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National Education Week

In celebration of American Education Week, the News Review interviewed two teachers making a difference at Springhill Lake Elementary School and student reporters at Roosevelt interviewed and submitted articles about two popular teachers there (another article begins on page 6). David Lange, a volunteer coordinator for local schools, arranged the interviews and took the photos of the Springhill Lake teachers. The Roosevelt teachers provided their own photos.

Springhill Lake Teachers Recognized for their Work

by Tiane Johnson

Danielle Naccaratto is a fourth-grade teacher who began her teaching career at Springhill Lake four years ago when she moved to Maryland from Michigan.



She teaches 27 students, which includes English as a Second Language (ESL) and special education students.

Naccaratto's students are from all over the world including countries such as Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, El Salvador and Mexico.

With such a diverse class, Naccaratto, who speaks a little bit of French and Spanish, said the learning process is very interesting for her as well as for her students.

"They [foreign students] teach us some of their languages and we teach them English. The be-

ginning step is to teach the students easy things like bathroom, water, book and other things in the classroom," she said.

She also said that being unable to communicate in English is not necessarily a disadvantage because "the students who can read and write in their languages learn English quickly."

Although she loves teaching, Naccaratto did not always want to be a teacher.

"No, never thought I would be a teacher. But I think it was my calling because growing up I didn't like school. I loved working with kids, so the people close to me suggested that I become a teacher. I began tutoring students and it was a natural fit."

See SHL TEACHERS, page 6

Drama Teacher Julie Garner Deserves "Standing Ovation"

by Ariel Van Alstyne and Amanda Martin

Teachers oftentimes do not get the recognition that they deserve. Julie Garner, the drama teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is one who deserves a standing ovation.



In her fifth year of teaching, Garner supervises up to six classes a day and deals with every grade and skill level. "I have kids in science and technology and also in the special education classes," she explains. Teaching drama is a huge part of her life and she thoroughly enjoys every minute of it.

Garner did not always want to become a drama teacher. "In high school, I wanted to go into international business," she smiles, "then I went into college undecided." She began to teach improvisation classes at high school festivals and at college workshops. "It was something I really enjoyed." She was teaching and learning things that she could not have found in any other course.

Not only does Garner teach every day, five days a week, she also is the director and producer of the fall and spring productions and the winter musical at Roosevelt; the sponsor and overseer of all student productions

and coach of the ALONIZ group – students who put on four improv shows a year. For her classes, she also coordinates two field trips per year.

On top of all of that, she has her own personal life outside of school in which she participates in local performances. "I do mostly improv and corporate entertainment productions," she says. "It's very difficult when I've already committed to my students, to try to commit to something else."

Roosevelt students enjoy having Garner as a teacher. "She really makes you feel good about yourself," says junior Ariel Van Alstyne.

She has had students go to college and study theater or musical theater and she loves it when they pursue their own talents. "I may have inspired the passion to become a performer but it takes dedication and discipline to be successful," she states modestly. Garner does much for the entire school and dedicates a large part of her life to each and every one of her students and performers. "I love my students, they are the best part of my job."



Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas Peters addressed those gathered to celebrate Veteran's Day at the monuments near Roosevelt Center.

ACE Report on Renovation Delay At Middle School Spurs Council

by Barbara Hopkins

The status of the proposed renovation project for Greenbelt Middle School came before the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on November 8 in a written report from the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). The report cites the "dire need" of the school for renovation as well as expansion and notes that funds for this project appeared in the school board's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 1988.

However, according to recent information obtained by ACE from the board's website, the renovation will be delayed until August 2009 and is now projected to cost \$26.7 million. Of particular concern to ACE is the fact that information on the school board's website could be interpreted as saying that the city itself approves the delay. The city supports the renovation plan, but not the delay.

The ACE report recommends that council send a letter to the CEO of the county schools with copies to all members of the board of education and to Prince George's County Council-member Douglas Peters to protest the continued delay in renovation of the school. ACE also recommends that another letter be sent to the chair of the CIP committee, Jose Morales, asking him to meet with the council to explain the delays and to clarify the language on the website.

ACE further requests that council ask Morales to inform the city of future changes in the CIP which affect Greenbelt schools.

During discussion of the ACE report, council also raised concerns about what had become of over one million dollars for renovation projects that was approved last year by the county council through efforts by Peters. Several councilmembers wondered if these funds were still available or if they had been used for planning. They requested that staff

follow up on the status of these funds.

Council agreed unanimously to follow the recommendations of the ACE report to send the suggested letters and arrange for a stakeholders' meeting in early 2005.

Springhill Lake

Councilmember Rodney Roberts requested adding to the evening's agenda an item on the status of the redevelopment of Springhill Lake. He was concerned that AIMCO, the developers, were moving forward with county approval on the project based on a charette held in Beltsville during which comments were limited to invited guests, with no public input. He asked that a letter be sent to AIMCO reminding them they need input from the city and its citizens before proceeding with a plan.

Michael McLaughlin, city manager told council he had asked AIMCO to brief council in December but had not yet heard back from the person contacted. It is his belief, he said, that AIMCO is looking at what is possible for them within the county zoning codes, not seeking approval for a firm plan.

Mayor Judith Davis commented that AIMCO was still finding its way through the requirements of the county for a mixed-use project and the school board's regulations. She thought it was premature for a charette in Greenbelt at this time.

Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested that AIMCO be re-

minded of its promise to hold a full-fledged charette in Greenbelt on the project. At the suggestion of Councilmember Edward Putens, council agreed to send AIMCO a letter expressing its concerns.

Transportation Projects

City staff had attended a presentation on the state's draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for fiscal years 2005-2010 for Prince George's County. Projects identified by staff as being of interest to the city include the Intercountry Connector, extension of Md. 201 (Kenilworth Avenue), a full Beltway interchange at the Metro station, improvements to U.S. 1, the University of Maryland Connector Road, Greenbelt Road sidewalk improvements and the Bi-County Transit Study (Purple Line). Council discussed a proposed letter to the secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation stating the city's position on several of these projects.

In essence, the city's position has not changed since last year when it opposed the Intercountry Connector, the full Beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro station and the extension of Route 201. Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that, in lieu of the Route 201 project, the city request improvements to relieve traffic congestion on U.S. 1, especially at the Rhode Island Avenue intersection. She thought that the letter also should include

See COUNCIL, page 6

What Goes On

Monday, November 22

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 24

7:30 p.m., Community Thanksgiving Service, Community Church

Thursday, November 25 – City and GHI offices closed for Thanksgiving.

News Review Special Thanksgiving Schedule

In order to complete the News Review during Thanksgiving Week our schedule must back up by one day. The deadline for the next week's paper, dated November 25 and delivered Friday, is Monday, November 22. All articles, photographs and advertisements must reach the News Review by 10 p.m. on Monday, sooner if possible. Much as we try to be accommodating and help, there can be no adjustments made in this early deadline if we are to complete the paper on schedule. Help avoid disappointment for submitters and readers by getting in all materials on Monday, November 22.

Letters



Our condolences to former city manager and News Review staffer Jim Giese on the death of his brother, Robert.

Condolences to John Ramsey of Plateau Place on the death of his mother Alice Raye Ramsey of Reisterstown.

Local artist Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette will have a show at the Community Arts Center Gallery at Penn State Altoona, continuing through December 28. Morisette's work is also on display at ArtoMatic, 800 3rd Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. through December 5.

Congratulations to Andrea Anita Eubanks upon receipt of her B.S. degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Congratulations to Missy Dodd, who was awarded a prize of \$50 in the "Country Woman" magazine Trim-the-Tree Crafts Contest. Her original satin filigree ornament is spotlighted in the November/December issue of the magazine. Her contest entry was selected from hundreds received from readers of the publication. Her entry features a satin filigree ornament upon which are placed gold metallic stickers surrounded by gold dots in metallic paint. A gold ribbon bow at the top completes the design. This is a second national recognition for Dodd, who received a Good Housekeeping magazine award for a prior Christmas ornament designed as a tiny teapot.

Chamber Concert

Chamber Music at Maryland, Part 2 will be presented on Saturday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m., in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Presented by the University of Maryland School of Music, this program is free.

City Notes

The streets crew removed graffiti on the Hillside Road underpass.

The facilities maintenance crew repaired exterior lights at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Hillside underpass.

The horticulture crew planted 91 re-blooming iris in the median strips on Hanover Parkway.

The parks crew continued work on the new bus shelters for Cherrywood Lane.

Code Enforcement

Ten non-residential false alarms were reported requiring one invoice, one re-certification and one new registration letter. Four residential false alarms were reported requiring two warning letters.

Meetings

Staff met with Prince George's County Councilman Dernoga and representatives of the developer for the former nursing home site to discuss CB-109-2004.

Recreation Center

Staff met with representatives from the group interested in assuming ownership of the Greenbelt Adult Care Center operation. Primary focus of the meeting was the background of their organization and terms for the new lease agreement.

Shelter at Water Tower to Be Built

Following storm damage in November 2003 that blew over a tree onto a radio equipment building at the base of the water tower at the top of Lastner Lane, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has announced plans to construct a new building. The replacement structure will occupy the space along the inside of the fence along Ridge Road. It will not interfere with service access around the tank.

Prior to the beginning of construction, according to a memo from engineer James R. Krause, a 30-foot temporary fence along Ridge Road will close off the area. A new foundation will be poured this fall as weather permits. In spring 2005 a pre-fabricated shelter, 11' by 18', will be installed. The structure will have a light brown washed stone finish.

After the building is installed, the existing antenna cables from the damaged structure will be transferred, passing underground from the tank to the shelter. The old shelter will then be demolished.

Grin Belt



"Move on, Jerome. The election is over."

AGNES CONATY 2004

THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 12 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Despite the rain there was a large turn out resulting in a successful blood drive. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its worthy service in the face of the nations' severe blood shortage.

Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, February 22 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Prior donors will be contacted by the Red Cross for appointments. Others may call Janet Goldberg of the Recreation Department at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment.

Janet Goldberg

Belated Thanks

To the unknown friend who pruned the hedges around my entire yard, thank you! And my appreciation to all my other friends and neighbors who assisted in numerous ways while I recuperated from hip replacement surgery.

Diane Adelstein

Festival of Lights Opens at Watkins

Prince George's County's 18th annual Winter Festival of Lights, featuring more than a million lights, is scheduled to open on Friday, November 26. It will remain open through Sunday, January 2 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. daily. The festival is located at Watkins Regional Park, in Upper Marlboro. Those attending are asked to bring a canned good for donation to local food banks. There is a fee. The festival is free on December 25. For information call 301-699-2456, TTY 301-699-2544.

On Screen

Tripping up the Coast

In "Sideways," opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre Nov. 24, (Thanksgiving eve), a disparate pair of bachelor pals drive up the California coast for a sun-filled, laid-back week ere sometime actor Jack (a buff Thomas Haden Church) gets married. Would-be novelist Miles (a shlumpy Paul Giamatti), an oenophile extra-ordinaire, wants to pursue wine-tasting and a little golf but Jack's primal urges quickly throw this comedy into high gear. It moves with singular alacrity as the pair hook up with two very different but equally determined women (the salutary Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh). In the end "Sideways" taps into several levels of irony and

develops rewarding depths of feeling. Director Alexander Payne and co-writer Jim Taylor (who worked together in the lesser "About Schmidt") have brought off a winner in 124 minutes, dotted though it may be in the modern mode with obscenity, a couple of sexual scenes, nudity literally on the run and an unidentified few moments of pot smoking - though these be non-gratuitous.

Note: Running through Tuesday is the no less worthy "The Motorcycle Diaries," wherein two Argentine friends struggle up rough roads in South America in 1952.

- Eli Flam

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Sunday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

Monday-Tuesday
*5:00, 7:30

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Community Events

Try Out Games At Free Festival

Local game designers who hope they've designed the next blockbuster board game will give people of all ages a chance to try their games at the first annual Game Festivals. The festivals are free and open to the public at the Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday, November 27 from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Most classic games such as Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary, Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue, Risk and Yahtzee started out as the brainchildren of independent designers before Parker Brothers, Milton Bradley, Hasbro or Mattel acquired them. At the Game Festivals people can try their hand at some of the latest award-winning games designed by local inventors before they hit the mainstream market.

Local designers will teach their games. Volunteers will teach other great family games. Board games will be given away every hour as door prizes. Cookies, brownies and other goodies will be sold by local Girl Scout troops.

According to Greenbelter Dominic Crapuchettes, the event organizer and developer of the hit game Cluzzle, "These festivals are a chance for people to play great board games with friends and family a year before everyone else is talking about them and maybe even win some games as prizes. Not only will they have a blast but they'll also see unique holiday gift ideas in the process. Have a great time and do holiday shopping all at once."

Peace and Justice Coalition Meets

The Peace and Justice Coalition will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Community Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Old business items include pushing for debt relief for impoverished nations beyond the collective letter signed by those who watched the film "Life and Debt" at the October meeting and brainstorming ideas for a film and discussion series.

New items put on the agenda by Co-coordinator Bert Donn are: how to lobby against nuclear weapons, especially now that "bunker buster" and other tactical weapons development funding in the omnibus appropriations bill is making its way through the lame-duck Congress; joining the struggle against global warming, in alliance with such groups as the Maryland Green Party; post-election analysis, how to pick up the pieces and move on; and a fresh approach to lobbying for Palestinian rights and Israeli security. Other suggestions for agenda items before or at the meeting are welcome.

Suggestions and inquiries may be made by email to justpeacepg@earthlink.net or by calling 301-577-2350.

Parade to Open Toy Drive for Needy

Local organizations and businesses have joined together to gather new toys for needy children in Prince George's County. The organizers of this effort, Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Lions Club, are now in their 13th year of this endeavor. The goal once again is to collect over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to families, orphanages, churches and hospitals for children who would not ordinarily receive a gift during the holidays.

To spread the word and kick off the drive the 13th Annual Toy Drive Parade at Beltway Plaza Mall will begin Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m. in front of the mall.

The Redskinettes, Miss Greenbelt, the Bowie State Band and local dignitaries including Delegates Tawanna P. Gaines of Berwyn Heights and Justin D. Ross and Mayor Judith Davis of Greenbelt are



just some of the parade participants. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire engine ringing in the holiday spirit but the festivities don't stop outside.

Following the parade, inside the mall, there will be a variety of entertainment for the entire family including face painting, balloon sculpting and a magic show. The Redskinettes will be on hand to sign autographs. Children may also visit and get their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Costumed characters will be available to meet and pose for photos.

Toys will be collected in the bright green and red toy box off the Mall's Center Court until Sunday, December 19. Then the toys will be sorted and distributed by the Greenbelt Lions Club.

For more information or questions, call Angela Hughes at Beltway Plaza Mall at 301-657-9900, ext. 138.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Vice President Miki Weidenfeld presided at the Wednesday, November 10 meeting. It was a rather small group as some members were on the Golden Age Club trip to Connecticut. But those who attended the meeting enjoyed some entertaining stories of life experiences shared by members on open mike day.

Frank Coorson was the greeter for the day. Florence Holly and Mary Gardner were the lucky 50/50 winners. There will be no meeting on November 24 due to the holiday.

Happy Turkey Day to everyone. Hope to see you at the December meeting.

Mamas and Papas Group Meetings

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas playgroup meets Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the playground across from the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. Rain/cold weather location is the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Meet other local parents for fellowship and support while babies, toddlers or preschoolers play. Contact Anne Gardner at annegard@smart.net or 301-220-1721.

New Deal Invites Artists to Show

Artists who live, work or go to school in Greenbelt and are at least 18 years old are invited to show their works at the New Deal Café. The December show at the café in Roosevelt Center will be a group show and each artist may contribute one piece, suitable for hanging, no larger than 16" x 20". This is the second annual group show. Last year 29 artists showed and \$523 worth of art was sold.

Submissions are to be delivered to the café on Wednesday, December 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. All work will be hung that evening. Each submission must have a completed registration form and a picture wire installed for hanging.

A public reception will be held on Sunday, December 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Barbara Logan at 301-474-1979 with questions. The monthly art shows at the New Deal Café are sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts.

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NASA Mission Unveils Mystery

by Analía Nilda Cillis and Marcelo Adrián Castro

After being postponed one month by the hurricanes that hit Florida last September, NASA mission Swift was readied for launch

Late Bulletin

The latest word is that the launch was postponed. Call 301-982-NEWS for details.

from Cape Canaveral. On November 17 Swift became the most powerful scientific satellite orbiting Earth to study gamma ray bursts. Swift was built by an international collaboration led by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and formed by institutions from the U.S., U.K. and Italy.

What are gamma ray bursts? In a few words, they are brief but intense flashes of gamma radiation that occur in outer space about once per day. Why are scientists interested in them? One reason is that during a 10 second burst, just one of these events releases as much energy as the sun releases in 10 billion years.

One of the many puzzles to be unraveled about one of astronomy's most intriguing mysteries is where gamma ray bursts occur. While some theories say they originate hundreds of millions to billions of light years from Earth (remember that one light-year is equivalent to 5.8 trillion miles), others suggest they may be produced much closer to home.

So far scientists do not know what causes them. Do they signal the birth of a black hole in a massive stellar explosion? Are they the product of the collision of two neutron stars? Or does some other exotic phenomenon cause these bursts? Probably one of the few things certainly known is that their distribution in the sky is isotropic: they do not appear to come from any particular place in the universe.

This spectacular phenomenon was discovered by chance by a secret spacecraft launched in 1963, which had been designed to measure gamma rays in the

space around the Earth. At that time the U.S. government was concerned that Russians might try secret nuclear tests in space against the test

ban treaties signed in the late 1950s. Fortunately that mission did not detect any nuclear explosion. Instead experiments on board detected events of gamma ray bursts coming from outer space.

The first idea was that they came from advanced extraterrestrial civilizations, a hypothesis that was quickly abandoned. The amazing discovery of 16 events that occurred between 1969 and 1972 was published in 1973 in a Nature magazine article by Ray Klebesadel, Ian Strong and Roy Olson of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Since 1963, about 6,000 gamma ray bursts have been reported. Most of them (over 2,700) were detected by BATSE, an experiment onboard NASA mission Compton Gamma Ray Observatory that collected data between 1991 and 2000. Now Swift, built with more sophisticated technology, is expected to report about 200 gamma ray burst events during its expected lifetime of two years. Its three instruments will give scientists the ability to scrutinize gamma-ray bursts as never before.

Swift will provide amazing discoveries about one of the most fascinating mysteries of the science. Gamma ray burst search, a passion for many Green-belters, is entering an exciting new stage.

Analía Nilda Cillis, an astrophysicist, works at the Laboratory for High Energy Astrophysics at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Marcelo Adrián Castro is a physicist at the Laboratory of Computational Fluid Dynamics at George Mason University. They live in University Square in Greenbelt.

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Obituaries

Betty Lilly Wertz Schroeder

Former Greenbelter Betty Lilly Wertz Schroeder, 86, of Altoona, Pa., died Sunday, November 7, 2004. Mrs. Schroeder was a resident of Morrison Cove Home.

Born September 10, 1918, in Columbus, Ohio, she was the daughter of Benjamin H. and Sarah (Noble) Hunt. After graduating from high school in Westerville, Ohio, she earned a degree in cosmetology.

In 1938, she married Leonard W. Wertz. They came to Greenbelt in 1952, staying until 1982. They raised their children in their home in the 13 Court of Hillside Road. Primarily a homemaker, Mrs. Schroeder supported her children in their activities such as the boy scouts. She enjoyed her garden and her roses and was an excellent cook.

She served as past president and secretary of TOPS in Greenbelt. She was also involved in the state of Maryland's TOPS organization.

Mrs. Schroeder loved to sing and later was active in the Altoona Senior Citizens Choir. She loved her family and friends and enjoyed traveling. She was a member of Hicks United Methodist Church in Duncansville, Pa.

In April 1986 her husband died. Her second husband, Albert Schroeder, also preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are daughter Mary Ann Hafer of Seabrook and Carol Louise Ellis, Fishertown, Pa.; sons Rev. Richard Paul Wertz, Chicago and Thomas Leonard Wertz, Riverdale; grandchildren Carleton and Martin Hafer, Robert Ellis, Karen Balk and Leonora Camrie, Jeremy, Jason, Jessi and Lennie Wertz and Erin Daugherty; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brothers Robert and Harvey, son-in-law Richard Hafer and grandchildren Gregory Wertz and Diane Hafer.


Services were held November 10, 2004, at the Liebegott-Brown Funeral Home, Inc. in Duncansville. Interment was in the family plot in Eastlawn Cemetery, Tyrone, Pa.

Hospice Offers Help

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering "Help for the Holidays," a seminar to help people cope with grief during the holiday season on Saturday, November 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. For information call Roberta Rook at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 301-499-4500.

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Edward C. Marr

A memorial service for former Greenbelter Edward C. Marr will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2004. Mr. Marr, 71, who was a long-time resident of Greenbelt died on August 10, 2004, in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The service will be held at 9 a.m. in the Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. Interment will be at 11 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

Light the Night Walk

Celebrating his seventh birthday, Bryan Brown Kellaheer was joined by 50 family and friends in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night Walk" on October 9, 2004, in Leonardtown, Md.

Bryan's family and friends collected over \$9,000. The entire walk earned a whopping \$48,000.

Three hundred participants walked the three miles carrying red-lighted balloons for lymphoma and white-lighted balloons for leukemia.

Everyone enjoyed the evening walk which ended with a treat of boxed chicken dinners donated by Chik-fil-a.

Bryan continues his treatments at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Thanks to all who contributed to this special walk.
 Pray for Bryan.

- Joanne Kellaheer

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In Memoriam - Andy Rimar

This newspaper reported the death of former Greenbelter Andy Rimar several weeks ago. Andy was a Greenbelt child but we knew each other only in passing. That's why I have been so tardy in celebrating Andy's life. He graduated with my High Point Class of 1965. What I knew of Andy is that by the time we reached junior high school, he was already taking care of animals and recommending home remedies for various animal maladies and injuries. I was glad to see that he realized his dream of becoming a veterinarian.

I also knew that Andy was a nice guy. He always seemed happy and wore a smile as if he put it on to go out for the day. He liked to joke and he was funny! This trait was verified by two other Greenbelt boys from whom I summoned additional insight, Leigh Dorsey and Richard Patterson. Leigh remembers that Andy would sometimes carry a sack of rocks to school to show the smallest indentations of fossils. Andy could well have been a paleontologist if he'd chosen that career. Leigh remembered Andy's great sense of humor and Richard remarked that Andy was probably the smartest person he knew as a teenager.

Richard remarked on the cabin Andy designed and built with the help of some of the other Greenbelt teens from the North End. We all remember the cabin. It was built as a place to gather

(dare I say "party"?). But it was so sturdy and tight that several of us could have lived in it. Richard recalls that one evening it was getting cold (probably in November) and they needed some paper to start a fire. Andy began to use some of the papers from his trigonometry book, remarking that he knew the material in the book anyway. Richard and I agreed Andy probably could have taught the class even then. Andy also designed a swing some 30 feet high next to the cabin. You climbed up the tree that anchored one end of the swing and swung to a platform some 10 yards or so away. We played hard in those days! Andy decided to build a better, closer platform, so he engineered the making and anchoring of supports for it in place of a tree. And they say the pyramids are amazing!

Andy left us much too soon, both by moving out of the area and then with his untimely death. He made an impact. I remember his blond hair falling down in his face when he laughed at some joke he probably had just told. I hope I have done him justice here. I don't write to embarrass anyone, especially our departed friends.

Each loss is personal because of our shared childhood, lived in one big house that was the town. Andy represented the best in all of us in many ways. He will be missed but he left us great memories.

- Rick Ransom

Interfaith Service Thanksgiving Eve

The Greenbelt Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads.

Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Baha'i and Unitarian-Universalist faith congregations will participate. The Greenbelt Combined Choir, under the direction of Jean Cook, will sing. People of all faiths and those with no religious affiliation are welcome.

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Students Raise Funds To Help the Homeless

by Leslie Hilliard

"The average age of a homeless person in the Washington metro area today is nine years old," Ellen O'Neill told her audience of surprised students. She challenged the common image of homeless people and broadened the students' understanding of how people become homeless, even those who work full time but can't afford a place to live. O'Neill is a representative from the Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition. At the invitation of the St. Hugh's School student government, she came to kick-off their "Help the Homeless Mini-

Walk-a-thon" held October 28.

The junior high school students who participated in the school's inaugural walk-a-thon raised \$500. The Fannie Mae Foundation has pledged a match in the school's name.

Mini-walk-a-thons, held by school and community groups, are a prelude to the annual Help the Homeless Walk-a-thon sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Cal Ripken, Jr., is the honorary chair of this year's event, which will be held on the National Mall on November 20.

St. Hugh's Announces Honor Roll Students

by Leslie Hilliard

On November 5 friends and family gathered to recognize the academic achievements of students at St. Hugh's School. Fifty-six students in grades 5 through 8 were presented with the "Academic Honor Award." Only students who maintain grades of A or B are eligible for the award. In addition to academic achievement the Honor Award encompasses attributes of respect, spirituality and responsibility.

Students achieving First Honors must maintain an A in every subject except one, where a B is permissible. Twenty-three students received this distinction: Fifth Grade - Christopher Bate, Matthew Dodson, Katherine Fry, Alyssa Howard, Elizabeth MacNaught, Bella Onwumbiko, Jamin Roh and Bryon Udegbe; Sixth Grade - Jordanna Barley, Paolo Cocchiaro, Gabriella Gunawan and Chelsea Ofili; Seventh Grade - John Culhane, Ramesh Katta, Scott Kincaid,

Andy Li, Alexander Scott McGee, Rachael Rogers and Madhvi Shukla; Eighth Grade - Wesley Hilliard, Patience Nwachukwu, Megan Shaffer and Nolan Soter.

Students earning Second Honors must receive either A or B in every core subject. Thirty-three students received this distinction: Fifth Grade - Nikolas Ewing, Andrew Kennedy, Brianna Lawton, Mark Lopez, Samuel Moore, Brandon Nguyen, Nia Rush, Amanda Welch and Caitlin Werle; Sixth Grade - Stephen Cox, Megan Johannes, Lauren Kincaid, Peter Lomax, Emilia Pedersoli, Julie Schnurr and Mia Simon; Seventh Grade - Marcella Fidelis, Sean Kennedy, Colleen McAndrew, Ryan Nguyen and Cemah Tudae-Torboh; Eighth Grade - Tiara Adams, Audrey Berard, Nydia Bryan-Green, Erin Cocchiaro, Eric Didion, Sarah Layton, Eric Meyer, Jonathan Nguyen, Fiona O'Beirne, Kyra Simon, Architha Vishnuvajjala and Philip Wilson.



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 22nd

Monday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Tuesday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Wednesday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Thursday Route: Refuse collected on Wednesday

No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections this week.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building Council Room

November 22, 2004 - 8 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Recycle Right Awards

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 Committee on Education, Report #05-2004 (GMS Renovation)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17, "Solid Waste," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Section 17-43, to Limit Bags for Yard Waste Pick-Up to Paper Bags, Effective March 1, 2005 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Services for the Renovation of the Windows at the Community Center with MarChuk Construction of Vienna, Virginia (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Architectural Services Required to Renovate the Windows at the Community Center with Vitetta of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Establish a Moratorium on Use of Public Right-of-Way by Telecommunications Firms (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Assignment of Adult Day Care Lease
- 2005 Legislative Program
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #04-002-V
- * Employee Special Holiday
- * Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Reappointment to Advisory Group

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.

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Walkways to your refuse containers and recycling bins must be kept clear of snow and ice in order for the collectors to provide service to your home.

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HALLOWEEN EVENT

The City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation would like to thank all those who came out on Friday, October 29 to participate in our Annual Costume Contest & Parade. The judges had the very difficult task of choosing the following winners:

Mia Rose (age 3)

as a dinosaur

Rafael Martine (age 4)

as a clown

Clark Reese (age 6)

as a skeleton

Colby Francouer (age 8)

as Daniel Boone

Grace Taylor-Loring

(age 10) as a witch

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

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Monday, November 22 at 8:00pm: Regular City Council Meeting "live"
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Roosevelt History Teacher Shapes Student Minds

by Priscilla Savari

Marcus Lindo, a social studies teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been shaping and molding young minds for almost 20 years. He began his teaching career in 1986 at a private religious school in Washington, D.C. In 1988 he began his public school instruction at the Martin Luther King Academic Center in Beltsville, where he remained until relocating to Roosevelt in 1992.

Lindo attended Atlantic Union College where he received a dual bachelor's degree in history and religion. From there he went on to Howard University, receiving a master's degree there and then to Harvard University, where he received another master's degree, in ethics.

But what most shaped his personal experience – and ultimately, his current career path – was the inspiration he drew from his own high school teachers, particularly his history teacher, Mr. Butler, who made the class fun and informative. "I never got the same degree of satisfaction from other jobs that I got from teaching," Lindo explains. "I like helping young people develop and grow in a holistic way." In addition, he is intrigued by the thought-provoking questions students often raise in class and motivated by a desire to "encourage young people to think more broadly."

This year marks Lindo's 14th



year in the Roosevelt social studies department. Not only does he teach world history, American history, government and African-American studies but he is presently teaching a half semester course in psychology, as well as an advanced placement psychology class. He says that he prefers teaching high school students over middle school students because they are "a little more responsible and mature." Furthermore, he has found particular joy in teaching at Roosevelt because of the uniquely supportive environment that the wonderful faculty, administration and parents provide.

When not busy enlightening young minds in the classroom, Lindo enjoys spending time with his wife Rose and their two sons. He enjoys basketball and football, noting that he tries to stay in shape. Musically, his tastes are as eclectic as his academic expertise and he especially enjoys R&B and classical. His tastes in reading and television truly reflect his passion for history; he enjoys reading about historical and contemporary issues and notes that he especially likes the History Channel. Lindo's passion for his profession is perhaps best reflected in his genuine concern for his students. He says he derives his greatest joy as a teacher in "watching students mature and develop into responsible young people."

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the city's opposition to the University of Maryland Connector Road.

Council agreed to continue support for the Bi-county Transitway Study in that it adheres to Smart Growth principles and could promote economic development in nearby communities. The city supports light rail along this route, which had once been considered for a Maglev system or a new (Purple) line of the Metro rail system.

Street improvements to Greenbelt Road are not included in the draft CTP for this year. This project was to have been part of the Neighborhood Conservation Program, which has been replaced by a Community, Safety and Enhancements program. None of the limited number of projects listed under this program for the coming years will have an impact on Greenbelt, according to information provided by city planning staff.

Roberts asked to include a suggestion to extend the Metro Rail Green Line to Laurel, but Davis explained that this idea is being considered by the Council of Governments and should probably not be addressed in the letter under consideration.

Local Roads

Some parts of the city that were previously eligible for Community Development Block Grants no longer qualify because the county has increased the percentages of low- and moderate-income housing required for eligibility, Assistant City Manager David Moran told council. The change means that only the Springhill Lake area of Greenbelt now qualifies for these funds.

Projects funded under this program in other parts of the city in the past now need to be re-programmed to projects in Springhill Lake.

The need for several road improvements in the Springhill Lake neighborhood were discussed. There was some concern that road improvements done prior to redevelopment in the area would be damaged during the reconstruction project but Moran urged council not to delay needed maintenance. He said that people have to use the roads in the meantime and redevelopment could be a number of years away.

Although no specific projects were designated, council unanimously agreed to direct staff to apply for up to \$100,000 for street reconstruction.

Fire Department Lease

The fire department lease expired on November 1 and Jay Remenick, president of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, appeared before council to request renewal for another two years. One change in the lease was requested: the department would like to change language that permits three daytime bingos per week. Instead, Remenick asked that they be allowed to hold two daytime bingos each week and add an evening bingo. The new bingo is proposed to be on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The Wednesday daytime bingo was discontinued already due to low attendance.

Council agreed to authorize the city manager to sign a new lease with the requested change.

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She said teaching is a very rewarding profession and the best thing about being a teacher is "seeing the light bulb go off when a student gets what I'm teaching . . . when a student is excited about the subject."

Naccaratto said the students might describe her as strict but for her there is never a dull moment in the classroom.

"I do yoga to help myself stay calm because the students keep me on my toes. There is something new everyday so I never have the chance to get bored. I look forward to coming here everyday."

In order to keep her students excited about learning, she does creative lesson plans.

Last year, a puppeteer company from Baltimore visited her class as a reading and language arts lesson and "the students wrote a script, developed characters and scenes, then they performed for the kindergarten and first-grade classes, parents and administration," Naccaratto said.

This opportunity was possible because Marla Castillo, a former fourth-grade teacher, wrote a grant proposal and got the money for the program.

Even though teachers make a positive impact on their students, Naccaratto said she learns a lot from her students.

"I appreciate the kids and the way they see the world and what they bring. I feel honored to see the changes in them year to year."

Spicer

Cindy Spicer, who has been a teacher for 32 years, has taught at Springhill Lake as a special educator since 1990.

She earned her master's degree in elementary education and she worked at various special education centers and realized it was her calling.

"I didn't always want to be a teacher. While in college, I made the decision. My mother

was a physical educator so I got exposure and learned how much fun it could be. With special education, I knew I would love it and get to do many things," she said.

Spicer teaches sixth grade and her class consists of eight special education students, ages 11 and 12.

She said the best thing about teaching is "working with the children" and there are many advantages to having a small class size because "it is easier to know the children and their families."

In addition to being able to build strong relationships with her students and their families, the small class size allows each student to get personal attention.

"The program is individualized. The students work in groups but within the group each child has his or her own objective to do."

Her students study general education objectives such as writing and counting but they also learn other important lessons like tying their shoes.

Spicer's special education program is classified as Community Reference Instruction (CRI) and it includes four lesson plans: vocational, recreational, community trips and personal management.

"In vocational, the students learn how to work together in teams. Some activities include assembly lines where each student has his or her own role. For recreational, the students learn how to play games and for personal management, the students learn to read recipes and to do small domestic chores."

The community trips are very beneficial to the students.

"Every week a bus takes us to locations in the community. We go to the Greenbelt Public Library to check out books or we go to a grocery store and learn about money. These trips are good because they give the students the opportunity to use the information they learn in class," said Spicer.

Also with the general education program, the special educa-

tion students have classes with students without disabilities and with this setup, both sets of students learn how to socialize with each other.

Concerning her teaching style, Spicer said she gets ideas from various sources.

"I am good at using other people's good ideas. Student teachers bring in new information, I talk to other teachers, read professional journals and [get ideas from] county in-services," she said

One resourceful idea was the creation of a picture book for a student who could not communicate verbally.

"The book contains pictures and when she wants to communicate to me, she points to the picture in her book. As she learns about new things, I add pictures to her book using computer software," said Spicer.

For American Education Week, Spicer said she is following the school's schedule of activities.

Financial Aid Workshop Offered

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is sponsoring a College Financial Aid Workshop on Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at the Prince George's Ballroom in Landover. Students from middle school, high school and college are invited. The key speaker will be Dr. Herm Davis, president of College Financial Aid Counseling and Education Services, Inc., and author of "College Financial Aid for Dummies." For information call Bladensburg Community Center at 301-277-2124, TTY 301-218-6768.

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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.

Robbery

November 8, 9:53 a.m., Wendy's Restaurant, 6242 Greenbelt Road, the manager reported that a man entered the restaurant and produced a handgun. He ordered the manager to open the safe and to give him the money from the cash registers. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money he fled the scene in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male 28 to 35 years of age, 6' to 6'2", 140 to 160 pounds with short black hair and a thin mustache, wearing blue jeans and a gray shirt.

Drugs

November 11, 4:34 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. An officer observed the man among a group of suspicious persons who split into different groups upon seeing him. He followed the man to a basement laundry room, where he observed him attempting to hide a quantity of suspected marijuana. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

November 4, Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

November 5, 7700 block Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

November 6, in reference to a stolen auto reported October 29 from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with uttering a false document, forgery and theft.

November 7, 8:50 p.m., Royal Jade Restaurant, 7537 Greenbelt Road, a man entered the restaurant and asked for a menu. The man sat down to look at the menu, got up and picked up the cash register from the counter. He then ran to a waiting vehicle and fled the scene. He is de-

scribed as a black male, 45 to 50 years of age, 6' to 6'2" with a thin build and a light complexion, wearing a dark stocking cap and a green coat. The vehicle is described as a gold Toyota 4Runner bearing unknown paper tags.

November 9, in reference to a theft reported September 26 at T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant; an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with theft.

November 9, in reference to a stolen auto reported October 26 in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with two counts of theft, two counts of motor vehicle theft, two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, two counts of rogue and vagabond and possession of burglary tools.

Disorderly Conduct

November 5, 3:59 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man and a resident youth were arrested for disorderly conduct after police observed two suspicious persons loitering in front of an apartment building. While attempting to speak with them they became disorderly and shouted profanities. They were arrested when they refused to cease their disorderly activities. The man was released on citation pending trial. The youth was released to a relative pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Child Abuse

November 7, in reference to a child abuse report on November 6, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident woman.

Vandalism

November 9, 11:45 a.m., underpass near Crescent Road and Hillside, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the walls of the underpass.

Vehicles Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a white 1998 Isuzu Rodeo, Maryland tags M248933 from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 2004 Ford Taurus 4-door from the 9200 block Edmonston Road; a 1989 Honda Accord 4-door from Market and Springhill Lanes; and a white 1993 Plymouth Acclaim 4-door, Maryland tags MXJ743 from the 8300 block Canning Terrace.

Eight vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and six by other police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Use Caution When Opening the Door

by Pat Davis

A Greenbelt woman has reported that she had left the Greenbelt Library and returned to her apartment on Ridge Road on the evening of November 8. Shortly after arriving home someone knocked on the door. In reply to her inquiry as to who was there, a man said that he was delivering pizza. Luckily the peephole in the door gave the tenant a wide view of the hallway. She saw a young black man about 24 years old, dressed in black from head to toe and could see no evidence of a pizza either in his arms or on the hall floor. When she informed the supposed delivery person that no one had ordered anything, he muttered an expletive and left. Looking through her front window she saw him get into an older compact car, possibly gray in color, and drive away.

She had remembered reading about a crime in the News Review that was committed by a man dressed all in black and became very suspicious. The woman called several pizza restaurants in the area (Domino's, Papa John's and Generous Joe's) and was told that none of them had such a delivery person. She then called the Greenbelt police but they were unable to locate the man or car. According to MPO George Mathews a log entry was made of the incident and a lookout was broadcast to the entire patrol with descriptions of the man and the vehicle. Because no crime was actually committed, the incident wasn't on the Activity Report or in the Police Blotter.

The woman called the News Review to warn others in the area to be cautious when opening their door without carefully checking first to see who is there.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road (three incidents), 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7200 block South Ora Court, 6 court Ridge Road, 100 block Westway (two incidents), 7800 block Walker Drive, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive and Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents).

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



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Children Get Good Lesson about Police Officers

by **Tiane Johnson**

It's not everyday that four- and five-year-olds can be seen and heard in a police station. But on October 27 the Greenbelt Police Department opened its doors and jail cells to 18 pre-kindergarten students from the Center for Young Children (CYC).

Teachers Dawn Mooney and Leslie Oppenheimer along with 13 other chaperones took the students on this field trip as the concluding phase in a four-week, in-depth study of police officers.

Weeks prior to the trip, the students discussed their knowledge of police officers and compiled a list of questions they wanted to ask an officer. They also interviewed Master Police Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department when he visited their class on October 21.

When they arrived at the police station, the students were excited

to see Mathews as their tour guide. Mathews showed the students offices, locker rooms, maps, trophies, paperwork and equipment such as radios, cameras and televisions. They also met administrative staff and police officers, including Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze.

Gun Safety

Mathews, a father of two young daughters, explained the importance of gun safety. He told the students that there are only three times he touches his gun: at the gun range to practice using it, right before he goes to bed when he puts it in a special locker at home and when he is trying to protect people.

Alicia Gleason, mother of Tommy, 4, said when she initially learned the students were studying police officers, she was nervous because of the aspect of guns, but she says that Tommy has learned police officers work hard to make the community safer.

"Tommy was very excited about



Officer George Mathews answers questions posed by Jessica Shi, 4, and Kiera Myle Luu, 4.

the subject. After studying for a few weeks, he knows it's a lot of work. He understands that police officers protect people and we must follow what they say. When we got here today, he told me 'Mommy, don't worry, they won't arrest you.'"

The students' excitement level rose when they toured the jail cells. Criminals would most likely say that being locked up is not a pleasant experience, but on this day, cell No. 5 was full of laughter as all 18 youths filed into the tiny cell.

This part of the tour was cut short because officers returned to the station with three prisoners. Mathews explained to the students that "bad guys" were caught so they had to leave this part of the station to let the officers do their job.

He then showed them the police tank, which is only one of three tanks in the country used for police work. This tank was used at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and is used in Greenbelt parades. In addition to the tank, the students got a chance to sit in a police car and look at a police bicycle.

As the students admired the forms of police transportation, David Stuart, father of Sam, 4, said he enjoys being able to participate in his son's education. He thinks the police officer study has impacted his son positively.

"Sam has been more observant of police officers and what they do. I think he has developed a level of respect for police officers."

Parents

Mooney said the parents play a significant role in their children's education. "The school as a whole encourages parent involvement. If there are things that parents are

experts on, we will invite them to come into the classroom. We send home our lesson plans each week explaining to them what our discussions are in the classroom. We really see ourselves as partners with the parents."

At the end of the tour Mathews surprised the students with coloring books, trading cards and snacks.

Mathews said he enjoys participating in education programs with local elementary schools because they "reinforce a positive image to the kids about police officers and anything that can improve relationships between kids and police officers is just wonderful. It is really important that the kids know that police officers are their friends. They can come to a police officer when they are in trouble."

After a successful study of police officers, Mooney said her class would reflect over this experience before they begin a new subject.



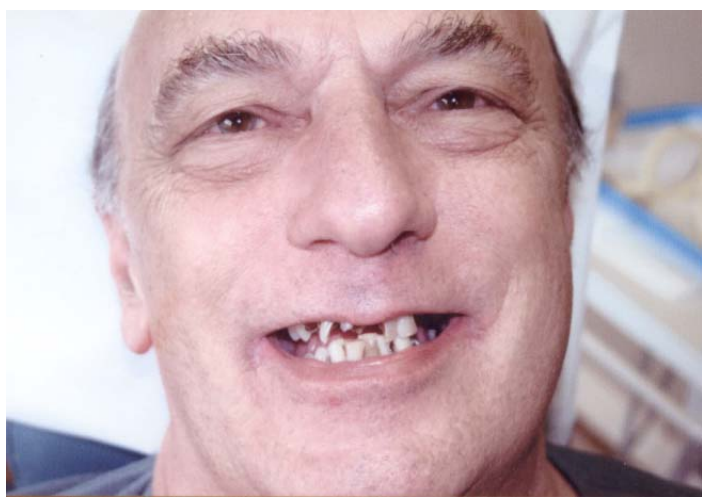
Justin Mooney, 4, and Drew Sneeringer, 4, notice the phone number printed on Officer Marty Parker's bicycle.



Helen Hutchens, 4, and Thomas Fagiolo, 4, take a close look at an area map on the wall of the Greenbelt Police Station.

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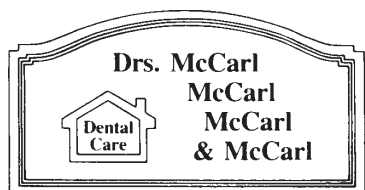


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Greenbelt's Business

Greenbelt Dietitians Offer Wide Range of Nutrition Counseling

by Diane Oberg

"Diets are not the answer," declares the Changing Weighs Clinical Nutrition Services website. The way to lose (or gain) weight, as described by Registered Dietitian Rebecca Bitzer, is no surprise – balance food intake with activity level, be mindful of what one eats, eat a variety of foods in moderation and avoid fad diets with unrealistic rules and restrictions.

But applying that answer is not always as easy as it sounds. For 17 years this Greenbelt business has been providing information, support and coaching to help its clients improve their health.

The practice was founded by Rebecca Bitzer, who grew up in New Carrollton and in 1986 earned a master's degree in food and nutrition from the University of Maryland. Initially she worked as a traveling dietitian in various doctor's offices in Greenbelt, then rented space in a doctor's office before opening her own office in 1997 on Hanover Parkway. Her practice now includes four other registered dietitians.

She and her colleagues offer nutrition consultations for a wide variety of needs, from those who simply (a very misleading adverb) want to lose or gain weight to those dealing with specific health problems such as diabetes, high cholesterol, food allergies, high blood pressure or eating disorders.

Changing eating habits can be very difficult, Bitzer says, noting that eating is pleasurable and often serves as a coping mechanism. Those striving to change to a healthier pattern of eating may also face resistance or sabotage from friends and family members who are used to the way things were.

Bitzer and her associates take a long-term approach, focusing more on helping clients to understand rather than to change their eating and exercise habits. For example, they might help clients to brainstorm alternatives and see that there is a middle ground between how the client is currently eating and perfection. While their approach is tailored to each client, some things are constant – an emphasis on



The dietitians of Changing Weighs, from left: Shelley Alspaugh, Rebecca Bitzer, Kathy Kendall, Connie Badillo and Tracey Stamates.

examining current patterns of eating and exercise and working toward realistic changes agreeable to the client.

New clients start with an initial session focused on examining the client's current habits, lifestyle and goals. The result of that consultation could be a meal plan if the client wants some structure in eating. Or it could be a set of goals and tips for improving the quality of the client's eating and for increasing physical activity. Usually more than one visit will be required as client and nutritionist work together to meet these goals.

A wide variety of eating styles can be accommodated – from low fat to low carb, from meat lover to vegetarian to vegan. One of the dietitians, Kathy Kendall, has even developed a healthy eating program for people who do not like to cook. When the dietitians work with children, the parents also need to be involved to support the needed changes.

Specialties

Each of the dietitians has completed at least a four-year college education, internship, exam and continuing education. All are experts in weight loss and managing diabetes. Each dietitian has additional training and expertise in specific areas of nutrition and special talents.

Bitzer specializes in eating disorders, Shelley Alspaugh works with clients before and after gastric bypass surgery, Tracey Stamates specializes in sports nutrition and Connie Badillo helps

women with the nutritional challenges of pregnancy, from healthy eating for two to complications such as gestational diabetes or high blood pressure. Alspaugh can also provide nutritional counseling in Spanish or Italian.

Although most recent press attention has been turned to problems of the overweight and obese, anorexia nervosa is also a concern. Bitzer says this disorder is particularly common among high school girls, especially athletes. In working with these clients, she says, it is important to establish small, realistic and obtainable goals and to promote a lifetime adherence to healthier eating.

Whether the goal is to gain or to lose weight, Bitzer says the most important things her successful clients do are to keep a food diary and to maintain a physically active lifestyle. In addition to one-on-one counseling, Changing Weighs provides other services to help its clients succeed, such as support groups, group walks and workshops.

Support groups meet to discuss any issues or challenges the client may be facing. Walking groups provide a fun way to achieve fitness goals. In December, a workshop will focus on "Survival Skills During the Holidays."

The dietitians can also provide grocery store tours, blood glucose meters, a three-day computerized nutrient analysis program and determination of the client's resting metabolic rate.

Changing Weighs is located at 7219 D Hanover Parkway. More information is available on the practice's website <http://www.dietitianoffice.com>.

Local Atlanta Bread Owner Adds Store

Arnold Belasco, franchise owner of Greenbelt's Atlanta Bread Company, has expanded his operations with the acquisition of the Severna Park store previously operating under other ownership. Belasco, who opened the Beltway Plaza Atlanta Bread Company in May 2003 with a three-year expansion plan, is widening his territory ahead of his projected schedule, a reflection of how well the bakery-cafés have been received in this area.

Belasco has been a good neighbor in Greenbelt, actively participating in Greenbelt Labor Day weekend and Bike4Breast

Cancer, tours for students at the Maryland School for the Deaf and was the site for an Ambush Makeover television show. He also participates in regular food donations, an Atlanta Bread Company commitment to the communities where they are located.

Belasco's new bakery-café location is in the Severna Park Marketplace at 551 Governor Ritchie Highway. The Atlanta Bread Company corporate headquarters is in Atlanta. In Maryland, there is also an Atlanta Bread Company location in Gambrills.

Local businesses are encouraged to share their news on the News Review's business page.

New Owner Brings "Color" To Greenbelt Video Store

by Marat Moore

The Greenbelt Video Store is in the midst of a makeover – and new owner Jon Clark is excited about the changes but he's also committed to maintaining the traditions of the 15-year-old Greenbelt business.

That's not surprising, considering that Clark bought the business from his parents, Kate Terrell and Alan Huff, when they decided to retire.

"They bought it three years ago from the former owners, who were film enthusiasts, in part to make sure Greenbelt continued to have a great video store," he said. "That's a tradition and responsibility that I want to maintain."

Videos, he says, "are all about storytelling. That's why I love this business. We entertain people."

The store closed for three weeks during the transition and for two of those weeks Clark was "negotiating for the sale of the business," he recalls with a laugh. "Anyone who thinks I got an easy ride by buying from my parents has never met my mother! She's a fierce negotiator."

The store is in the process of a phased-in renovation. First, the plastic shelving has been removed and replaced with deeper wooden shelves that can display more videos.

Artist Kelly Rilla and carpenter Eldridge Brown are helping Clark develop and implement a festive and colorful design concept for the store. "It's a boardwalk theme. Think Coney Island and Ocean City," he said, which, not coincidentally, are two of his favorite spots.

Other planned changes include a section of staff video favorites and a new computerized system to track which movies rent most often and in what genres. Movies that are popular will be discounted after a period. And if a video doesn't rent 10 times in six months, it will be further discounted and eventually could be sold if its rentals stay low, including film classics, Clark warns. One special section will be called "Greenbelt's Videos" and will hold the footage created by Greenbelt Access TV, which will be available for rent.

Charity Raffle

To celebrate the store's new

opening, Clark has launched a charity raffle drive of the popular "Halo 2" video game to raise money for "Warm Nights," a program operated by a network of churches that provides shelter for homeless men during the winter months. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Another initiative is the FDR – Frequent Deal on Rentals – program, which offers a membership upgrade with incentives.

As part of Roosevelt Center, Clark wants to forge ties with other businesses and he is working with the New Deal Café on a "Food and Film" promotion in which customers at either location, by purchasing food or videos, could earn discounts at the other location by presenting a receipt. "I'd like to help create a synergy among businesses here."

Having lived in Greenbelt since he was 14, Clark loves the store's location. "Greenbelt is fantastic and the town center has everything we need," he said. With Chenoa Jones, the general manager and a staff of seven, the video store will now offer expanded hours – from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Young Children Learn About Good Nutrition

As the school year kicked off, Giant Food offered store tours for children in grades K – 3 during the 2004-2005 school year. Giant's store tours are lessons on food and nutrition, particularly lessons on the food guide pyramid and eating "five a day" for better health. Giant welcomes elementary school classes, scout troops, church groups and other groups of children. Teachers can call their local Giant store to arrange a tour. Store tours are scheduled between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. any weekday.

Also available free in all Giant stores and on the website is the monthly Kids Corner activity sheet for ages two to 10. Topics change every month with a focus on healthy eating and physical activity. Placemats include a parent tip column, a recipe for parents and caregivers to do with their children and fun, educational games and activities.

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