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Greenbelt's News Review Celebrates Its 68th 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 U.S. 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.

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 impor-

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Goddard and City of Greenbelt Contemplate Shared Future

by Virginia Beauchamp

Among all government agencies NASA – the National Aeronautical and Space Agency – looks furthest into the future. That is its charge. It has carried us forth like no other into memorable out-of-Earth experiences – a walk on the moon, a fly-by of Mars, of Saturn and views of stars and galaxies beyond our wildest ken.

So what's in the offing today?

That was the starting point for the November 17 stakeholder meeting in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center attended by a number of officials from the Goddard Space Flight Center and members of the Greenbelt City Council. The meeting was also an opportunity for the new Goddard director, Dr. Edward Weiler, to introduce himself.

And indeed Dr. Weiler began with what he described as the agency's "bright future" in its scientific mission conducting research on and about the Earth, the moon, Mars and beyond. He also felt secure about the budgetary prospects of the Goddard facility, he said, because of the importance of this mission. (His optimism was confirmed a few

days later when the Federal budget, passed by Congress, held the Goddard budget at the same level as for the preceding year.)

Education Initiatives

But if NASA's mission includes ideas and goals that take us into the wild blue yonder, a major component of its goals for the future includes building the staff for those future years. And that means working to develop the scientists and technicians to carry out explorations and adventures still unseen.

According to Barbara Cherry, Goddard's associate director for communications, 1 to 2 percent of the NASA center's budget is directed to science education. "Education is critical," she said. She went on to describe how the agency carries on "an outreach component" to all the schools.

Weiler confirmed the point she was making. He said that within the next 10 years about 25 percent of current employees will become eligible to retire. Both Weiler and Cherry spoke of mentoring projects with students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and especially of undertaking to inspire junior high school students to plan for careers with the space program.

"That's the age when you have to catch their interest," Weiler said. He commented that a large percentage of present hires now come from other countries. He would like to see more American young people moving into space exploration.

Renovation Plans

Speaking of the future, of particular interest to the City of Greenbelt is the ground itself on which the Goddard campus rests. According to current plans, that campus will be reconfigured when Soil Conservation Road, which now separates the campus into two distinct sections, is moved further to the east where it will intersect with Good Luck Road.

(Original plans for Soil Conservation Road to be moved to the west along the Greenbelt city boundary were canceled following an outcry from residents in the Seabrook area and points east who depend on the road as a commuter artery from the north.)

Since 9/11, security issues make the closing of this artery even more imperative within the Goddard campus, though the

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Latest Approval for ICC Opposed by City, Others

by Thomas X. White

Just like skateboarding one needs a glossary of terms to understand the players, the process and the key elements involved in the actions taken by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) decision on November 17, 2004 to advance from the "study" to the "construction" category the Inter-county Connector (ICC) in the region's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program. The action was taken over the objections of citizen, environmental and conservation organizations which requested delaying the TPB decision until after the State of Maryland issues its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed highway later this month.

The TPB voted by more than a two-thirds majority to include the ICC in the long range plan. Prince George's County board

representatives were split with District 5 County Council-member David Harrington, College Park Councilmember Andrew Fellows and Greenbelt Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts leading the opposition and Maryland State Senator John Giannetti and Cicero Salles (appointee of County Executive Jack Johnson) voting in favor. At its meeting on October 25 the Greenbelt City Council approved a letter to the TPB formally asking the body to delay any decision until the public has had a chance to comment on the soon to be released draft EIS.

Fast Tracking

The TBP action represents a key step in Governor Robert Ehrlich's fast tracking of the ICC since he was elected in 2002. By changing the status of the ICC in the CLRP to the construction category, the TPB

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Festival of Lights

Tree Lighting, Art and Craft Show, Artful Afternoon

The kick off for Greenbelt's annual Festival of Lights will be the lighting of the holiday tree on Friday, December 3 on the Community Center lawn. Music, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa's visit make up the program, which begins at 7 p.m. The weekend of December 3, 4 and 5 will be busy for Greenbelters. The Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair will be open Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center gym. Over 40 artists and craftspeople will exhibit. An Artful Afternoon is planned for Sunday, December 5.

Additional activities will include artist demonstrations, free hands-on arts activities, a holiday recital and sing-a-long. All activities are free and open to all ages. Light lunch options and treats will be available for purchase throughout the hours of the fair through a concession operated by the Greenbelt Arts Center in partnership with local "sweet spot" Chef Lou's Desserts.

Enjoy family friendly shopping: A drop-in crafts workshop

will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. so parents can do holiday shopping at the Art and Craft Fair while 6-to 10-year-old children make an art project. Crafts will include decorating salt dough decorations based on American Sign Language, led by Artists-in-Residence Carol Wisdom and Loraine DiPietro.

Artful Afternoon

Artful Afternoon will also be held on Sunday during the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. The usual fun will be going on, including an art project, gallery exhibits, museum tours and a studio open house with the Greenbelt Community Center's artists-in-residence.

Make and Take Art Project: Make a pine bough wreath as part of the Artful Afternoon program on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. All materials will be provided. For this project children must be accompanied by a teen or adult caregiver.

Raise voices and triangles at 2 p.m. on Sunday. "Songs for the Season," a multicultural holiday recital and sing-a-long will

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What Goes On

Thursday, December 2

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

Friday, December 3

7 pm., Festival of Lights Tree Lighting, Community Center lawn

Saturday, December 4

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair, Community Center gym

Sunday, December 5

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Technical Snafus Bedevil Paper

Once again the News Review has been hit with technology challenges. For reasons that are still being unraveled, email began bouncing sometime Monday morning and by midday we ceased getting email at all. There are doubtless people who tried to send things we did not receive or know about. For those who called when they got bounced email, we found various work-arounds between faxes, copy brought to the office and email sent to home email addresses. In addition, our voice mail was peculiarly silent. For those whose email and telephone messages got no response: we probably did not get your message. Please try again.

Letters to the Editor

One Year Later . . .

It has been a year now since a three-alarm fire ravaged 7806 Hanover Parkway. The November 21, 2003, fire took the life of Greenbriar community leader Mary Alice Carroll and displaced 14 other families from their homes. Now a year later, as completion for the rebuilding nears, a core group of volunteers continues to work diligently to make certain that the community does not forget the victims of the fire.

Since December 2003, the Fire Relief Committee has worked on a number of events to raise funds for the victims. The committee has been active in various fundraisers including the creation and distribution of donation and reminder cards and the "Penny Wars" jars. Committee members have been present, promoting their cause at many Greenbriar events and participating in the complex's spring and fall community yard sales and selling donated items for the Fire Relief Fund. They have successfully sought and received donations, not only from residents of Greenbriar Condominiums but from neighbors outside the Greenbriar community, including Shopper's Food Warehouse, the Silver Diner and the Greenbelt Arts Center. To date, over \$11,400 has been raised, primarily for the payment of condominium fees on behalf of the fire victims.

The group organized and volunteered at a memorial service for Mary Alice Carroll and held a potluck holiday party for the victims in Greenbriar's Terrace Room. As a last gesture, the Fire Relief Committee will be coordinating a celebration at the time of move-in. Those Greenbriar residents who have donated their time and energy in this year-long effort include Larry Noda and Arlene Shpiegelman, who chair the committee, Jackie Hair, Pam Bernier, Anne Weldon, Jeanette Gordy, Joan Hult, Gloria Wilson, Rhonda Furmanski, Barbara Ford, Terry Benedik, Sherry Washington and Barbara Smith.

Sarah Phillips
Community Affairs Director
Greenbriar Condominiums

THANKS

The family of Jeff Fountain wants to thank our Greenbelt neighbors and friends for their many kindnesses and support after Jeff's recent death.

Florence Thompson

Preparing Pets For the Cold

I have already witnessed neighborhood pets living outside for hours at a time, sometimes even overnight, despite the drop in temperature. It saddens me that some humans, who sit warm and cozy in their heated house, think that their pets won't be negatively affected by the decrease in temperature.

Dogs and cats (permitting cats to roam freely is actually against the law) should be kept inside at all times, year round, as a member of the family. It is a misconception to believe that cats and dogs can withstand cold temperatures because they have fur. Dogs are sensitive and have no tolerance for the cold. Keeping dogs outside in cold, even cool temperatures is cruel and neglectful. A companion animal left outdoors can get frostbite and even freeze to death. They depend on us to take care of them.

If the weather conditions are intolerable for you, they are intolerable for your pets, too. Don't leave a cat or dog out in the cold temperatures! The consequences can cost it its life. (From www.pets.ca and the Anti-Cruelty Society of Illinois.)

"Li'l Dan" Celdran

Amazing Season

The adjacent photo is to introduce the U8 Soccer Fall County Champions. It was a truly amazing season where each one worked real hard and their positive attitude made them all around winners. Thank you to all the parents for bringing them on time to the games (especially the early one) and let's see what we can do next season!

Catherine Francoeur,
Coach
U8 Soccer



The U8 Soccer Fall County Champions. First row, left to right: Joey Loutsch, Ronald Samba, Colby Francoeur, Robert Zurla and Devon Cambell. Back row: Coach Catherine Francoeur, Daniel Viscarra, Randy Magd, Joseph Kim, Anish Jain, Tyrell Conway, Andrew Magd and Ryan Cambell. Missing from the picture is Ahmed Kamil. The team finished its season with eight victories and one loss.

GES Tree-planting for a Gorgeous School

by Alan Turnbull

On Saturday, October 16 over 30 volunteers arrived, shovels in hand, to plant over 40 new trees and native shrubs on the grounds of Greenbelt Elementary School. The event, organized by the PTA, was one of nearly 100 simultaneous tree-plantings that took place under the banner of Gorgeous Prince George's Day. The county provided the plant materials, work gloves and T-shirts and the PTA organized the volunteers and pledged to care for the new trees until they become established.

School Principal Katherine Curl gave her Saturday morning to welcome the volunteers, who included PTA members, students, faculty members Mary Anne Canter and Donna Sturgill and city councilmembers Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts. The new trees and shrubs were planted in the courtyard behind the school media center and in several locations in front of the school building. Good neighbor Bob Trumbule lent valuable guidance in recommending optimal locations for each plant.

"It was great to see so many people from the school and our neighbors working together," said Aileen Sherman, PTA president. "It shows how much the community wants to contribute to the school's well being."

Plant varieties were chosen with the school calendar in mind so that students can enjoy spring and autumn flowers, berries and foliage colors. Birds and other wildlife also should enjoy the plants, which will provide food and cover. Blueberries were planted in the courtyard's small herb garden, where children and birds can compete for berries.

Roberts protested a plan to cull two small mulberry trees to make way for better suited species, yet ultimately backed down and averted his gaze as the deed was executed. Five hours later, Roberts and the group had much more than compensated for the two lost mulberries.

School neighbors, gardeners or anyone else interested in helping these new trees or with future landscaping improvements can leave a message for the PTA at the school office, 301-513-5912.

"Secret Garden" Auditions Held

Auditions for the Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc. presentation of "The Secret Garden" will be held Saturday, December 4 at 1 p.m. and Monday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. For more information call 301-598-6264.

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PHOTO BY ALAN TURNBULL

Ellen Noll (left) and Ryan Campbell (right) plant blueberry bushes in the edible/herb garden in the GES courtyard behind the school library.

Corrections

Oops! It's Not Quite That Easy – In last week's article on Changing Weighs Clinical Nutrition Services, the sentence: "Bitzer and her associates take a long-term approach, focusing on helping clients to understand rather than to change their eating and exercise habits" should have read "Bitzer and her associates take a long-term approach, focusing on helping clients to understand, then to change their eating and exercise habits." The News Review regrets the error.

For the latest word on NASA missions and Goddard news call 301-286-NEWS (6397). An incorrect number was printed in last week's News Review article on the launch of NASA's Swift Mission. The News Review regrets the error.

Concerning the theft of a cash register on November 7, the News Review was advised of an incorrect location where the theft occurred. According to the Greenbelt Police Department the restaurant involved was Hunan Treasure at Greenway Center.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Community Events

New Games Club Holds Quinto Party

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold a Quinto party on Wednesday, December 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. This event will introduce one of the new strategy games that will be offered at the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club scheduled to start in January. Quinto inventors, Liz and Tom Norris of Adelphi, will be on hand to explain and teach the game and talk about different strategies and tips. Light refreshments will also be served. All ages 7 and above are invited.

Quinto won a 2004 Parents' Choice Approved Award from the Parents' Choice Foundation, which stated in its review that, "the best thing about Quinto is its appeal to all ages."

Quinto contains familiar elements found in games like Scrabble, Go, Othello, even Poker, and appeals to many different age groups and backgrounds. Scientific research indicates that playing games such as Quinto has many benefits including the potential to improve memory and maintain brainpower as people age.

The object of the game is to score points by obtaining "Quintos," which are five of the same color chips aligned in a row horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Play stops when a combined total of three "Quintos" are obtained (called a "round"). At the end of each round, the points are tallied, the board is cleared and the cards are reshuffled and redealt. The first player or team to reach 500 points wins.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information and to register (activity number 487501-1). There is no fee.

Ranger Station Seeks Volunteers

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers to staff the ranger station Friday through Monday. There are two shifts available: 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m. People are needed who have good communications skills and who enjoy meeting people from all around the world.

This is a volunteer position. Contact Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944. Applications are available online at www.volunteer.gov/gov.

Remove Invasive Plants on Dec. 4

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers to help remove invasive plants on Saturday, December 4. All participants should meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m.

Greenbelt Park is located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue. For directions or more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at www.nps.gov/gree.

Legion Aids Needy

The Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 donated \$1,500 to Greenbelt churches for the needy at Thanksgiving. Each church received \$300. They are: Community Church, St. Hugh's, Mishkan Torah, Greenbelt Baptist and Holy Cross Lutheran.

Park Holds Food Drive

The Federal Women's Annual Food Drive seeks assistance in helping those in need.

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is collecting non-perishable food items. All food collected will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore.

Greenbelt Park Headquarters and Greenbelt Park Ranger Station are two collection locations. Greenbelt Headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the ranger station, located near the campground, is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Greenbelt Park is located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue. For directions or more information call 301-344-3948 or visit the website at www.nps.gov/gree.

Lions Club Holds Pancake Breakfast

The Greenbelt Lions Club and American Legion Post 136 will hold its annual pancake breakfast Saturday, December 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion.

The breakfast is part of the City of Greenbelt Festival of Lights and is a great way to kick off the holiday season. Santa will make an appearance and there will be pancakes, sausage and more to eat. There is a fee, with a reduction for those under 12, a dollar off for advance purchases and no charge for children 5 and under. Bring a hungry brood of little ones for good food and a great time.

The Greenbelt American Legion Post is located on Greenbelt Road, right across from Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050 or Lynda Varda at 301-474-8964 for more information.

Street Work Nearly Complete

The resurfacing of Cherrywood Lane from Greenbelt Road to Breezewood Drive is nearly complete. All street and concrete work is done. One bus shelter is not complete because the county must first remove the existing shelter. About \$10,000 from the Capital Projects Fund for street work was used to allow extending the median islands closer to Breezewood Drive. City Manager Mike McLaughlin extended kudos to Kenny Hall, David Moran, Gene Diest, Public Works and Community Development for making this project happen.

Discussion Group Forming Here

A monthly discussion group for readers of the alternative literary magazine, *The Sun*, is forming in Greenbelt. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., at 13-D Laurel Hill Road.

The Sun is a monthly periodical published in Chapel Hill, N.C., and contains fiction, interviews, poetry, personal reflections, photographs and essays. Its motto, from Viktor Franly, "What is to give light must endure burning."

For more information contact Frank DeBernardo at 301-474-5294 for FdeBernardo@aol.com.

City Teams Are County Champions

by Edith Beauchamp

Greenbelt sent three teams to the county division playoff games for the Boys and Girls Clubs on Sunday, November 21 and won two out of three of those matches, to emerge as county champions for 2004 in the AA Boys and Girls Club league. Only one other municipality, Upper Marlboro, sent as many winning teams to the playoffs.

Played in the shadow of FedEx Field, at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex, the boys (football players) and girls (cheerleaders) were treated to a professional sports experience with an official announcer calling the play-by-play during each game, a sportswriters' box, videographers, music and a lighted scoreboard to make following the play more enjoyable for the fans and a grandstand full of spectators and screaming fans (parents, grandparents, siblings and friends).

On November 7 the junior girls' cheerleading squad made its debut at a state competition at the University of Maryland's Cole Field House with a commendable performance for their first time out, considering that the stands were filled with spectators and squads from all over the state. The pressure of performing in front of so many for a squad so young, only six to eight years old, was intense. They were placed in the 10-year-old category because one girl was 10 and they held up well for such a young team.

A full season wrap-up of highlights of the Greenbelt football season's successes will appear in next week's News Review (space permitting). Congratulations to all the boys and girls who worked so hard this season, for keeping up with all the practices each week and trying their best in the competitions.

GHI Notes

December 2, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting in the Board Room.

December 6, 7 p.m., Ad-hoc Non-profit Committee in the Conference Room; and at 7:15 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation in the Board Room.

December 7, 7 p.m., Investment Committee in the Board Room

December 8, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee in the Board Room

December 9, 7 p.m., Finance Committee in the Board Room.

GHI offices will close at noon on Friday, December 10 for the Employee's Annual Holiday Party. For emergency maintenance services contact 301-474-6011.

Mamas and Papas Hold Swap, Lunch

On Wednesday, December 1 the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will have a clothing swap and a potluck lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Theater Rehearsal Room at the Community Center (2nd floor).

Bring baby/toddler/maternity clothes and equipment to swap and take away anything needed. For large items, bring a description and arrange transportation later. Contact Anne Gardner at annegard@smart.net or 301-220-1721.

Try Out New Board Games at 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 at the Greenbelt Community Center November 27 and December 4. The festivals are free and open to the public.

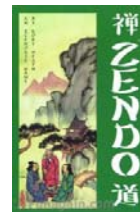
What can one expect at these Game Festivals? Local inventors will teach their award-winning games.

Volunteers will teach other 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.

Who are these local game inventors? Two of them are from Greenbelt - Dominic Crapuchettes and Kory Heath. Crapuchettes moved to Greenbelt in 2002 to attend the MBA program at UMD in order to start his board game company. Kory Heath moved to Greenbelt in 1999 to join the Wunderland Toast Society, a local group of game players and game designers.

According to Crapuchettes, the event organizer and developer of the 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. How many other places can one have a great time and do holiday shopping all at once?"

Crapuchettes and business partner Salish Pillalamarri launched their company, North Star Games last May. "Cluzzle" recently began making waves across the country when it was recognized with an award as one of the year's Best Family Games. Just last week, Cluzzle received



some nominations for the prestigious Toy of the Year (TOTY) award in the games category. As a result of its success, Cluzzle was picked up by Toys "R" Us online, as well as 40 stores nationwide.

According to Pillalamarri, other large retailers have expressed interest in carrying the game for next year's holiday season.

North Star Games is already working on its next two games for release early next year. One of these games, Trivia Casino, has received rave early reviews and one Hollywood producer has expressed interest in turning the idea into a game show. This game will be demonstrated as a sneak preview at the festivals.

Crapuchettes and Pillalamarri decided to start their company because of their passion for games and their love of entrepreneurship. Pillalamarri was always fond of board games when he was growing up because they were fun and socially interactive, unlike computer and video games. The board game market is continuing to grow because interacting with a screen just can't replace interacting with other people.

In 1999, Heath worked with Andy Looney, creator of Fluxx and several other designers to make games using Icehouse pieces. Icehouse pieces are small pyramids that Looney's company created for the game Icehouse. After creating a wide variety of games using these pyramids, the WTS published the 12 best in "Playing with Pyramids" in 2002. The best of these games, Zendo, was packaged as its own game in 2003. The game won the Origins Best Abstract Board Game of the Year.



Learn about Snow From Some Experts

A Space Chat, "Something about snow" will be held on Thursday, December 2 at the Goddard Visitor Center. Attendees will learn how snow crystals grow and crumble, how they are useful in managing Earth's water resources and helpful in forecasting floods.

Many people are familiar with the snow crystal photomicrographs made by Wilson Bentley early in the 1900s. Most of the decorative six-sided snowflakes are copies from Bentley's photographs. Dr. William Wergin and Eric Erbe, of the Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, recently used a scanning electron microscope and new collection procedures to view snow crystals. A number of these crystals will be shown at the Space Chat.

The Chats are free but registration is required. To register and for more information visit the Goddard home page at www.gsfc.nasa.gov and click on "Space Chats" or call 301-286-8102.

Tuthill, and Sheila Maffay-Tuthill of Hudson, Ohio, on the arrival of their new son, Jackson David Tuthill, who was born November 16, weighing 9 lbs. 12 oz. Jackson has two brothers, Jacob, 11, and Jeremy, 8. Proud grandparents are Jack and Elizabeth Maffay of Greenbelt and Dr. and Mrs. Dean Tuthill of Catonsville, New Jersey.

Congratulations to Navy Seaman Geoffrey Walton, son of Lucretia M. Walton of Oxon Hill and Marvin M. Walton of Greenbelt, on completion of U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Walton is a 2003 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Congratulations to Dr. David

Doug Peters Holds Town Meeting with Constituents

by Al Geiger

County Councilmember Doug Peters spoke to his Greenbelt constituents at a town hall-style meeting on Wednesday, November 10. He presented some of his current legislative proposals. He wants the county to set standards requiring that any new home construction in the county be within a minimum response time of 10 minutes for emergency (911) calls and 20 minutes for non-emergency calls (Greenbelt's response time is three minutes for emergencies).

New developments would be required to build fire stations to meet these standards. The county has 1,250 police officers and 1,440 are authorized. Peters held his meeting in Greenbelt's fire house. He chairs the county council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee.

Peters has proposed an act to amend the county code on off-road motorcycles (dirt bikes) defining them, requiring registration and imposing operational restrictions and penalties. Peters, who is vice chair of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee, has been instrumental in helping Greenbelt obtain approval of installation of a stop light at Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive.

Education

Peters remarked that Eleanor Roosevelt is the premier high school in the area and that students from the District, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County are "sneaking in" by giving addresses of relatives who live in the county while they actually reside elsewhere. Greenbelt Middle School is in need of repair and renovation. A half-million dollars is needed to repair the roof. Renovation is scheduled for 2009 and will be complicated by the school being a designated historical landmark. Peters serves on the Council's Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

Grant Recipients

Prince George's County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) have allotted a total of \$260,000 in grants to Greenbelt organizations. From the county, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad - \$7,500; Greenbelt Department of Recreation - \$5,000; Greenbelt Theater - \$7,500; Greenbelt CARES -

\$10,000; Friends of Greenbelt Museum - \$12,000; the Advisory Committee on Education - \$4,000; the Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts - \$3,000; Friends of the New Deal Café - \$1,000; Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club - \$500; Greenbelt Arts Center - \$12,500; Springhill Lake Girl Scouts - \$500 and Greenbelt Astronomy Club - \$500. From M-NCPPC, recreational leadership - \$100,000 and skateboard park operation - \$100,000. Recipients must sign a contract before receiving the funds.

Questions

One question from the audience concerned the zoning for the Glenn Dale golf course on Prospect Road and the Glenn Dale Hospital. Peters said the golf course was in a heavily-developed area and he would support zoning for single family homes on half-acre lots. The county paid \$3.9 million for the Glenn Dale Hospital but the zoning is controlled by the state, Peters said.

Concerning development of the Greenbelt metro station area, Peters stated that he supports whatever the Greenbelt city council proposes.

The town hall meeting was attended by the entire city council, representatives of organizations receiving grants and their supporters and many interested citizens.

Peters represents District 4, which encompasses Greenbelt, Bowie, Glenn Dale and parts of Lanham, Upper Marlboro and College Park.

Stratton - Herb

Katharine Louise Stratton and Adam Steel Herb were married October 16 at the 94th Aerosquadron restaurant.



couple met. He proposed to Kate by singing, with guitar, "I Want to Grow Old with You," in front of her 5th grade class.

Rabia Zalewski and Aaron Nissen, friends of the bride and groom, officiated. The ceremony was held inside by candlelight due to rainy weather but a lovely rainbow came out at the end.

Ms. Stratton, the daughter of Bill Stratton, Greenbelt, and Anne Stratton, Bethesda, grew up in Greenbelt and was an active member of the community for 18 years, including both the Greenbelt and the Roosevelt Swim Teams and Girl Scouts. She graduated from Towson University in 2002 with a B.S. in education. She teaches 5th grade at Mars Estates Elementary School, Essex, Md.

Mr. Herb is the son of Arlen and Sharon Herb, of York, Pa. He grew up in Reisterstown, Md., and graduated in 1997 from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in criminology and from UMBC in 1999 with a master's degree in instructional design. He teaches 3rd grade at Mars Estates Elementary School, where the

Lisa Stratton, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Danielle Conner, Jennifer Gramm, Erin Howard, Christie Pulvino and Erin Sallase. Julie and Kelly Hagan, cousins of the bride, were junior bridesmaids. Caroline Kinna, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Blair McMillen was the best man. Groomsmen were Dave Hurren, Paul Kristoff, Kevin Monterroso, Joe Pulvino and Mike Wissel. Joe Hagan, cousin of the bride, was the junior usher. A number of Greenbelters participated in the ceremony: Joan McFarland sang the operatic aria "O mio babbino caro" to the accompaniment of a string quartet led by Rachel Turkiewicz Alexander, Kate's former violin teacher; and Meadow Wirick read a passage during the ceremony.

The couple resides in Perry Hall, a suburb of Baltimore, and will take a honeymoon in Hawaii in December.

- Anne K. Stratton

Santa "Fly-in" To Aviation Museum

A Santa "Fly-in" will take place on Saturday, December 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. Get a picture taken with Santa after watching him arrive by helicopter. Enjoy holiday aviation related arts and crafts. There is a fee. The Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Colonel Frank Scott Drive, College Park.



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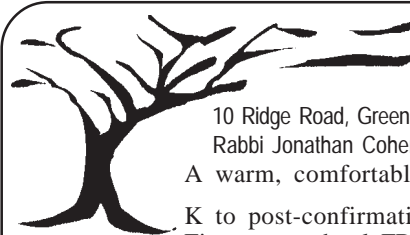
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Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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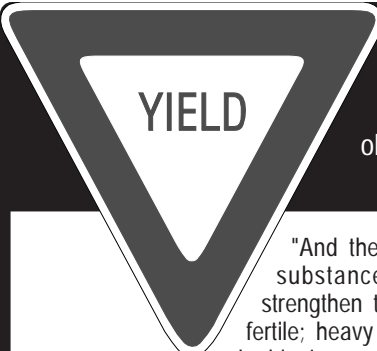


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City Notes

Code Enforcement complaints staff re-inspected complaint sites at Springhill Lake Apartments, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Greenway East Professional Center, Charles-towne Village (dumpster) and 5510 Cherrywood Lane.

Animal Control

Two kittens were adopted; a Pit Bull terrier was turned over to Prince George's County; staff picked up three dead squirrels, one racoon and one deer.

Code Enforcement

Planning and Code Enforcement staff met with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. regarding violation notice for defective asphalt throughout the property. They also worked on bas-relief grant and submitted additional paperwork to Department of Natural Resources so the city's request for reimbursement on the acquisition of the Sunrise Property may be processed.

Public Works

Public Works streets crew painted crosswalks and stop lines on Ridge Road.

Facilities maintenance crew worked with the vendor installing two windows in the city of-

fce.

Vehicle mechanics repaired the auger on the skid loader.

Cleaning crew powerscrubbed and waxed the vinyl floors at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Schrom Hills Park.

Horticulture crew planted 31 trees of which 21 were grown in the Public Works nursery.

Parks crew installed new trash receptacles in Braden Field and at bus shelters on Cherrywood Lane.

Arts

Staff prepared an organizational update report for the Maryland State Arts Council in order to secure funding for FY2006.

Community Center

Staff gave a farewell party for Darrell Wesley, director of Adult Care, who will be working for the City of Alexandria.

CARES

Director Liz Park spoke at a House Appropriations Workgroup for Child Welfare hearing on November 18 on behalf of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB). Delegate Tawana Gaines had requested that MAYSB provide the testimony.



City Information

Return to the Emerald City

GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2005

Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road to an alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring entertainment for all ages, at these adjoining venues in the heart of historic Greenbelt:

Greenbelt Community Center • Greenbelt Youth Center • Greenbelt Arts Center • Greenbelt Theater • New Deal Café

The party begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 31 and lasts till after midnight

Confirmed entertainment: DC Motors, John Hill, Magic Mike, Kaydee Puppets, Goddard Storytellers, The Banjo Man, Wacky Hair Salon, Scottish Country Dancers, DJ and Giant Action Games, Teen Cabaret, GAVA/GATE Animation Festival, Craft making in the Emerald City Workshop, Desserts by Chef Lou, Countdown to midnight. . . plus more to come!

Admission wristbands are \$5 until December 30; \$7 at the door. Wristbands go on sale Monday, November 29 at Greenbelt Co-op, the Community Center, and the Youth Center. Hosted by the Greenbelt New Year Committee and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

For more information, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

- Advisory Planning Board**
- Arts Advisory Committee**
- Public Safety Advisory Committee**

Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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

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Tuesday & Thursday, November 30 & December 2: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Medicare Changes," 6:30pm "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary," 7pm "First Lady of the World."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 1 & 3: 7:00pm "Future View," 7:30pm "History of Cooperation," 8:30pm "Cooperatives in Greenbelt: The Co-Op Grocery Store."

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The City of Greenbelt wishes everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2004

Opening Ceremony and Holiday Tree Lighting
Friday, 12/3, 7pm, Community Center Front Lawn
Music, refreshments, Santa and festive fun!
Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, 12/4, 8-11am, American Legion Post #136
Adults: \$6 at the door, \$5 advance sales, Ages 6-12: \$3, Ages 5 & under: Free
Start a busy day of community fun with a hearty homestyle breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Santa will be in attendance! Info: Linda Varda, 301-474-8964
Hosted by: Greenbelt Llon's Club & American Legion Post #136

Juried Art & Craft Fair
Saturday, 12/4, 10am - 5pm; (Kids' Craft Room: 10am-2pm), Sunday, 12/5, 11am - 4pm
(All ages Wreath Workshop: 1-3pm), 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.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON ON DECEMBER 5TH

Wreath Making 1-3pm, Community Center-Rms.113 &116, All Ages/ FREE
Create a unique seasonal decoration for your home. Children must be with a teen or adult caregiver.

Artists in Residence Studio Open House
1-5pm, Community Center, Open to all ages / Admission is free
Tour the studios of the Community Center's Artists in Residence working in a wide range of media.

Songs for the Season
2pm, Community Center-Multi-Purpose Room, All ages welcome / FREE
A multi-cultural recital and sing-a-long reflecting both oriental and occidental traditions. Warm up your voice and bring your favorite instrument - from a violin to a jingle bell. Featured performers will include Sondra Holland (piano), Eva Griffith (contralto) and Barbara Cramer (mezzo soprano).

A FULL SCHEDULE WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWS REVIEW!



Girls Soccer Team Takes 2nd Place



The Greenbelt "Gators" 8 and under girls soccer team took second place in the Beltsville-Adelphi Boys/Girls Harvest Classic Soccer Tournament. Greenbelt tied Cheverly 1 to 1, beat College Park 2 to 0 and topped Beltsville 1 to 0. The Gators lost to Upper Marlboro 2 to 0 in the championship game. Players from left to right (bottom row): Amritha Jayanti, Maia Tooley and Erin Bistany. Back row: Mairead Alexander, Vanessa Phillips, Julia Pedersoli, Katia Cavigelli and Elaina Perry. Not shown are Megan Winners and Coach John Pedersoli.

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original purpose of its closing was to reconfigure and unify the research components of the agency's working environment. In a way, the campus, like Topsy, "just grow'd," with particular research missions sometimes separated between fairly distant buildings.

To be completed this year is phase I of the renovation of so-called Building 5. The second phase of that renovation is scheduled for 2006.

Road Realignment

Of most interest to Greenbelt, however, is the realignment of Soil Conservation Road. To be undertaken in 2005, the target date for the new road's completion is June 2006.

Rt. 193, Greenbelt Road, at its intersection with Good Luck Road will include double-left turn lanes in both directions and a right lane from the shopping center on Greenbelt Road onto Good Luck Road northbound.

Good Luck Road itself will be upgraded with what are described as "bike-friendly" five-foot shoulders, a sidewalk, streetlights, landscape trees and a traffic signal. Another signaled intersection will be installed at the north entrance to the present fenced-in campus where the new roadway will bend to the east.

The realigned road east of that point will consist of two lanes of open road through a wooded area of the northeast portion of Goddard's landhold-

ing. Only one small portion of privately owned land is still to be acquired.

Space Science Building

A new building for joint use as laboratory and office space will serve as an anchor to a new section of the redesigned campus. This building will be constructed right in the middle of the present Soil Conservation Road as it cuts through the research area. Called the Space Science Building, it will consolidate all space science research and development. At approximately 275,000 square feet, it is expected to house some 700 civil servants, support personnel and visiting scientists.

Concept drawings of this building are being prepared. The actual design phase is planned to take place between January 2005 and December 2006. Construction is expected to be completed by June 2008.

Contemplating so enormous a structure for research personnel, and especially for visiting scientists, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis reiterated the city's concern that much rental office space in Greenbelt currently housing NASA contractors will be left vacant. Weiler assured her not to worry. With a probably ever-expanding program, he said, he expects that far more people will be working on NASA projects than can possibly be housed within the secured confines of the agency campus.

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be presented. Bring voices and a favorite instrument, be it a violin or a jingle bell. Selections will represent both occidental and oriental traditions. Featured performers will include Sondra Holland (piano) with Barbara Crammer (mezzo soprano), Phillip Ross (bass-baritone) and Eva Griffin (contralto).

In the Gallery: "SHARD.LAB - An Accounting of Incidentals," is an installation by artist Jordan Tierney in pursuit of the fleeting evidence of existence. Don't miss this final opportunity to view Tierney's provocative and interactive exhibition, which closes December 5. A free "i spy" children's gallery guide will include a contest for children 10 and under.

The Community Center Art Gallery will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily whenever the room is not reserved. Enjoy the great art in Greenbelt's own "back yard."

From 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Greenbelt's artists-in-residence and Greenbelt Pottery members will demonstrate ceramics, stained glass, drawing and other art forms to Artful Afternoon attendees as they tour the Community Center studios.

Art Classes

If this event inspires, mark the calendar to participate in the winter and craft classes coming up at the Community Center. Brochures will be available at the Art and Craft Fair. Registration for winter classes starts December 13 for Greenbelt residents (December 20 for nonresidents). Classes begin January 3.

Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. "Art works in Greenbelt." These programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation. For additional information, call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

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action serves to demonstrate that the ICC conforms to the region's air quality plans and financial funding constraints. With this hurdle now accomplished, Maryland highway planners are anticipating a schedule (assuming a compliant draft and final EIS) for a so-called Record of Decision (ROD) in the summer of 2005 and construction beginning in 2006.

ICC opponents will now have to shift their focus to the project's environmental review when the draft EIS is issued later this month and to the fragile (and uncertain) funding decisions for the project by the Maryland General Assembly in the upcoming legislative session.

The project now appears in the CLRP as: "Construct a new east-west, multi-modal highway in Montgomery and Prince George's counties between I-270 and I-95/US 1. The project will include managed lanes with express bus service connecting to Metro rail stations and is currently undergoing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study which is considering two build corridors." However, recent information from the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) describes the project as construction of an ICC from I-370 instead of I-270 to Route 1 and states that the NEPA study is examining a third alternative, a no action (or no build) alternative in addition to the two build alternatives. MSHA also indicates that the project will include an electronic toll system, including variable tolling.

Cost

The funding and schedule section of the TPB plan gives the cost of the project as \$1.7 billion and the completion date as 2010. The current funding concept plan assumes that the project will be paid for with a mix of Maryland Transportation Authority bonds, special federal funds, Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, tolls and state funds. Recent MSHA literature estimates the cost of the project at \$1.8 to \$2.1 billion (in 2004 dollars). More recently,

MSHA announced that the cost of the ICC increased by \$400 million and the Coalition for Smarter Growth estimates that the potential price tag including financing would be over \$3.4 billion.

Options

The first build option is Corridor 1 (the Master Plan route) which begins at I-370 and goes southeasterly toward Norbeck and Bonifant roads and after New Hampshire Avenue proceeds easterly about midway between Briggs Chaney and Fairland Roads, crossing Route 29 and Briggs Chaney just before entering Prince George's County and ending at either I-95 or Route 1 just north of Muirkirk Road. This option has impacts on Rock Creek Park and Northwest Branch Park. The second option, Corridor 2, is a northern route that follows the master plan route to Georgia Avenue (Route 97) and then goes directly east, more in the direction of Routes 28 and 198 toward Burtonsville. After crossing Route 29 at Burtonsville it then takes a sharp right turn south toward Old Gunpowder Road to meet the Master plan alignment just west of I-95. Corridor 2 has impacts in Rock Creek Park and subdivisions in Norbeck, Spencerville, Burtonsville and Fairland.

For both corridors there is also an option to terminate the ICC at Route 29.

When these and other options were previously studied in 1997, the draft EIS found significant environmental and local traffic impacts and demonstrated that the benefits of the proposed project were overly exaggerated. This study convinced then Governor Parris Glendening to put a halt to the project.

Air Quality

Besides draft EIS and funding issues, the TPB action comes at a critical time with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandating more stringent air quality standards under a new rule issued on July 1, 2004. Environmental advocacy groups are concerned that the TPB, by rushing to include the ICC in the CLRP

before the health implications of the new rule are assessed and understood, may have the unintended impact of grandfathering the ICC, thereby making it more difficult for the region to meet the stronger air pollution standards and foreclosing investments in other needed transportation alternatives.

Proponents

ICC proponents (primarily Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade organizations) argued that the project has been studied for too long and that the highway would reduce congestion, not have significant impact on air quality and add jobs to the region.

Roberts characterized the proponent arguments as "... a bunch of baloney. We're paving over the place at an unprecedented rate, polluting all over the place. We have a big problem but the car is not the answer to it."

In a joint public notice mailed for delivery on Monday, November 22 the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority and the Maryland Department of the Environment announced that they will conduct location and design public hearings for the ICC Planning Study at three locations in January. The first will be in Greenbelt on Tuesday January 4 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 5 to 11 p.m. with a presentation scheduled for 6 p.m. In case of snow, the meeting will be rescheduled to January 10. The second will be at Gaithersburg High School on January 5 from 5 to 11 p.m. and the last at James Blake High School on Norwood Road in Silver Spring from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to the Public Notice, the DEIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation will be available for review on the project website and at selected libraries, community centers and government facilities in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

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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.

Attempted Murder

November 11, 9:11 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with attempted first degree murder, attempted second degree murder, assault, failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest, driving while impaired, driving under the influence, hit and run, fleeing and eluding and other traffic citations. Police were on foot conducting a traffic stop when they observed a suspicious vehicle being driven without its headlights on. The vehicle struck two parked vehicles and came to a stop. As police approached the suspect vehicle, the driver drove directly toward an officer. The driver ignored several orders to stop and almost struck the officer who had to jump out of the way to avoid injury. The vehicle fled the scene and was observed a short time later in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane being driven onto the curb. It came to a stop and the driver was ordered out of the vehicle. He resisted attempts to be handcuffed and had to be forcibly placed into custody. He was transported to the hospital for minor injuries sustained during the motor vehicle accident and during apprehension. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Robbery

November 16, 7:53 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking to his residence when he was approached by four youths. They surrounded him and demanded money. One of the youths punched the victim in the head while another removed the victim's wallet from his pants pocket and took a bag of clothing from him. The man fled the area and called police. The suspects are described as four black males, 16 to 17 years of age, one wearing a red jacket, another with his hair in dreadlocks and wearing a camouflage jacket.

DWI

November 14, 12:31 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence as a result of the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

November 14, 7:07 p.m., Value City at Beltway Plaza Mall, police responded to the store for a report of shoplifters in custody. A nonresident woman was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. She was arrested and charged

with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and theft and two other nonresident women were arrested and charged with theft. All three were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

November 17, 1:14 a.m., 6400 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and the driver was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. A computer check revealed that a passenger in the vehicle, another nonresident woman, had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Both women were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

November 17, 10:40 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and he was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store cocaine. He was released on citation pending trial.

November 17, 12:40 p.m., Greenbelt Police Department at 550 Crescent Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after she went to the station in reference to a vehicle impound. A computer check revealed that she had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department and she was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store cocaine. She was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

November 18, 1:24 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Route 495, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Located inside the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to ingest cocaine. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Forged Prescription

November 16, 11:22 p.m., Giant Pharmacy at Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with uttering a false prescription and attempting to obtain a controlled dangerous substance by false

prescription after she allegedly used a forged prescription in an attempt to obtain the prescription drug Percocet. She was arrested when she returned to the pharmacy to pick up the prescription and was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

November 14, 2:32 a.m., Greenhill and Crescent Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police responded to reports of a person screaming in the street and found the same man who had earlier been released on citations in the above mentioned motor vehicle accident and DWI at Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. He was again arrested after he refused to stop shouting obscenities and was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

November 12, 9:11 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of an unlocked window. Two men's watches, DVDs, a leather jacket and a 45 caliber semi-automatic handgun were taken.

November 15, 3:09 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) entered the residence by removing the air conditioning unit from a front window and climbing through. Video game players, DVDs, a cellular telephone and cash were taken.

November 15, 5:39 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) attempted to enter the residence by tampering with the sliding glass door. Entry was not gained.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a 2000 Honda Civic 2-door from the 100 block Westway, a 1995 Ford Mustang from Beltway Plaza Mall, a 2005 Cadillac Escalade SUV from the 6500 block Capitol Drive and a 1990 Nissan 300 ZX 2-door from the 7900 block Mandan Road.

Five vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and four by other police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents), 6000 block Cherrywood Lane, 6100 Breezewood Drive, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Court, Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road, Springhill Court and Springhill Lane, 7900 block Lakecrest Drive and 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

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tant 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 10,000 free copies of the News Review are distributed weekly to homes in Greenbelt including Greenbriar, Greenbrook, Windsor Green, Greenspring, Hunting Ridge, Belle Point, the Lakes of Greenbelt Village, a portion of Springhill Lake Apartments and the Greenbelt office buildings and shopping centers. We are attempting to find a means to deliver to Greenwood Village and to all of Springhill Lake again.

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.

Staff

There have been 39 changes in editorship during the paper's 65 years. For the last 32 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 68th 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.

Student Composers' Works at Univ. of Md.

A concert, "New Music at Maryland," will be presented on Wednesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is a concert of new works by UM student composers. Presented by the University of Maryland School of Music, this event is free.

Univ. of Md. Hosts AIDS Day Event

"An Evening of Art and Advocacy" for World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. in the Dance Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Everyone is invited to join members of the campus and local community for an evening of informal performances, readings and personal reflections and to discover ways to take action in the continuing world AIDS crisis. Presented in collaboration with the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington and the UM Health Center, this event is free.

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News Review Staff Holds Annual Meeting, Elects Directors

by James Giese

The members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, i.e., the volunteer staff of the Greenbelt News Review (see masthead) met on October 31 for the paper's regular annual meeting. Business consisted of staff reports and election of the board of directors. One new member was elected to the board, Al Geiger. Geiger has been writing a variety of articles for the paper and assisting at the advertising desk for many years. He replaces Marat Moore who did not seek reelection due to the demands of her job and other activities.

New Board

The seven-member board elects the cooperative's officers from among its members. Assistant to the editor Eileen Farnham was elected president. She has been extensively involved with the production end of the newspaper for many years, taking telephone messages, downloading and screening emails, typing, proofreading, making trips to the print shop for final review of all copy and numerous other tasks that fall her way because no one else is there to do them.

Jim Giese continues to serve as vice-president. Diane Oberg, who had been serving in the dual capacity of president and treasurer, will continue her fiscal duties as treasurer. Pat Davis will serve as secretary. The other two boardmembers are Virginia Beauchamp and Judy Bell. Mary Lou Williamson continues as editor, Barbara Likowski as assistant edi-

tor, Ron Wells as business manager and Ian Tuckman as circulation manager.

Staffmembers were saddened by the announcement that Elaine Skolnik is stepping down as news editor. Elaine has been a mainstay of the paper for almost 50 years. In recent years, as news editor, she has been responsible for keeping track of newsworthy events that need to be reported and finding volunteer reporters. She also keeps in weekly contact with many staffmembers and with a variety of officials and attorneys in order to keep abreast of ongoing news stories. Although Skolnik plans to shed many of her duties and responsibilities, she will still remain active with the newspaper.

Finding a replacement for Skolnik will be one of the first challenges for the new board of directors. It has been proposed that a committee share her responsibilities. Still, it will be difficult to find people willing to maintain the contacts and keep track of the course of events the way Skolnik has.

Finances

The paper's finances are another problem the board will need to address. While the paper completed its last fiscal year ending March 31 with a small profit, and while its level of reserves is satisfactory at present, Ron Wells pointed out that the newspaper has operated at a small loss for the past six months, primarily due to a drop in advertising revenue. Volunteers to help solicit advertising or spend time on Mondays or Tuesdays at the newspapers office's ad desk assisting advertisers in

placing ads would help deal with this problem.

Tuckman reported on problems with circulation, primarily in some of the apartment communities. He also noted that it takes more time to distribute the newspapers now that the paper includes a weekly advertising insert.

Volunteers

Williamson reported on the newspaper's overall activities. The volunteer staff is continuing to put out a weekly paper that has not missed an issue since it was first published as the Greenbelt Cooperator in November 1937. However, this has not been possible without some of the staff working well past midnight on Tuesdays. By comparing the current masthead with that of a year ago, Williamson noted that during that time the newspaper lost 20 volunteers but had gained 22.

Most any willing person who believes that it is essential that this community have and continues to have its own independent newspaper can help to assure the continued existence of the News Review by volunteering. There are always a myriad of things to be done in order for this paper to reach Greenbelt homes each week. Many needs are not well met, in spite of the more than 60 volunteers now on board.

Anyone interested in helping the paper with any of these tasks or in any other way, should contact our editor Mary Lou Williamson or president Eileen Farnham or assistant editor Barbara Likowski (see mastheads for number and email address).

Jobs Needing Volunteers

Some of the special jobs for which volunteers for the News Review are needed are:

News reporters to cover community meetings or the many other events that take place throughout the city.

Night word processors to work very late on Tuesday evenings typing and correcting copy.

Office manager or assistant to file, see that photos and other originals are returned to contributors, put newspapers in permanent and temporary files and keep track of office supplies and equipment.

Photo editor to determine events needed to be photographed by a volunteer, review submitted photographs, select those to be sent to the print shop and write captions.

Copy editors to read over submitted copy and edit, particularly on Tuesday nights.

City council reporters willing to attend and report on what happened at council meetings. (The more volunteers for this job, the less often each volunteer has to participate.)

Advertising desk volunteers to work during scheduled hours accepting advertising brought to the paper, helping advertisers with their ads and logging in ads.

Computer gurus to help maintain and improve the paper's network of computers and deal with spam, etc., information technologists to advise on our telephone and fax systems. Website manager to work on the paper's website.

Carriers to deliver the News Review in Springhill Lake and in Greenwood Village.

Birding Events at Patuxent Refuge

Three events will be held this week at the Patuxent Research Refuge. At the North Tract, a bird walk will take place on Sunday, December 5 from 8 to 10 a.m. It is open to all ages. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Later the same day, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., an "Owl Prowl" will be held. It is also open to all. The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington

Parkway and Rt. 32.

The third event, which will be held at the Wildlife Visitor Center, is another "Owl Prowl" on Saturday, December 4 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. It is open to all ages. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

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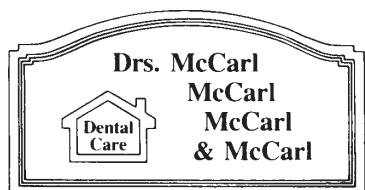
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Beijing Offers Healthy New Choices in Chinese Cuisine

by Kathie Jarva

A cornerstone of Roosevelt Center and a favorite of Greenbelters for over 14 years, the Beijing Restaurant has new owners, brothers Tom and David Chen. David was a waiter at Beijing for about seven years and Tom has owned and operated House of Hunan in Annapolis for over seven years. When the former owner of Beijing was ready to retire from the restaurant business, it was a natural step for the Chen brothers. In October the brothers bought Beijing and are partners in running it.

Natives of China

Both Tom and David Chen were born and raised in Fu Zhou in the south of China. Their father and two sisters still live there but all four boys in the family are now living in America and working together in the family-owned restaurants. Tom is married and has two young children. David is also married but his wife and son are still in China, hoping to join David here next year.

Goals for Beijing

The Chens' primary goals for Beijing are to introduce higher quality ingredients and provide more personalized service to their customers. Tom cites the purchase of larger and higher quality shrimp and other seafood as a primary example as well as better cuts of meat and fresh vegetables.

For personal service, perhaps most obvious is the offer of hot moist towels after dinner and complimentary sherbet with the fortune cookie (one can still get orange slices if preferred). The Chens are also good at remembering their customers' preferences. The mostly new wait staff has been well trained in Tom Chen's style of customer service.

Expanded Menu

The chef, John Chen, is still in the kitchen and working with the new owners, his cousins, to create new entrees. There are now separate menus and more specials for lunch and dinner and a new carry-

out menu. The dinner menu in particular offers new, more authentic Chinese entrees. Choices are still available from both the Cantonese (mild) and the Hunan/Szechuan (spicy) cuisines.

The menu for non-meat eaters is brand new. Tom's experience in Annapolis taught him the American wish for vegetarian dishes and that many Americans like to "feel" they are eating meat. The beefy-feel foods are made with a blend of Chinese mushroom stems to provide texture as well as nutrition. The chicken-feel foods, made from soybeans, are very tender. Except that they are not cooked with meat broth, the sauces, spices and vegetables accompanying the vegetarian dishes are the same ones meat-eaters enjoy.

In looking out for customers' health, only pure vegetable oils are used in the kitchen. For even lower fat content, customers may request that no fat be used. The restaurant does not add MSG to any of the foods. However, customers who are very allergic to MSG should inform their server. Some naturally occurring MSG is in chicken broth; entrees can be prepared without even that.

Lunch is served every day from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. an expanded buffet is offered in addition to the menu items.

Special Occasions

Catering of parties is available. Given at least two days' notice Tom will work with customers to prepare special Chinese dishes for parties at home or in the restaurant. Look for more information about Chinese New Year celebrations to take place in February.

Personalized customer service is very important to the Chens. They will try hard to accommodate all requests.

"Good Neighbors" Feed Area's Hungry

Giant Food and Super G customers will have an opportunity to help needy families this holiday season by purchasing pre-packaged hunger boxes. When customers purchase a hunger box it will be placed in a collection cart at the store, then distributed to area food banks. The Hunger Boxes, available for purchase through December 31, contain non-perishable food items needed by local food banks. The items include whole kernel corn, sweet peas, cut green beans, black-eyed peas, sliced peaches, macaroni and cheese, cream of potato soup, pear halves, oatmeal, long grain rice and chicken noodle soup.

As part of Giant's annual Good Neighbor Food and Funds Drive, Giant and Super G customers will also have the option of donating funds to local food banks by presenting a special donation voucher, available at every checkout lane, to a cashier. In addition to purchasing hunger boxes, customers may donate non-perishable food items to area food banks by leaving them at Giant and Super G stores.

For additional information on these and other Giant programs, visit www.giantfood.com or call 301-341-8776.

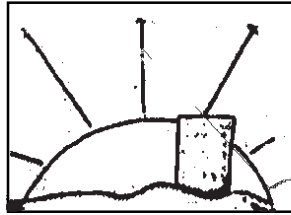
Bank of America Extends Cut-off

Bank of America announced it has extended to 6 p.m. the cut-off time for processing deposits and payments received at ATMs in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. In addition, cut-off times at Bank of America banking centers will be extended to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 p.m. on Friday.

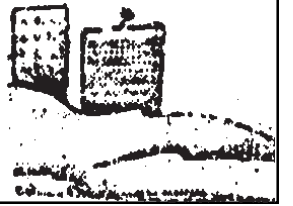
This extension of the transaction cut-off time means that customers who complete deposits or payments prior to 6 p.m. at local ATMs or before 5 p.m. at local banking centers will have their transactions processed on the same day. The change is the result of applying technology to speed deposit and payment processing.

Local Firm Will Relocate

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O), engineering consulting firm and Konterra Realty LLC, developer, have announced plans to build a new national headquarters facility for G&O in Konterra at Sweitzer Lane office park in Laurel. The groundbreaking ceremony was held November 10. G&O is currently located in Greenbelt.



Greenbelt's Business



Organic Food Comes To Area Giant Stores

Giant Food is introducing a new line of organic and natural food products, available exclusively at 200 Giant stores, called "Nature's Promise." Giant will initially introduce 25 Nature's Promise products in the dairy and grocery categories, including organic and soy milk, assorted natural cookies, organic juices and organic chips. A total of 90 new Nature's Promise products will be available in Giant stores by early next year.

Giant reports that suppliers follow strict quality standards for every item. Nature's Promise Natural and Organic products are free of artificial colors and flavors, hydrogenated oils and bleached and bromated flours. In addition, Nature's Promise Organics meet all USDA organic certification requirements. No pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, growth hormones, antibiotics or genetically modified seed can be used to produce food that is organic certified.

Nature's Promise packaging will be a great help for shoppers needing to avoid certain allergens. "The icons are easy to understand," said Odonna Mathews, Giant's Vice President of Consumer affairs. "They let shoppers see at a glance if a product is gluten free, nut free, lactose free or egg free without having to spend lots of time reading the listed ingredients, making shopping easier." Nutrient and health information is also conveyed by easy to read icons and call-outs. All nutrient and health claims meet federally-defined criteria.

Photography Studio Has Moved to Roosevelt Center

by Jim Lara

Greenbelters Richard and Brenda Kennedy have brought their photographic business, Kennedy Photography, Inc., home to Greenbelt. The new location is in Roosevelt Center above the Greenbelt Mini Mart. The couple specializes in wedding, portrait and creative photography. After five years in Glen Burnie, they decided that moving the studio closer to home would be better not only for them but for their children. According to Brenda Kennedy, being home was very important since her son was starting kindergarten and her daughter was entering middle school this year. "My husband and I decided that we needed more time with our family and we should be doing business in the community we live in," said Kennedy.

Other factors in moving their offices was the long commute to Glen Burnie and their long working hours, which were set by another person. Here, they can set their own schedule and decide on the number of appointments they can schedule.

It was a long process to relocate the studio. They inquired about the space in August. Then they had to negotiate a lease. Getting a use and occupancy license from the county took a couple of weeks. When everything was set, all the services were moved from telephone lines and DSL services, to their digital and 35 mm camera equipment.

It's been a smooth transition and the Kennedys are up and running at the new location.

When asked how she got into photography, Brenda said it was through her husband. "My husband's father and his grandfather are both photographers so I just fell into it and found that I had a talent for it," she said. She enjoys the experience of working with customers to get the best picture they can have. She says some people will give us their ideas and others will leave it to us on how they want the photo to be shot.

Brenda said they started spreading news about the studio by having a table at "Information Day" during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival this year. Several photos were on display, over 40 people signed up to receive more information and they even booked a wedding. She expects to be quite busy. They had an event booked every weekend in October, have portrait sessions scheduled in November and weddings planned in December and next February.

For more information about this business, visit their website at www.kennedyphoto.net.

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

The Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association wishes to express its gratitude for your continued patronage! Happy Thanksgiving!

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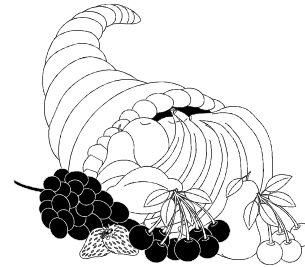
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