbelt has grown. More is happening. More reporters are needed to tell all of you, our readers, what is happening. With more reporters, the workload lessens for each one and our opportunity increases to offer complete coverage of community events. Being a reporter offers an opportunity to you to hone your writing skills and to learn more about how your community works.

What if you can't or don't want to write? We want you, too. Whatever your skills and abilities, we can find something for you to do. The jobs volunteers perform with us range from menial tasks to those that are highly skilled. Want to run errands? Proof copy? Take advertisements at the ad desk? Help sell advertising? Take pictures? Do filing? Typing? Give expertise on our computer problems? Edit copy? Do layout? Help with the maintenance of our business records? Come on down!

Are you involved with some city activity not being reported or that should be? You can help by gathering the information we need and getting it to us. You can write it under your own byline or you can let one of our reporters write it up as a story. Don't worry about spelling, grammar or good sentences. Our copy editors can take care of that. Just get us the facts.

Our senior staff, in particular, can use some help. They have been at their jobs almost, it seems to them, from time immemorial. They would love to have some of their weekly chores taken over by others.

The Greenbelt News Review is your primary source for what is happening in this town. It can only succeed if everyone who can pitches in to help. We're nice, friendly people and your neighbors. Please come join us.

To volunteer or for information, call our office at 301-474-4131 and leave a message, or come down to our office at the Greenbelt Community Center on Tuesday evening or Monday or Tuesday afternoons.

Letters to the Editor**THANKS**

To our friends and neighbors in Greenbelt, thank you for your expressions of sympathy and prayers in our loss of David. Your kindness has been a great help to sustain us in our bereavement.

*The Boswell family
and friend Linda Melton*

Honor the Flag

The photos you displayed in the November 13 News Review edition of the Veteran's Day Ceremony were a great representation of this annual ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post 136. The identities of the subjects were either omitted or incorrect, however. The Commander of Post 136 is John Osterfield. The other members of the Color Guard are, from left in the photo, Tony Sanchez, Eddie Byrd and Joe Beam. The gentleman holding the flag in the lower picture, shown by himself, is Calvin Saunders, a WWII veteran. My apologies for any part I played in the miscommunication of this information last week.

A friend of mine once stated that his father served overseas and he didn't much care for the American Legion. He thought it was a bunch of guys running around in uniforms, who never served overseas, trying to gain some glory. That statement would seem to apply to me. Though I am a Vietnam-era vet-

eran, I did not serve in Vietnam, nor abroad at all. But I do not carry the flag today for some long-lost glory, nor do my fellow veterans in the Color Guard, sometimes referred to as the Honor Guard. The "Honor" in Honor Guard is for the flag more so than for those carrying it, though I daresay many of the others deserve much more honor than I do.

We serve to honor the flag and all those who made sacrifices to keep it flying. Honoring the flag and helping to display it is a duty - rather the least that I can do. And I do it mostly because I can. Many of today's veterans cannot. I respect those who served or serve today, even when I might disagree with putting them in that position. I also respect my flag.

I hope those who came out on Veteran's Day will continue to join us at these events and will be joined by others, regardless of your political feelings about specific military actions.

Rick Ransom

Artful Afternoon and Craft Fair on Sunday, Dec. 7

Nicole DeWald

The City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation will present the annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. The fair features original handmade wares including photography, stained glass, woodworking, sewn crafts, pottery, jewelry and more. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children ages 6 to 10 can take part in supervised craft activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. while parents shop. Sunday hours for the Art and Craft Fair are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments from the Greenbelt Arts Center are available for sale throughout all fair hours.

Sunday is also the day of the Recreation Department's monthly Artful Afternoon program. From 1 to 3 p.m. guests are invited to participate in two free workshops. Visitors ages 8 and up can work with Artist in Residence Gladys Hann O'Neill to create a "teapot totem" sculpture for the Greenbelt New Year festival. Guests ages 12 and up (or under 12 if accompanied by an adult) can make a pine bough wreath to take home.

From 2 to 4 p.m., all ages are invited to attend opening receptions for two new art exhibits. The group show "Art Exchange" will open at the Community Center art gallery. A photography exhibition with John DeFabbio will open at the Greenbelt Municipal Building located at 25 Crescent Road; DeFabbio will offer a selection of beautiful black and white prints for sale.

From 1 to 5 p.m. visitors of all ages can tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic home at 10-B Crescent Road, decorated for the holidays with collection artifacts from the 1930s and 40s. Guests can also tour the studios of the Community Center's 13 Artists in Residence from 1 to 5 p.m.



The Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, featuring the editorial cartoons of Isadore "Izzy" Parker will be open for viewing. Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation on the first Sunday of every month.

For additional information call 301-397-2208 or write to ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Prince George's Arts Council and the PG Super Circle.

thankful thoughts**Gratitude**

The mighty hands of peace rest lightly on my shoulders. I am hugged and pervaded by diamond-forged stamina. Newly commissioned each morning, revived by Spirit vitamins, prayer muscles toned, my gratitude flows for grapefruit, mango, tomato, for sweet potato, avocado, and rhubarb. Bunions cannot keep me from dancing. In the lull between sea swims a clown sage scribbles new praise notes on the solemn shores of my chocolate brain waves.

Marjorie Gray

Deadline Nears To Change Party

Maryland holds closed primaries, which means only registered members of a political party may vote in that party's primary. The deadline to change party affiliation in advance of the primary is December 8. Non-registered citizens can register as Maryland voters until February 10, 2004. Also, Maryland law allows that as long as a voter is 18 years old on Election Day, he or she may vote in the primary.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, December 4, 2003
GHI BOARD ROOM
at 7:30 p.m.

Key Agenda Items

- Proposed Shed -37B Ridge Road
- Existing Shed Installation - 12K Ridge Road
- A&E Committee Proposed Interim Strategy for Yard Line Issues
- Auditor Engagement - 2nd Reading
- Proposed 2004 Budget - 2nd Reading
- Tree Maintenance Contract - 2004 1st Reading
- Waste Removal Contract - 1st Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Nov. 28

Mystic River (R)

Friday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Saturday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Sunday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:15

Monday - Thursday

*4:45, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Correction

There were two errors in the November 20 article, "How Did the City Woodlands Become a Forest Preserve?" According to City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher, the decision to change the name of protected areas from greenlands to forest preserve was not made by the city council at a work session, but rather by city staff. Also, although Robert's Rules of Order call for a supermajority vote to call a question, the city standing rules only require a majority vote. The standing rules govern the meeting procedures of the city council.

"The Chromatics" At Arts Center

The Greenbelt Arts Center will host "The Chromatics," full spectrum a cappella, on Saturday, December 6 at 8 p.m. The annual holiday concert is titled "Anybody Seen Rudolph?"

"The Chromatics," a popular area vocal band performs original songs inspired by the modern, high-tech world. They are gearing up for a busy holiday season that includes several stops in the metropolitan area. The highlight of the Chromatics' holiday season promises to be their appearance at the Greenbelt Arts Center. "We've been looking forward to the Arts Center show for months," says soprano and Greenbelter Deb Nixon. "The space is wonderful and it seems like the audience just gets smarter and better looking every year. We always want to bring our best show to Greenbelt." As in past years, stick around after the show for a tasty treat created by a popular area chef.

Tickets for this concert go fast. Contact the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770 #2 to reserve seats. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway in the Roosevelt Center next to the post office.

ACE Writing Contest Open to Grades 6-12

by Liz Murray

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and the ACE Reading Club will host a youth writing contest for students who live in or attend school in Greenbelt. This is the second year the contest will be offered.

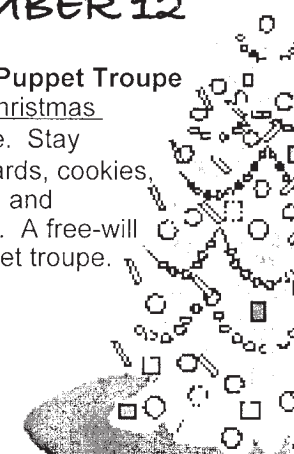
Originally the contest was open only to high school students; however, this year eligibility has been expanded to include sixth through eighth grades. There are two divisions: junior (grades 6 through 8) and senior (grades 9 through 12). Students may enter up to two poems and two stories in any theme.

Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, cleverness and artistic quality/writing skill. Students will be invited to perform their winning entries at the televised Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase which will be celebrated in April. Entries must be submitted along with an entry form by 4:30 p.m. on February 23 in the Greenbelt CARES office. There is no fee to enter. Entries may be sent to ACE Reading Club, Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For contest guidelines and entry forms contact coordinator Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or e-mail acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us or visit the ACE Reading Club link on www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

PUPPET SHOW AT 7:00PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Columbia Baptist Fellowship Puppet Troupe will be putting on another fantastic Christmas puppet show that you will want to see. Stay afterward for Christmas activities - cards, cookies, and crafts. Geared toward preschool and elementary kids, but all are welcome. A free-will offering will be collected for the puppet troupe.

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN
6301 GREENBELT ROAD
(NEXT TO MCDONALD'S)



Community Events

Tree Lighting; Art, Craft Sale Will Open Festival of Lights

The opening ceremony for the Festival of Lights and the Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. on the Community Center front lawn. There will be music and refreshments and Santa promises to be on the scene.

On Saturday, December 6, there will be a Juried Art and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. The fair will continue on Sunday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Kids' Craft Room will be open on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A men's football holiday bowl will take place on Braden Field on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, December 7 a Studio Open House and Holiday Sale will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. A free wreath-making activity will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center for ages 12 and up or for children under 12 if accompanied by an adult.

On Sunday, December 7 children eight and up accompanied by an adult are invited to a free Teapot Totem Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

A free Animation Showcase open to all ages will be

held on Sunday, December 7 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9 through Thursday, December 11, Santa and his helpers will make pre-arranged calls to preschoolers through grade 2 to check whether a child is being naughty or nice. To be contacted, fill out fliers available at the Youth Center for North Pole Calling.

Santa will visit preschool and older children at the Youth Center on Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. until noon. All children will receive a picture with Santa. Bring a VHS tape and have the visit professionally videotaped.

A "Wacky Winter Workshop" at the Youth Center will keep children occupied while parents shop on Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a fee. Registration ends December 12 at noon. Call 301-397-2200.

Art Exhibit Receptions

Sunday, December 7, 2 to 4 p.m. Black and white photography by John DeFabbio. Framed prints will be for sale at the first floor gallery of the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Sunday, December 7, 2 to 4 p.m. The Community Center Art Gallery will hold a free Art Exchange for Kids ages 5 to 10.



Sounds of the Season

On Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m., the Greenbelt Concert Band will play a selection of seasonal favorites in the Community Center gym.

Greenbriar Events

On Sunday, December 14 a tree lighting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

On Tuesday, December 16 a Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held at noon at the Community Building.

On Saturday, December 20 Santa will arrive for breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Building. Free.

Greenbelt Museum

Every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will be open, replete with decorations from the 1930s and 1940s. The "Izzy" exhibit, cartoons by Isadore Parker, will be ongoing throughout the Festival of Lights.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of November 7, the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its regular monthly meeting. The first order of business was to bid farewell and thanks to its longtime chairperson Leta Mach. Mach was just elected to the Greenbelt City Council and therefore was required to resign from her position. Following a discussion and vote, Dr. Eva Griffin was selected as new chairperson with LaShelle Ferguson as vice chair. They were congratulated and welcomed to their posts.

Delegate Justin Ross visited CARES and met with Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Leta Mach, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, CARES staff and volunteer interns to learn about the multiple services CARES provides to county residents and the possible state budget issues facing CARES and all youth services bureaus in Maryland. Ross expressed his willingness to support CARES in the upcoming legislative budget review and his overall support for the services CARES offers.

Mamas and Papas Move Indoors

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas Playgroup will now meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, beginning December 3. Bring lunch and make friends with other Greenbelt parents while children play. All are welcome to join refreshing grown-up conversation. For information call Melissa Sites at 301-982-9812.

At the Library

Wednesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

In the display case for December is an exhibit of American Rag Dolls by Marjory Donn.

Toy Drive Begins

The Greenbriar Community Association once again hopes to bring a bit of joy to less fortunate children this holiday season. In conjunction with the Lions Club, a toy drive will begin on Monday, December 1. New and gently used toys will be accepted in the Greenbriar Management Office or at any Greenbriar event through December 21. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 for further information.

Greenbelt Arts Center announces

Anybody Seen Rudolph?



Saturday, December 6
8:00 pm

AT: Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway - Greenbelt, MD
301-441-8770

TICKETS: \$70 per person
\$8 for seniors & students

Get in the mood with a festive mix of classic, neo-classic, and downright oddball holiday songs and Chromie originals!

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Office Space

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 (we still have some) and office equipment. The paper moved its office five times before coming to rest in the present quarters in the Community Center.

With the withdrawal of the federal government from town, GHI, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, continued the federal policy of providing free office space for decades with the paper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses. For many years the paper operated from offices in the basement of Parkway Apartments.

In February 1996, the News Review moved to fresh, new, above-ground space in the old Center School, newly renovated and opened as the now-familiar Community Center.

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 or 16 and may be as large as 28 pages. The deciding factor each week is the number of inches of advertising, which determines the number of pages that can be paid for.

At present 11,000 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt including Greenbriar, Greenbrook, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Greenspring, Hunting Ridge, Belle Point, the Lakes of Greenbelt Village and the Greenbelt office buildings and shopping centers. We are attempting to find a means to deliver again to Springhill Lake.

New Style

In 1995 the paper had joined the '90s when it moved to a cold type - computerized process. This change enabled us to return to the longer page which allows more space for stories and photos. We also added green ink. The paper looked good, our readers told us.

In June 2001, the paper lost the composition shop at Chesapeake Publishing and moved to

an all-electronic process. This involved a steep learning curve for the volunteer staff - a process that still continues. The paper contracted with graphic designer Lynn Eppard, who now does all the layout and preprint work for the paper in her home. And the paper looks even better though it costs more to produce.

Staff

There have been 39 changes in editorship during the paper's 65 years. For the last 30 years, the position has been held by Mary Lou Williamson. There are more than 68 staff members, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community. Some, like Williamson, Elaine Skolnik and Virginia Beauchamp, have been volunteering with the paper for well over 40 years.

An ongoing project, 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 continuing 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 who lives in Greenbelt and is proficient in the field of writing.

As the paper enters its 67th year, it remains primarily a volunteer effort - without fail by neighbors for neighbors, from the editor to young carriers delivering the paper. Unchanged is the fact that contributions of time and effort are always needed from Greenbelters to assure the paper continues to serve the community. The current special need is for volunteers willing to visit local merchants to sell them on the importance as well as the benefits of putting advertising in our community paper.

Obituaries

Nancy Bagster-Collins

Long-time resident Nancy Bagster-Collins died Friday, November 21, 2003.

Friends may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Saturday, November 29 at 2 p.m. after which the funeral service will be held.

City Notes

The week of November 17, the streets crew continued working on salt spreaders and snow plows; painted the bicycle lane markings on Ivy Lane; repaired a guardrail on Hillside at Research Road; repaired potholes around the city and cleaned storm drains and underpasses especially during the storm.

The parks crew continued construction of Adopt-a-Benches, began construction of the retaining wall near the parking lot behind the city office building, assisted with refuse collection to allow the refuse crews to collect the high volume of leaves and vacuumed leaves in the posted areas all week and especially near storm drains during the storm.

The horticulture crew removed storm-damaged trees and limbs, chipped the brush and cleaned up the logs; cleaned leaves and debris from the park at Gardenway and Crescent; helped clean gutters in preparation for the storm and weeded and mulched winter annual beds along Southway, at the entrance to the Lake Park and on Hanover Parkway near the entrance to Greenbriar.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
 November 30, 10 a.m.

"Harvest of Poetry"
 by Julie Watson and Nancy Boardman, worship associates



Barbara Wells, Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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thankful thoughts

We Are Thankful . . .

When I was a little girl, my mother took me on long walks in the forest, pointing out wonderful things like fairy rings and elf caves and water sprite trails. She read me enchanting stories about leprechauns and brownies. And I believed. Through the years, I've encountered quite a few imps, a handful of trolls, one goblin and some gnomes I'd rather forget.

Without warning, this past sunny Saturday morning, someone knocked at our door. The tall handsome young man said, "We've come to rake your leaves." A whole troop of Brownies, #4816, crowded behind him, rakes in hand, chattering and hopping like energetic squirrels anticipating an adventure. Under John Henry's supervision (he dreams of miracles like this), the Brownies and two women leaders attacked the yard beneath our giant oak trees. They listened to his Girl Scout tales of yore, raked, laughed and stuffed ten huge bags with autumn's bounty.

A score of Eleanor Roosevelt students, members of Junior Civitan with two adult leaders, then appeared to finish the nooks and crannies behind our house, adding 15 more bags to the pile! Did these enthusiastic, hard-working youngsters make us feel old and disabled? No. They made us feel special and we sincerely thank each one of them and John Taylor of GIVES as well.

So this is what we give thanks for this year - good caring people of all ages, and the great good fortune to have planted our family roots in Greenbelt, surrounded by hundreds of leaf-shedding trees and visited unexpectedly by beneficent elves bearing rakes.

Elaine D. Jones

African Jazz, Drums

Traditional African djembe drum and stringed kora meet modern Guinean jazz featuring student drummers and Mamaya pros on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ina and Jack Kay Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The event is free.

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Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
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placed residents.

Worst Fire

Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze was reported to have said this was the worst fire he had ever seen. Seen on site were Steve Bupp and other officials from Greenbriar's management company Condominium Venture, Inc. (CVI), Greenbelt officials Mayor Davis, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Councilmember Ed Putens, Planning Director Celia Craze, City Code Enforcement personnel, Greenbelt's animal control officer (there were many cats and dogs in the building), as well as many Prince George's County fire officials.

Davis described the fire as "a tragic, tragic event." As to the death of Mary Alice Carroll, she said it was "the loss of a beautiful life." Davis thanks all the firefighting units and groups that worked together to help during the fire - Prince George's County, the City of Greenbelt, the American Red Cross, CVI, the Greenbriar community and staff and many others.

A joint investigation between Prince George's County fire investigators and the Greenbelt Police Department's criminal investigations unit is underway as to the cause of the fire. The building has been evacuated and is scheduled to be torn down according to an unconfirmed report. Davis conjectured that the building will be totally rebuilt under current building standards, including a sprinkler system.

According to a story in the Washington Post the fire caused \$2.5 million in damage.



A huge flatbed truck dropped this Collapse Response Unit at the site. It's a self-contained workshop with materials to shore up a fire-damaged building.



Four firefighters get directions on what to do next.

PHOTOS BY KARL PENA

Assistance May Be Needed

Information is still being gathered on the needs of those who have been displaced and will be posted on Channel 71. Fifteen units were damaged and 22 people were displaced.

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Greenbelt, West Lanham Hills, Branchville, West Lanham, Berwyn Heights, College Park and Riverdale Heights were first to arrive. Other companies were later called in and reported to the scene.

Rescue

The first problem facing the firemen was the rescue of persons trapped in the building. By the time firemen arrived, the building stairways were filled with smoke. Residents had to be rescued from balconies and windows. One person jumped from a balcony before a rescue could be made. There were injuries and Krob said that five residents had to be transported to various hospitals. However, the firemen on the scene believed that all residents had been successfully rescued. No one reported then or later that anyone was missing.

While there was plenty of fire equipment at the location, it was not possible for fire trucks to get to the part of the building where the fire was principally involved. The terrain was rugged and soggy from recent rains and the area was not well lit. One truck that attempted to drive back to the fire area got stuck and had to be towed away. Hoses, ladders and other equipment had to be carried across the wet, uneven ground. By the time firemen arrived, the fire had spread to other units as it had been burning for an indeterminate amount of time.

The fire apparently began in a terrace unit on the left side of the entrance. Not long after units were on the scene, the first floor fell in. By the end of the fire all three floors had collapsed

into the terrace level. When the fire spread to the building roof, the firefighters had to leave the building. They changed to a defensive attack from outside the building using large diameter hoses to prevent the spread of the fire to other units. Part of the roof also collapsed onto the terrace apartment. The large hoses were used until it became safe for firemen to reenter the building.

Four Greenbelt firemen and one from College Park from the original responding units were burned and transported to hospitals. None of the injuries were life threatening according to Krob.

All Night

Firemen were on the scene all night and most of the next day. The large amount of debris that had fallen hid still smoldering fires that had to be found and put out. During the overhaul early the next morning, the fire victim was found.

The building was not a total loss, but did receive a lot of damage, principally on the left side of the entrance where four of the 12 units were destroyed, Krob said. On the other side and in back, the apartments suffered smoke and water damage. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Krob noted the presence of other organizations that provided support. The police were present to guard property and to assist some residents the next day in getting some of their things such as medication, clothing for kids and irreplaceable family heirlooms. Greenbriar management



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Debra Saunders, above, owned a second floor apartment at 7806 Hanover Parkway. She told the News Review photographer on Sunday that her daughter Dehra and granddaughter Tehra, age 5, were home at the time of the fire. Saunders expressed great concern that her daughter heard no fire alarm. She had vaguely smelled smoke, but by the time she became alarmed by the fire sirens, the fire was well underway. The granddaughter was burned on the hand and rescued by firefighters. The mother jumped from the balcony. Four others were rescued by firefighters as they were in imminent danger.

brought in their people including the building engineer to assist in many ways. The Red Cross was also on the scene arranging for shelter for the evacuated families who did not have somewhere to stay.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 1-5

Monday, December 1, 6:00pm, Greenbelt Principals Dinner Meeting, Municipal Building.

Monday, December 1, 8:00pm, Council Work Session-Beltway Plaza (stakeholder), Community Center.

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00pm, Council Work Session-State Highway Administration (stakeholder), Community Center.

Thursday, December 4, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center.

30-DAY LIMIT FOR ON-STREET PARKING

The City Council has approved legislation limiting on-street parking, without movement of a vehicle, for 30 days. The new code language is as follows:

Sec. 11-52. Storage of vehicles.

It shall be unlawful to park or store a vehicle upon a public street, alley, roadway or parking lot for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days in a single parking space without movement of such vehicle, unless a long-term parking permit has been issued to the vehicle by the city.

Long-term parking permits may be requested through the Department of Planning and Community Development. Written requests indicating the request and reason for the request should be directed, in writing, to Parking Enforcement, Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, MD. 20770. Questions may be directed to 301-345-5417.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Committee on Education

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, December 2 & 4: 6:00pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary" 6:35 "Greenbelt in Motion" 7:00pm "Wayne Brown and the 2nd Conspiracy" 8:00pm "Greenbelt in Motion"

PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, December 3 & 5: 7:00pm Greenbelt Arts Center Presents "Brainstorm" and "Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room" 8:15pm "Vids by Kids 4-June 23, 2003"

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting on October 27, 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for forty (40) days, until December 6, 2003, at the Municipal Building. It can also be found on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on December 16, 2003, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 2003-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule, to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 8, Titled "Same—Quorum, Procedure"

This resolution will amend the Charter to require a vote of at least four members of the five-member City Council to remove lands from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, as established in Ordinance Number 1243. The purpose of this amendment is to require a stricter standard for removing lands from the Forest Preserve designation than is required by the Charter for most Council actions.

The Forest Preserve Ordinance is also posted on the Web site and in the Municipal Building. For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000.

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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.

Sex Offense

6200 block Springhill Court, November 18, 10:52 p.m., a woman reported that she was about to enter her apartment building when two men approached her. One of them blocked the entrance door and both fondled her. The men then fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, tall, bald, wearing a large blue coat and a black male wearing a hat.

Robbery

6100 block Breezewood Court, November 16, 7:56 p.m., a man reported that he was exiting his vehicle when he was approached by another man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After taking a jacket, gym bag and cellular telephone from the victim, the suspect fled the area on foot toward Springhill Lane. He is described as a black male 18 to 24 years of age, 6', 150 pounds, wearing a skull cap and a black ski mask.

Handgun

Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, November 14, 10:02 p.m., police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries. The driver had exited the vehicle; fire department personnel advised that a handgun had been found outside the vehicle. The driver claimed ownership of the handgun. As he had sustained injuries due to the accident, the handgun was taken as evidence and the suspect released pending the issuance of an arrest warrant.

Burglary

200 block Lakeside Drive, November 14, 3:52 p.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to break into a storage bin. A dark blue Huffy mountain bike was taken.

7800 block Walker Drive, November 17, 7:27 a.m., commercial burglary.

9100 block Edmonston Court, November 17, 2:22 p.m., unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door. Entry was not gained.

Unit block Parkway, November 18, 8:56 a.m., unknown person(s) broke into a laundry room and removed coins from a coin-operated washer.

5900 block Springhill Drive,

November 20, 8:59 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by forcing open the sliding glass door. Clothing was taken.

Theft

7800 block Jacobs Drive, November 18, 4:16 p.m., unknown person(s) took a 9mm semiautomatic handgun from a residence.

Southway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, November 19, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department. The man was released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 13, 8:34 p.m., two resident and two nonresident youths were arrested for disruption of school activities after they allegedly made several 911 calls at the school. All four were released pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 14, 1:02 p.m., two nonresident youths were arrested for trespass after they were found inside the school without permission. The youths, who attend Duval High School, were released to Duval school administrators pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a dark green Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 1CHI, November 14, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; a gray 2003 Dodge Durango, Virginia tags JEX7175, November 15, from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive; a gray 1990 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags KCF317, November 15, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 1999 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, November 15, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered the next day by the New Kent County, Virginia Sheriff's Department, two adult arrests made; a 2003 Dodge Durango, November 15, from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive, recovered the next day by the Prince

Chief Appointed To IACP Board

Greenbelt's Police Chief James Craze has been honored by an appointment to the executive board of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The IACP is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives with over 19,000 members in over 89 countries worldwide. The executive board is the policy-making body of the IACP and is responsible for shaping the future direction and activities of the IACP, which provides leadership in the world of law enforcement.

Chief Craze will fill the "Group #3 - New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware" position of the 2003 - 2005 term. The first meeting of the executive board will be held on February 7 in Washington, D.C.

George's County Police, no arrests; a black 1997 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland dealer tag 1A68788, November 17, from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; and a 1994 Chevrolet truck, November 20, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered the same day by the Pennsylvania State Police, no arrests.

Greenbelt police recovered: a 1998 Ford van reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police, November 15, at Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane, no arrests; and a 1998 Dodge Neon 4-door, reported stolen to the Newport News Police, November 15, at Beltway Plaza Mall, no arrests.

Two vehicles were recovered by other police departments; no arrests were made.

Thefts from, vandalisms to and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Lakecrest Drive, 8000 block Lakecrest Drive, 500 block Crescent Road, 2 court Southway, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6100 block Breezewood Drive (2 incidents), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 6000 block Springhill Drive, Beltway Plaza Mall (2 incidents) and 7800 block Emily's Way.

"Red-Crazy Fox" Is ACE Reading Club Mascot Winner

by Liz Murray



Hiyanna Keller, a fourth-grade student at Springhill Lake Elementary School, won the ACE Reading Club mascot contest with her entry "Red-Crazy Fox." The mascot contest was open to all students who live or attend school in Greenbelt.

Entries were received from students at Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary, and St. Hugh's School. Students were asked to submit drawings of a mascot character that they felt would represent the ACE Reading Club and its motto: "Reading is Fun!" Keller's creation was chosen for its origi-

nality, vibrant color, lovable features and the feeling that it could be used creatively for marketing the club.

"Red-Crazy Fox" will be displayed on the ACE Reading Club website, printed on bumper stickers and fliers and used

in ACE Reading Club advertising. A cartoon version of the drawing will sometimes be used as well. For details on upcoming ACE Reading Club events or contests, visit the ACE Reading Club website through a link on the City of Greenbelt's main page at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

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Remote Sensing Earth Science at St. Hugh's

by Leslie Hilliard

During the summer of 2002 Marjorie Sparks, St. Hugh's Junior High School science teacher, prepared for her assignment as a Teacher Argonaut on the JASON Project, JASON XIV: "From Shore to Sea." This past summer she became a pilot of one of NASA's aircraft. Well, to be exact, she became a pilot for a small NASA remote-controlled airplane equipped with remote sensing instrumentation.

Sparks, along with 17 teachers from across the country, attended the first week-long workshop of the Remote Sensing Earth Science Teacher Program (RSESTeP). During the workshop NASA scientists illustrated how the teachers

can use remote sensing techniques to do various earth science projects with their classes.

"This program is a partnership between NASA, local remote control plane clubs, local scientists and teachers," said Sallie Smith, NASA/JASON liaison and RSESTeP organizer. "Together we want to get this technology into the teachers' and students' hands."

The NASA Goddard and Wallops Island Centers will supply the teachers and their students with a global positioning system (GPS), temperature sensors, a hand-held weather station and a remote controlled plane outfitted with a video camera and thermal infrared imager aboard. The planes can fly a maximum of 400

feet above ground. Each participating school will have a week with the plane to prepare for and execute their five-minute missions. The teachers will also have access to satellite data to accompany the data the plane collects.

Sparks has been busy this fall putting together the details of her project. "I would like to look at the phosphate and nitrogen levels in the Chesapeake Bay watershed around Greenbelt," she said. "Hopefully, my research will help students understand that what's happening in their neighborhood has an effect on the condition of the bay."

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

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time was to line them up to participate in the forthcoming charette and elicit recommendations concerning which stakeholders might participate. Many Greenbelters have had a long experience with the charette concept, in which community members and professional designers brainstorm together over an extended period before a rehabilitation project is drawn up. Such a process in 1985 resulted in the eventual rehabilitation of the city's Roosevelt Center and its adjacent parking areas.

Mayor Judith Davis asked if some of the SHL tenants might be invited to the charette, pointing out that some residents, such as Joyce Chestnut, who was present, have been longtime contributors to city initiatives.

Shwayder said her main concern was to keep participation "small enough to get something done." They were envisioning a "very intensive" process, she said. She agreed that Beltway Plaza should be represented. Mayor Davis promised that the city would draw up a list of suggested participants, including county and state representatives and key members of city staff and planning boards.

Newly elected councilmember Leta Mach asked if the corporation was looking at owner-occupied housing and low-income housing. To both questions Shwayder's answer was yes. There might also be some commercial possibilities, she added, such as a dry cleaner and a Starbucks.

When councilmember Ed Putens asked about ideas concerning recreation buildings, Shwayder said they would like to fit in with the city's plans. If the planning process called for redesigning the development's roadway system, the recreation

center's location could even be changed. (Some time ago Aimco had suggested a land swap of the recreation center's tract with something more central within the SHL community.)

PRAB/APB Meeting

This was the note on which the PRAB/APB meeting, upstairs in the Community Center, took off. Joe McNeal, assistant director of facilities for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, whose presentation of the city's plans for the SHL recreation center was the centerpiece of the meeting, had been present at the previous meeting with Aimco. Now the city's plans suddenly looked tentative.

Mayor Davis, who was also sitting in on the PRAB meeting, described some of the history about the SHL recreation center, which, even as augmented, was considered inadequate to the community's needs. When SHL was first opened, Davis pointed out, the corporation was already providing many recreational needs and facilities. The Fountain Lodge was used for that purpose, she said; now it is used only as an office facility for management. There was a small golf course on and near the flood plain, whose clubhouse remains as the small building next to the recreation center.

Under later owners, however, when these programs and facilities were abandoned, the city then constructed the recreation center to provide a gymnasium. Unfortunately, Davis said, the land area there is confined by the flood plain and a stream. There is almost no room for expansion.

The restrictions that this location imposes for changes to the center became immediately apparent to those attending the PRAB meeting. With the new

design, only 4,000 square feet of additional space would become available. This would be used for a multi-purpose room with kitchen and storage space, an after-school space for elementary age children and corridors linking the new spaces with the old.

McNeal said the multi-purpose room was about the size of that in the Community Center, in which the group was then sitting. It would be used for civic group meetings, rentals, classes and various programs and activities for all ages. The aftercare space would double as a computer lab.

The proposed renovation and addition has an estimated cost of \$1.5 million dollars. Including a borrowed sum of \$750,000 approved in a referendum and a state matching grant of \$325,000, the city has \$1.1 million in place for the project, according to McNeal.

Renovation will include installation of a sprinkler system, realignment of existing spaces and refinishing of interior and exterior surfaces. It will also be a "green" facility, using modern technology for low maintenance and energy efficiency. New ceramic flooring will be used in the building except in the gymnasium, whose maple flooring is only seven years old. A new outdoor playground will be installed on the flood plain site. The current restrooms will be expanded.

PRAB/APB Action

Although recognizing that even with the expansion the facility will still be inadequate, PRAB and APB members realized that on its present site the new dimensions would reach the size limits allowable. However, the potential Aimco plans created a new complex of considerations.

As Mayor Davis noted, "Greenbelt Station is what's driv-

thankful thoughts

From the Bottom of Our Hearts

Hundreds of people comforted us by praying, hugging, kissing, crying, writing letters, sending cards, contributing money, cooking, cleaning, sharing laughs and grieving – the loss of our daughter's three sons (our grandsons) Bradley, Ryan and Kyle Edwards, April 23, 2003.

It has been seven months since that horrific Wednesday in April and without the support we received we would not have been able to make it. We want to take this opportunity offered by the Greenbelt News Review's "Thankful Thoughts" to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Claude and Nancy Revis

Limited Planning Authority Bill

Prince George's County Bill PG/MC 103 has been drafted at the request of the cities of Bowie, College Park and Greenbelt. The bill is enabling legislation that would allow the District Council to consider delegating the following limited planning authorities to any municipality in Prince George's County: conceptual site plans; detailed site plans; certification, revocation and revision of nonconforming uses; vacation of municipal rights-of-way; minor changes to approved special exceptions; requests for compliance alternatives from the Prince George's County landscape manual.

Municipalities exercising these authorities would be subject to the same procedural requirements established by the District Council. Municipalities would also not be able to impose any standard or requirement different from the District Council. Finally, municipal decisions can be appealed to the District Council and Circuit Court as is the case now.

There will be an informational meeting on December 6 at the Glenarden Municipal Center to explain this legislation and answer questions. Call Gwen Worley at 301-474-8000 for time and directions.

ing this project. They want the city to buy into it." Greenbelt Station is the proposed new shopping mall and office and residential development on the A. H. Smith property and Metro station site adjacent to Springhill Lake.

Davis indicated Aimco's earlier expression of interest in "partnering" with the city as they move toward the proposed SHL renovation. She believed Aimco would share the cost of a new recreation building if it were moved to a central area within the community and that they would also dedicate land for athletic fields nearby.

Yet everything is in the future. Members of the two citizen boards saw the city as looking down two potential tracks for future development, only one of which will eventually work out, but which one is not known. How could the board members act today?

PRAB member Marc Siegel put it this way: Assuming that Aimco does not come through with its plans, the city should proceed with its plans as presented for renovation of the recreation center. By an overwhelming majority members of both groups voted in favor of this understanding.

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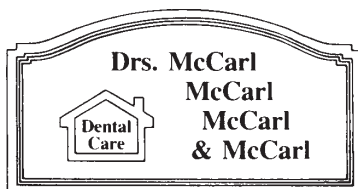
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Chinese Leaders Visit Greenbelt

by Sandra A. Lange

In October Mayor Judith Davis welcomed a group of 40 Chinese government and business leaders from Jiangsu province, just northwest of Shanghai, one of China's most developed and cosmopolitan eastern coastal provinces. They were participating in the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs, the University of Maryland's two-month leadership research and development program. The group was interested in learning about senior services in Greenbelt. They toured Green Ridge House, the Adult Care Center and the Greenbelt Community Center.

Many members of the group were impressed with the wide scope of services offered in Greenbelt. They also commented on the beauty of Greenbelt's parks and the cleanliness of the environment. Several expressed the wish that they could move their families from China to Greenbelt. They also were curious about housing costs here. A few were interested in getting on the waiting list for Green Ridge House.

The group presented a gift to the mayor and were pleased to learn that she had visited China several years ago. They invited her to visit Jiangsu Province in the future. They also expressed appreciation for the hosting efforts of David Moran, assistant to the city manager; Beverly Long, the Adult Care Center; and Jill St. John and Di Quinn Reno of the Greenbelt Community Center.

At the end of the tour the entire delegation enjoyed a lunch prepared by the New Deal Café.

Local Artist Exhibits At Marietta House

Greenbelter Elizabeth Barber's oil paintings will be exhibited at the Marietta House Museum on December 6, 7 and 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This is in conjunction with the House Christmas Tour. Music and refreshments will be provided.

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THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Opening Ceremony and Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, 12/05, 7:00pm
Community Center Front Lawn
 Music, refreshments, Santa and festive fun!
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Juried Art & Craft Fair

Saturday, 12/06, 10am - 5pm
(Kids' Craft Room: 10am-2pm)
Sunday, 12/07, 11am - 4pm
(Artful Afternoon Activities: 1-5pm)
Greenbelt Community Center
Open to all ages / Admission is free
 Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand crafted gifts, available directly from the artisans. Concessions, provided by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will also be available for purchase. On Saturday, the Kids' Craft Room will provide free, supervised activities for children ages 6-10 while parents shop. See the "Artful Afternoon" listing for Sunday activities.
Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Greenbelt New Year

Wednesday 12/31, 7:00pm to 1:00am
Open to all ages
Advance sales: \$5
At the door: \$8
Children under 5: FREE
 Draw the season to a close by ringing in the new year Greenbelt style. This family-oriented, alcohol-free celebration has fast become a community favorite! Tickets are available at Co-op Supermarket, the Community Center and the Youth Center from 11/28 through 12/30. Co-op will continue selling tickets until 12:00pm on 12/31.
Hosted by: The Greenbelt New Year Committee and The Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Studio Open House & Holiday Sale

Sunday 12/07, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Open to all ages / Admission is free
 Tour the studios of the Community Center's 13 Artists in Residence. Shop for original fine arts and home goods.
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Wreath Making

Sunday 12/07, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center-Art Studio A
Ages 12 and above / FREE
 Under 12 if accompanied by an adult / FREE
 Make and decorate your own pine bough wreath.
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Teapot Totem Workshop

Sunday 12/07, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center-Art Studio B
Ages 8 and up / FREE
 Children accompanied by adults will work with Artist in Residence Gladys Hann-O'Neill to create an interactive sculpture for the Greenbelt New Year Celebration.
Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Kids' Craft Room

Saturday 12/06, from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center-Art Studio B
Ages 6 to 10 / FREE
 Creative kids will enjoy this drop-in craft room offering a variety of holiday activities. Supervision is provided while parents visit the Art & Craft Fair.
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Kids' Gallery Visit & Contest

(See "Art Exhibit Receptions-Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery")

Wreath Making & Sculpture Workshops

(See Artful Afternoon Activities)

Animation Showcase

Sunday 12/07, beginning at 11:30am
Old Greenbelt Theatre, Roosevelt Center
Open to all ages / FREE
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 Information: 301-474-2192
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North Pole Calling

Tuesday 12/09 through Thursday 12/11
6:00pm to 7:30pm
Preschool through Grade 2 / FREE
 Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to check whether your child is being naughty or nice! To be contacted by Santa, complete and return the informational flier available at the Youth Center.
Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Dept.



Santa's Visit

Saturday 12/13, from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Youth Center-Multi Purpose Room
Preschool and up / FREE
 Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a picture with Santa. Plenty of activities to take part in while you wait. Bring a VHS tape and have your visit professionally taped.
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Wacky Winter Workshop

Saturday 12/13, from 9:00am to 1:00pm
Youth Center-Morrison Lounge
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Sunday 12/07, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
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Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery

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Greenbriar Community Center Events

Greenbelt-East Tree Lighting

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Senior Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday 12/16, 12:00pm
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Thursday, December 25	12:00pm - 4:00pm	12:00pm - 4:00pm	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, December 31	9:00am - 1:00pm	6:00am - 5:00pm	12:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday, January 1	12:00pm - 4:00pm	12:00pm - 5:00pm	12:00pm - 5:00pm

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