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Marat Moore: Coal Miner to Author To Civic Activist; Finds Home Here

by Sandra A. Lange

It is hard to imagine blonde, blue-eyed Marat Moore as a tough, grimy-faced female plunging into a mine shaft to work. Why would this petite Greenbelt woman choose to spend a year working in the mines of West Virginia?

It all began in 1976 when Moore (her given name is Jean but a recurring dream influenced her to change her name to Marat) was a 22-year-old co-ed. She decided to take time off from college to work on her hometown daily newspaper in Johnson City, Tenn.

When word reached the city desk of the Scotia mining disaster in Letcher County, Ky., none of the seasoned reporters wanted to travel 90 miles to cover the story. So, the editor asked Moore if she would go.

When she arrived at the mine, she was saddened that 15 men had died in seconds. Two days later the mine exploded again, killing 11 mine rescuers and federal in-

spectors. Thus began her life-long passion to address unsafe working conditions faced by miners.

Moore finished college at Duke University the following May and became a VISTA volunteer in Mingo County, W.Va., where she met a woman miner who was willing to sneak Moore underground one night. Instead of feeling claustrophobic, Moore describes her exhilaration at being in the eerie darkness and awed by the sight of fossilized ferns embedded into the slate mine roof. She wrote about this, saying, "with time, it [the blackness] becomes a sheltering silence, a buffer between the miner and the cares of the outside world. With time, the darkness soaks down into the blood, becoming a warm dark river calling you home."

Her friend persuaded the mine



Marat Moore

superintendent into hiring Moore and she began her year-long odyssey into the United States Steel No. 20 mine in Thacker, W.Va. She shoveled coal near the underground conveyor belt, built concrete block walls in the mine tunnels and hung ventilation curtains near mine walls. Once a

chunk of slate fell on her head, knocking her unconscious. Another time, she and a coworker barely escaped being injured when the brakes failed on a coal car on an incline near where they were working. A co-worker pushed them to safety seconds before the car roared by.

Following her stint in the mines, Moore began to research the history of women coal miners in the United States and in

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This month in celebration of National Women's History Month, the News Review is publishing a series of four interviews to honor Greenbelt women of outstanding achievement. Anyone who knows of a Greenbelt woman resident of significant accomplishments and whose story is relatively unknown in Greenbelt may send a letter or an email to newsreview@greenbelt.com with the details. This series was originated and organized by David Lange.

Friends School Students Fill Time Capsule with Mementos

by Peter Curtis

More than 40 persons attended a ceremony marking the creation of a time capsule at Friends Community School's building site south of Westchester Park on Monday, March 12. Head of school Tom Goss began the program with a moment of Quaker silence. He then introduced officials from several of the towns which surround the property, members of the school's board of trustees and representatives of the neighboring Westchester Park condominium association and National Park Service.

Following recognition of these notables, Goss went on to introduce seventh and eighth grade students from the present school, currently located in College Park. Each student read a short essay giving his or her thoughts about what the world would be like in 25 years. Among those presenting their thoughts were Greenbelt residents Patrick Felsher, Joshua King, Jay McCarthy and Stephanie Natoli.

Written copies of all these essays, along with drawings and writings from children in grades K-6, were then placed in the time capsule. The capsule, in turn, will be placed in the straw bale wall near the entrance to the new



Friends Community School Head Tom Goss (right) looks on as eighth graders load documents into a time capsule embedded in a straw bale at the new school building. From left are Rebecca Cook, Ayah Belal, Julian Boilen, Michael Norfleet and Holly Vugrin.

school building.

The school plans to invite all its current students to return in 25 years, when the capsule will be opened, so they can then compare their early thoughts about the future with the then-current reality.

Following the ceremony Goss took visitors on a tour of the new building, which is nearing completion. Major features include exterior walls made of straw

bales, which provide a very high level of insulation, a vegetated (or "green") roof, which provides additional insulation and limits water runoff and the south-facing design, which effectively utilizes sunshine for natural heating and lighting.

Peter Curtis is a News Review staff member and member of the Board of Trustees of Friends Community School.



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

An early morning fire hit the Greenbelt Auto and Truck Repair Saturday morning about 6 a.m. The fire was discovered by an employee of the Sunoco station who called 911. The fire was quickly brought under control by units from Greenbelt, Branchville, West Lanham Hills #2 (Good Luck Road), Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills #1 (Annapolis Road).

Officers Teach Criminal Justice Course at ERHS

by MPO Marty Parker

In August 2002, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) pioneered the first course in criminal justice at the secondary level in the State of Maryland taught by a police officer. Designed to target 11th and 12th grade students, it was presented in a lecture format, augmented with audio visuals and guest speakers from various law enforcement fields.

School Resource Officer Corporal David Buerger worked for two years to develop the criminal justice course as a replacement for the Criminal Justice Youth Academy, a well-received after-school program that presented an overview of what a police officer goes through in the academy and what officers do on the street.

Because participating students in the academy were active in other extracurricular activities, they were often unable to attend every session. The academy was nevertheless successful, in that two alumni went on to become police officers and one former student is now a professional firefighter.

New Course

The goal and objective of the criminal justice course was to develop a class where students could learn about the field firsthand from a police officer while also earning high school credits. Buerger's first class began with

25 students and was taught for 50 minutes each day.

The program was not designed to use the officer as a "guest speaker." Rather, the officer functioned as the designated classroom teacher, whose job was to complete all assignments a normal teacher would do. This included assigning homework, giving any quizzes or tests that needed to be administered and determining grades at the end of the semester.

For this continuing course, ERHS provides a classroom, a laptop computer in which to enter grades and attendance and over \$2,000 in text books and instructional materials for the class. The course is offered through the Social Studies Department under the supervision and review of the department chairperson.

Topics covered in the course include: Criminal Justice Today, Measuring & Explaining Crime, Criminal Law, Police: Agents of Law and Order, Policing: Organization/Strategies, Police and the Rule of Law, Challenges to Effective Policing, Courts and Quests for Justice, Pretrial Procedures: Adversary System, the Criminal Trial, Punishment and Sentencing, the Juvenile Justice System and Ongoing War against

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What Goes On

- Monday, March 19**
- 7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) Meeting, Community Center, Room 103
- 8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Roosevelt Center Surveillance Cameras, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, March 21**
- 7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Annual Public Forum, Community Center
- Thursday, March 22**
- 7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

Stepping Down

It has been my pleasure to work as one of your Animal Control officers for the last six months. Unfortunately, due to recent circumstances beyond my control, I have had to resign my position.

I will miss, and thoroughly enjoyed, helping everyone (both two-legged and four-legged) and truly appreciated all of the wonderful donations and support from the community.

I look forward to seeing many of you around town.

Patti Brothers

A Weird Winter

A weird winter – December and January were relatively mild with no overnight minimum temperature readings on my outdoor thermometer below 20.

The situation changed drastically in February. During the 15-day period from February 5 through 19, I observed 11 overnight readings below 20, including a seven-day stretch (February 5 through 11). In chronological order, the “offenders” were: 11.1, 9.0, 17.1, 16.5, 18.1, 19.8, 14.9, 16.5, 13.8, 17.1 and 16.0.

To put some “icing” on the cake, so far in March we’ve had two additional below 20 readings, namely 18.7 (March 6) and 17.5 (March 8).

I’ll be happy to see spring really arrive (and stay).

Philip Brandis

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades about local issues. Letters must contain your name and contact information and their publication is left solely to the discretion of the News Review.

City Notes

Public Works crews were dispatched on Wednesday to spread road salt and clear sidewalks after yet another snowstorm. The crews worked through the day to keep the roads and sidewalks clear. As a result of the storm it was necessary to purchase another 100 tons of road salt.

Facilities maintenance crew relocated furniture in a CARES office in preparation for building two offices, assisted the contractor with the start-up, will return to do all electrical and phone work in-house and performed the monthly street light inspection and reported problems to Pepco.

Recreation Department staff report the Skate Park was closed much of the week due to foul weather. There are 143 persons registered to use the park at this time; 47 are residents.

Join in Research on Light Pollution in the Night Sky

by Barbara Hopkins

Throughout recorded history mankind has looked up at the starry sky with wonder. In modern times, though, it has become increasingly difficult to observe the stars in developed areas because of light pollution. Join in the fun of being an amateur astronomer by contributing to observations about the visibility of the night sky or its lack.

The GLOBE Program (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment), a world-wide science program for school groups, families and individuals, is sponsoring now through March 21 a hands-on learning event called GLOBE at Night to educate people about the impact of artificial lighting on local environments.

Participation requires access to the internet and full instructions may be found at www.globe.gov/globeatnight. The general process is to first determine the latitude and longitude of the observation site. In Greenbelt, the Community Center is located at latitude

39°0' North (39.00 in decimal form) and longitude 76°52' West (76.88 in decimal form). Then, locate the constellation Orion, also known as the hunter, in the southwestern sky about one hour after sunset until up to about 11 p.m. and compare its appearance to star magnitude charts found on the website. Record observations on the website and they will be added to thousands of others from around the world.

In 2006, the first year of this citizen science project, over 18,000 people from 96 countries and all continents except Antarctica submitted 4,500 observations. GLOBE is hoping for even more participation this year in its effort to raise awareness about the continuing loss of people’s ability to study or simply enjoy the night sky.

The GLOBE Program is funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation with the support of the U.S. State Department.

School Ending Date Extended to June 14

Due to the inclement weather that closed schools on February 7, 14, 15 and 16 the four make-up days built in at the end of the school year calendar will be used, extending the end of the school year.

As a result, the last school day for students will be Thursday, June 14. The last day for teachers will be Monday, June 18, though that may vary for 10-month employees.

If schools are closed again due to inclement weather or other emergencies, additional make-up days may be required. For further information call the Office of Communications at 301-952-6001.

Watkins Center Offers Family Campfire

Bring the family and gather around a campfire on Friday, March 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Join the group for stories, live animals and more at the large amphitheater. Marshmallows will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a roasting stick.

Reservations are required. There is a fee. For information or to register call 301-218-6702, TTY 301-699-2544.

Sit-ins Organized For Senator’s Offices

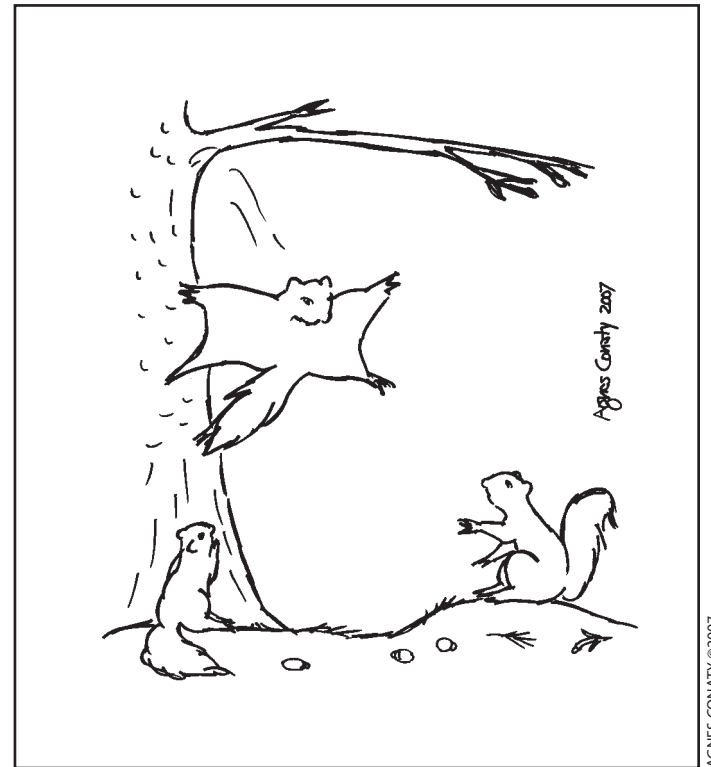
Marylanders who oppose the war in Iraq planned several non-violent sit-ins in the offices of Senator Barbara Mikulski on Tuesday, March 13 including her Greenbelt office. They say they are frustrated that she continues to vote to fund a war she claims to oppose. The protestors planned to read the names of American and Iraqi war dead but the Baltimore and Greenbelt offices were closed for the day by Mikulski. Protestors did occupy the Capital Hill office. The sit-ins were organized by the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition along with several other organizations.

Mikulski to Support Iraq Resolution

On Tuesday, March 13 Senator Barbara A. Mikulski expressed her support for a binding joint congressional resolution (S.J. Res. 9) that requires the removal of U.S. troops from Iraq by March 31, 2008, with a phased redeployment within 120 days of the proposal’s enactment. The resolution will be debated on the Senate floor this week.

“I will consider any option to bring our troops home,” she stated.

Grin Belt



"Nice try my friend but flying squirrels are not qualified to try out for 'Riverdance.'"

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GDC and GHI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 22, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- Fourth Quarter, 2006 Financial Statements
- Matching Grant – 1st Installment

Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 59 Ridge
- 2007 Spring Concrete Contract – 1st Reading
- 2007 Slate Roof Contract – 1st Reading
- 2007 Community Beautification Program
- 2007 Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 2nd Reading
- Debrief – Governance Planning

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Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

HELP WANTED

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Yard Line Review Committee. This is an opportunity to give back to your Cooperative, meet new people and have input into the current and future operations of GHI.

AD HOC YARD LINE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Purpose: To provide member input to the yard line review process. The Ad Hoc committee will assist staff in the comprehensive determination of yard lines on a court-by-court basis.

Must have good listening and communication skills. Must be a team player. Surveying or planning experience helpful.

Individuals interested in serving on this committee should contact Member Services at 301-474-4161, ext. 140 for an application. Apply immediately.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF MAR. 16

Volver (R)
No passes or coupons accepted.

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:55

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

Monday – Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00
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129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Community Events

At the Library

Adults

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m. A librarian leads a discussion of Markus Zusak's "The Book Thief."

Saturday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Gardening Workshop: Spring and Summer Blooming Flowers. Master gardeners will share information and offer sound horticulture advice on spring garden topics during this workshop. An extensive question and answer period will follow. This workshop is made possible by Prince George's County Master Gardeners.

Storytimes

Tuesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Turner Presents Grant to GAC

County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner will present a \$2,500 grant award to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) during the GAC Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 6 p.m. The GAC grant, a special appropriation grant, is part of the non-departmental funding for fiscal year 2007.

Turner said of the GAC that, "The arts are vital to a thriving civic life. I appreciate the Greenbelt Arts Center for its sustained commitment to the cultural life of our community. This grant award is meant to create an even stronger institution as it continues to bring outstanding arts and cultural experiences to more of our citizens."

Turner Brings Grant To SHL Girl Scouts

Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner will be joining a Girl Scout Junior troop on Friday, March 16, to bring a \$500 grant for their troop to their meeting at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Turner's last Greenbelt Scout outing was when she appeared at the Greenbelt Boy Scouts annual "Blue and Gold Banquet" on February 24.

Of the upcoming visit, Troop Leader Denise Troeschel says, "Everyone is so excited Councilmember Turner has taken an interest in our group and we cannot wait to meet her. The funding will be used to help defray costs of our annual campout in May."

Writers Meet Monday

"Spontaneous Writers," a spin-off from the Greenbelt Writers' Group meets every Monday at the Community Center. The group brainstorms for topics, writes for a while, reads what was written, then repeats with another topic. It's a great way to spout off, build friendships, sharpen free-writing skills, get away from March madness, slow down for those stressed or speed up for those who're bored. Join the group at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge any Monday.

Labor Day Committee Meets on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its first meeting to start organizing this year's festival on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The committee needs new members to fill various positions. Call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050 or come to the meeting on March 20.

"Iguana" Party At New Deal on Wed.

The Greenbelt poetry magazine "The Iguana Review," started a few years ago by Greenbelters Jim Link and Anne Sucher, will celebrate its newest issue with a release party at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Join the Iguanas for an evening of "slithery" poetry, with music by "Jack Couldn't Make It."

The new Winter/Spring 2007 issue features 40 pages of poetry by 14 local poets, cover art by March New Deal artist Elena Khazanova and a bonus mini-issue hiding inside. Copies will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the New Deal Café.

New Deal Café Offers Pajamas, Cartoons

On Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. until noon, the New Deal Café invites patrons to enjoy a brunch buffet in their pajamas. "Of course, wearing pajamas isn't required but it will score you a free mimosa," says organizer Joseph Harris. Cartoons created by area children in the GAVA/GATE Animation Class, will be shown on a projection screen. For more details call the New Deal Café at 301-474-5642.

Gold's Gym Is Site For Spin-a-Thon

Gold's Gym facilities across the country will open their doors for a first-of-its-kind nationwide Spin-a-Thon charity event on Saturday, March 31 in support of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the fight against diabetes.

Gold's Gym invites members and nonmembers to burn calories and have fun in the national Spin-a-Thon event while raising funds to fight diabetes. Local residents will enjoy spinning in unison with people in a national effort to raise funds for diabetes prevention and awareness.

Residents interested in participating in the Spin fundraiser can register online at www.diabetes.org/tour-teamgolds.com or contact Gold's Gym at www.goldsgym.com for event times and participation information. The Greenbelt Gold's Gym is at Beltway Plaza, phone 301-982-6700.

Greenbriar Clothing Drive through March

Through March 31 Greenbriar Condominium's management office is seeking donations of clean, usable clothing to donate to the Mission of Love in Capitol Heights. Mission of Love is a local charity that benefits low- to no-income families throughout Prince George's County.

For more information call Tiffane Rose at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

BCWWG Meeting On March 20

Much is happening at this month's Beavertown Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) meeting. Bob Fireovid will start off with a talk about "The Environmental Cost of Growth," followed by a discussion about the 2nd Annual Biodiesel Bus Tour of BARC property, to be held on March 21. Afterward there will be a discussion of BCWWG's part of the Anacostia Citizen's Summit at the University of Maryland on March 24.

Other upcoming events to be considered include future clean-ups, the Green Man Festival, BARC Field Days and more. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at the library in Greenbelt Elementary School (66 Ridge Road) from 7 to 9 p.m.

ERHS Does DI

Two Eleanor Roosevelt High School teams took first and second place in the "Destination Imagination" (DI) Regional Competition held March 5 at High Point High School. Both teams competed in the CarDIology problem and had to create an engineering structure made of balsa wood. Although the two ERHS teams were very close, the RowDI Raiders took first place, creating a structure that held 395 pounds. The second team's structure held 120 pounds. Both teams will move on to the state level competition to be held at Towson University on April 21.

The RowDI Raiders are Eric Bowers, Daniel Dobrosielski, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Gerard Marcus, David Phelps, Brittany Truske and Megan Weeks. Judy and Robert Goldberg-Strassler are the team managers. The second ERHS team members are Grace Chen, Chelsea McGlynn, Michelle Steiner and Manar Zhurudeen. Melissa Steiner is the team manager.

GHI Honors Katz, Munsey

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has named its 2006 Committee Member of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Lora Katz, co-chair of the Woodlands Committee took the committee honors and Darryl Munsey was selected as the 2006 volunteer of the year. Every year members nominate committee and non-committee volunteers for the awards.

In her nomination form, Katz was honored "for her intense interest in and dedication to reversing the damage caused to the woods over many years of neglect. Through her nurturing the woodlands are now a source of delight for anyone desiring to take a stroll and to seek out the wonders of nature."

Munsey was recognized for his "extraordinary" efforts to assist with the GHI Labor Day booth. "He stood out in the rain with the GHI staff for four hours during the construction of the booth and then went back during the day of the Ernesto storm to check on it, volunteered at the booth and then took it down and hauled it away," noted the nomination form.

The honors were announced at a Mardi Gras party at GHI on February 25, where the decorations and food were beautiful but turnout was low because of snow.

Savvy Environmentalist

Drinking Water Part 2: Is Bottled Water Safe?

by Joe Gareri and Holly Wheeler

In our last article, we wrote about our water supply, water conservation and home water filters. Information shows that while our water meets Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, improvements can be made to its taste and safety by extracting chemicals using a home water filter.

Another option is to use bottled water, which has the advantage of being convenient. There are no filters to connect nor is there periodic maintenance. But bottled water is expensive. According to a Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) study, "people spend from 240 to over 10,000 times more per gallon for bottled water than they typically do for tap water." There is also the environmental consideration of the resources used on packaging materials and the energy costs of transporting bottles of water from the source, to the warehouse, to the store and finally to your home.

A lower cost and resource intensive alternative to individually packaged bottled water is refillable, large bottles. Under this alternative, the water is purchased in large bottles and used with a home dispenser. While cheaper and more environmentally friendly than small bottles (large bottles are cleaned and refilled for additional use), the weight, cleaning and storage of large bottles may be difficult for some. Home delivery of bottled water has the added environmental cost of the delivery to consider as well.

So, why do people choose bottled water over tap water?

Many people feel that bottled water is natural "spring water" and therefore healthier. Maybe, maybe not. The EPA notes, "Bottled water is not necessarily safer than tap water." Bottled water sold in the United States is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which essentially uses the EPA's municipal drinking water standards. Unfortunately, the regulations only apply to bottled water that crosses state lines.

According to a University of Maryland report, there are other differences relating to bacteria and viruses between EPA standards for municipal water and FDA standards for bottled water. The EPA requires city water to be tested hundreds of times a month for bacteria. FDA requires weekly testing. The EPA bans distribution of water containing

E. Coli and fecal coliforms while the FDA has no such bans. City tap water is required to be tested for the parasites *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* and viruses but bottled water does not have these requirements. Similarly, the EPA requires pathogens to be filtered from municipal water but the FDA does not require it of bottled water.

While many states have stricter standards for bottled water, the State of Maryland merely requires all bottled water sold in the state to conform to FDA standards.

It also pays to read the label to determine how "natural" bottled water really is. Bottled waters are often sold with pictures of snow-covered mountain peaks, ice-covered glaciers or secluded wilderness streams. However, a careful reading of the label is required to determine the water's source, which may be a municipal water supply. It is estimated by the NRDC that nearly 25 percent of spring water is sourced from tap water – some of it further treated, some of it not. In fact, even water listed as "spring water" is legally allowed to be pumped from underground sources and still be labeled as "natural spring water." A 2002 study by Case Western Reserve University found one brand of "spring water" coming from an underground well within an industrial park!

It should also be noted that health benefit claims for bottled water have been banned by the International Association of Bottled Water but that does not stop some bottlers from making them. Aside from the obvious benefits of drinking more water, especially compared to sugary drinks, medical professionals, including the World Health Organization, assert there are no benefits to "mineral" water that cannot be derived from food or supplements.

So where does that leave us? Aside from the convenience, there are few, if any, benefits to bottled water over a high-quality home filter and the environmental costs are higher.

For further reading on drinking water, see the NRDC report, www.nrdc.org/water/drinking/ or visit the EPA website, www.epa.gov/safewater/.

We appreciate hearing your thoughts and comments; we may be reached at savvyenvironmentalist@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Arts Center
Announces

AUDITIONS

For the Woody Allen Comedy

Don't Drink the Water

March 26 & 27 at 7:30pm

Roles for 15 Men & Women, Ages 20 – 65

Readings from the script

Performance Dates: June 8 – 30

Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Lower Level of the Co-op Supermarket
301-441-8770 www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Obituaries

David Meadows

Former Greenbelter David Edwin Meadows (Dave), 69, of Seabrook, died March 8, 2007, after a long bout with cancer.



Mr. Meadows was born in Besoco, W. Va., on August 3, 1937, one of 12 children. He was the son of the late Jacob Benjamin Caudle and Martha Emmaline Meadows.

He was a volunteer firefighter with the Mabscot, W. Va., VFD and an ambulance driver with Melton's Funeral Home in Beckley, W. Va. He came to Greenbelt in 1957 and became a volunteer firefighter with the Greenbelt VFD. He and his wife lived at 7 Crescent and 32 Ridge before moving to Seabrook.

Mr. Meadows was the youngest grocery store manager at the Greenbelt Co-op and opened the first discount grocery store in the Washington Metropolitan area. He spent the majority of his career as a manager with the Greenbelt Co-op grocery stores, manager of the Petroleum Division and then the manager of Old Greenbelt Citgo.

While his children were growing up, he was the treasurer and basketball commissioner of the Lanham Boys and Girls Club and coached boys and girls in all sports. He was also a member of the Jaycees, Moose Lodge and served on several boards.

While he fought his illness he still worked. When he could no longer work, Citgo distributor Carroll Independent Fuel created the Dave Meadows Award for people who still worked through illness. This award was established in his name and is to be given out to others who struggled as he did. He retired in 2006.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 49 years, Doris Meadows (nee Persinger) of Seabrook; his daughter Danita Parkinson of Seabrook; sons David Meadows, Jr. and wife Jody Meadows of Burlington, N.D. and Donald Meadows and wife Linda Meadows of Sykesville, Md.; grandchildren Jeremy Strain, Cody Meadows, Chris Parkinson, Casey Meadows, Michael Parkinson, Danny Meadows and Kelsey Meadows; brothers Bob Meadows of Seabrook, Larry Meadows of Clewiston, Fla., Ben Meadows of Grand Rapids, Mich., Earl Meadows of Lakeland, Fla., and Texas Meadows of Sparta, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother Basil Meadows and sisters Elaine, Jesse, Geraldine, Blanche and Ella Meadows. A private Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held for family and close friends.

Synagogue High Tea Is Rescheduled

The High Tea and Concert originally scheduled for Sunday, March 4 at Mishkan Torah was canceled as a result of inclement weather when it snowed at that time. The event has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. The violin concert by 17-year-old Peabody student Sarah Saviet will be performed as originally scheduled. Saviet has performed at Carnegie Hall and has won numerous music competition awards.

A limited number of tickets is available; there is a fee. For further information call the synagogue at 301-474-4223.

Renahan and Noyes Speak at St. Hugh

Tom Renahan and Michael Noyes will speak at the Knights of Columbus meeting at St. Hugh Parish on Tuesday, March 27 at 8 p.m. on their experiences in Iraq as counselors assisting in the development of a civil government. The Greenbelt community is invited to join the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus for this timely talk.

The Knights social meeting will precede the talk from 7:30 to 8 p.m.




Our sympathy to wife Doris and the family of Dave Meadows, who died last Thursday at his home in Seabrook. Dave was well known in Greenbelt from his many years at Old Greenbelt Citgo and Co-op Supermarket.

Congratulations to Karuna Rimal of Robert Goddard French Immersion & Montessori School, who along with seven other Prince George's County teachers has earned National Board Certification. The eight are among 153 Maryland teachers to earn the highest possible teaching credential last year and are now recognized as among the nation's top educators. Rimal is one of 63 county teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Baha'i Faith

"O humankind! Verily, ye are all the leaves and fruits of one tree; ye are all one"
- Abdu'l-Bahá

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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM
except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM
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Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM
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For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
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GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
- The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Remember to count your blessings. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

Franch to Lecture On Community

At the Community Center on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. there will be a free lecture by Michael Franch on "The Coffee Shop and the Chat Room." The lecture is open to the public and will be held in Room 201.

Rescheduled Mishkan Torah's High Tea and Violin Concert with Ms. Sarah Saviet Sunday, March 25, 3 p.m. A few tickets remain \$10 in advance, \$12 at door

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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

March 18 Sermon: The Power of Story
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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A Review

Urinetown Offers Lively, Infectious Entertainment

by Carol Griffith and Robin Everly

Don't let the unappealing name put you off – "Urinetown – the Musical," now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center, is good clean fun and lots of it. The winner of three Tony Awards in 2002, it has entertaining live music and excellent acting and choreography by a strong, energetic cast directed by Bill Tchaikirdes.

Its message about sustainability and themes of good versus evil and the plight of the common man are delivered in a clever, tongue-in-cheek way, supported by Joe Biddle, who conducts the six-piece orchestra through the many lively songs, from romantic ballads and gospel-style songs, to full ensemble pieces.

Choreographer Rikki Howie has created some clever dance numbers, making good use of the small stage area.

The fast-moving plot concerns events in a rather dismal city following a severe water shortage that has led to the banning of private toilets. The population must pay instead to use public toilets, managed by a corrupt and oppressive corporation called the "Urine Good Company" whose CEO bribes those with influence to keep him in business and punishes those who try to change the rules.

Those who disobey the rules are banished to the mysterious town of Urinetown and never return. A leader steps up and leads the people in a revolt. From

there the plot is full of surprises.

Stock characters abound – the dumb blonde, the idealistic young man, the senator selling his influence, the heartless and evil corporate leader and his minions – but their presence doesn't detract from the fun. The city's chief police officer doubles as narrator and has many humorous asides to the audience.

Wendall Holland, in his first appearance at GAC, is excellent in the police chief role. Other outstanding performances include those of Roy Barbacow, Temple Fortson, Greg Coale, Danny Ligsay and Shannon Elesa Miller, also in her first performance at GAC.

It's clear that the cast were enjoying performing this play and their energy is infectious. Some cast members may even greet you in the lobby before the performance begins, so have some pennies ready.

After seeing this intelligent and quirky play, such phrases as "penny for a pee" and "pee for free" will linger with you long after you leave the theater.

"Urinetown – The Musical" will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 16 and 17, 23 and 24 and 30 and 31 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled for March 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.

Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op supermarket.



In "Urinetown – the Musical" an evil corporation headed by Mr. Caldwell (Roy Barbacow, center) celebrates charging for a basic human right. – photo by Bill Tchaikirdes

Clean Potomac River March 31 and April 1

This year is the 19th for the annual Potomac River Cleanup, held every spring since 1989.

Families, scouts, students, retirees and thousands of other concerned residents will hit the shorelines, neighborhood parks and schoolyards of the region during the 19th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon, either Saturday,

March 31 or Sunday April 1, depending on the site.

Among this year's 300 cleanup sites will be Greenbelt Lake and Springhill Lake Stream (see ad at right).

To participate visit the Alice Ferguson Foundation website at www.fergusonfoundation.org or call 301-292-5665 for a local site and contact information.

Phone Tax Refund

This year there will be a refund on federal income tax forms of a federal telephone tax that has been discontinued. The standard rebate will be \$30 for single people, \$40 for married persons without children and \$50 to \$60 for married with children. Some Greenbelters do not submit federal income tax forms because their taxable incomes are below the threshold (\$8,450 single; \$16,900 married if under 65 or \$9,700 single; \$18,900 married if over 65). However, they can still get that rebate provided they had telephone service between March 2003 and June 2006. A special simple IRS form (1040-EZT) will get them the refund. These forms are available in Prince George's County libraries and most post offices.

GATE Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. in the GATE Studio. Members are encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be Bill Robertson from R&R Lighting of Silver Spring. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. For more information call 301-507-6581.

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Week of March 16
FRI. – SAT.
300, R (!)
12, 2:30, 5:05, 8, 10:40
Norbit, PG-13 (!)
1, 4, 6:45, 9:15
I Think I Love My Wife, R (!)
12:15, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:30
Wild Hogs, PG-13, (!)
12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:30
Ghost Rider, PG-13 (!)
1, 4, 6:45, 9:15
Dead Silence, R (!)
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Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13 (!)
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Premonition, PG-13 (!)
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 **City Information**

Meetings for March 19-23

Monday, March 19, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee REAC Meeting, Community Center, Room 103.

Monday, March 19, 8:00pm, Council Work Session re: Roosevelt Center Surveillance Cameras, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee Annual Public Forum, Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2007 ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM
21 March 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center
2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

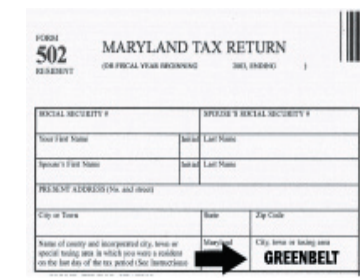
Come voice your safety concerns and comments to the committee.

Your participation is needed to benefit all residents of Greenbelt!

All findings will be forwarded to the Greenbelt City Council.

Everyone Welcome!

MARYLAND TAX RETURN



If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 19 at 8:00pm: City Council Work Session re: Roosevelt Center Surveillance Cameras (live) Tuesday & Thursday, March 20 & 22: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert" 6:30pm: "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary" 7:00pm Replay of City Council Work Session

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 21 & 23: 7:00pm "GAVA/GATE Animation" 7:16pm "Channel Zero News" 8:00pm "Betty the Yeti"

POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, March 31st 9-11AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.

GREENBELT LAKE: Meet in the playground area of Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM: Meet behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

- Bring your work gloves.
- Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes.

Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!

For more information, call the City of Greenbelt Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

Free NAMI Peer-to-Peer Nine Week Course
On the Topic of Recovery
For any person with a serious mental illness
Begins Sat. April 14 – Ends Sat. June 16
At a location in New Carrollton, 2 to 4 pm.
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Taught by a team of 3 trained "mentors" who are experienced at living well with mental illness.
Call Lisa Rhodes at 301-677-1432
Mon. – Fri. between 10 am and 4 pm.

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other countries, and interviewed undocumented U.S. workers who had worked underground as early as the 1920s. Then she went to work for the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) in Washington, D.C., as a writer and photographer, developing investigative articles on mine safety and championing the rights of female mine workers. Moore met her future husband, Steve, at a UMWA benefit at the Kennedy Center when they joined hands for the labor anthem "Solidarity Forever."

During this time, Moore was deeply involved with the Coal Employment Project (CEP), a national organization of women coal miners created in 1978. The CEP provided leadership to women miners and campaigned for "parental leave" which much later became the Family and Medical Leave Act. Most importantly, it raised public awareness of mine health and safety issues and sexual harassment.

When the CEP board made a decision that the UMWA didn't agree with, Moore was fired. Her husband Steve, director of the UMWA's contract department, also was fired. Both jobless, they spent several years establishing new careers.

After much hesitation, Moore filed a sex discrimination lawsuit against the UMWA. She won in the D.C. Superior Court but the case went to the appeals court and, after four years, was finally settled in Moore's favor.

Around the same time period her book, "Women in the Mines: Stories of Life and Work," was

published in 1996. It is based on her interviews of women who worked in the mines from 1920 to 1940 and from 1976 to 1996. She relates the stories of coalfield women whose strength, courage and resilience allowed them to work in nontraditional jobs alongside men who opposed their presence.

She is now happily employed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association as managing editor of their membership publication. After her chaotic years with the UMWA, this job offers welcome stability and a supportive community.

Greenbelt

Moore loves being in Greenbelt. She and Steve bought a GHI house on Hillside Road in 2001. She had intended to move back to her rural roots in Appalachia after the lawsuit was settled. But a friend invited her to swim in the Greenbelt pool. Then she and Steve saw Greenbelt Lake and they were hooked. She read Cathy Knepper's book "The Living Legacy of the New Deal." Afterward, in typical Marat Moore fashion, she visited Knepper in her Kensington home to learn more about Greenbelt. That interview convinced her that Greenbelt was the place she and Steve needed to establish their home.

"Living in Greenbelt is like being in a summer camp all year long," she says. She loves what she describes as Greenbelt's passionate commitment to its historical ideals of community life. It reminds her of her small town roots in Appalachia.

Soon after moving here, she joined the staff of the News Review, a comfortable niche for her writing and photographic talents. She's now on the GHI Audit Committee where she can participate more fully in the housing cooperative and has participated in simplicity groups where people gather to talk about issues like making time for what's really important and sustainable living. She devotes a good deal of time in care giving, especially for her mother in Tennessee who suffers from Alzheimer's.

Future Interests

With her boundless energy, Moore hopes to write historical fiction centered on life in Mingo County and on the historical figure of Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, a labor agitator and orator called "The Miner's Angel." Mother Jones is a heroine to Moore. She admires the fiery orator for her crusading role in fighting for decent wages, improved working conditions and an end to child labor.

Last fall Moore helped organize a commemoration to the life of Mother Jones who died in Silver Spring in 1930. She also wants to memorialize Mother Jones in West Virginia where she spent so much time championing the rights of miners.

Another of Moore's future projects involves traveling U.S. Route 11, from New Orleans to Canada, documenting the history of the small towns along the way, in the style of the late TV commentator Charles Kuralt. She met Kuralt years ago in Tennessee and was impressed with his focus

Beltsville Garden Club To Meet on March 28

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

Speaker Carol Hamelink will talk about "Gesneriads." Those who have grown or seen an African Violet have already been introduced to a Gesneriad. Other members of this interesting plant family include Gloxinia, Cape Primrose, Lipstick and Goldfish plants.

Hamelink has been a member of the Baltimore African Violet Club for five years and a member of the National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society for seven years. During this time she has won numerous awards for both African violets and gesneriads that she has entered in both local and regional judged shows. She currently grows more than 100 cultivars of African violets and more than 50 different varieties of gesneriads.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733.

Kindergarten Class Gets Dental Check

To promote Dental Hygiene Month, Stephanie Miller, RDH representing the office of Dennis R. Hatfield, DDS, of Greenway Center Drive, paid the NASA/Goddard kindergarten class a visit.

The children watched a video and then were asked to explain what they learned. Miller then explained the proper techniques for brushing teeth and the frequency needed for healthy teeth and gums.

The children participated in an exercise where they identified good and not-so-good foods. One kindergartener was dressed up like the dentist with the purpose of his items of clothing explained. Each child was presented with a goodie bag.

Rowsum to Lecture On USS Constellation

The next lecture in the Montpelier Mansion Spring History Lecture series will be a presentation by Chris Rowsum, director of the USS Constellation Museum. On Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m., Rowsum will talk about the USS Constellation, the last Civil War-era ship still afloat and last all-sail war vessel of the U.S. Navy, decommissioned in 1955 and now berthed in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

All are invited to join in the free history lecture series held on the third Wednesdays in March, April and May. The talks are enlightening, held in a relaxed atmosphere and refreshments are offered.

For information visit the www.pgiparks.com or call 301-953-1376, TTY: 301-699-2544.

Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

Ask yourself if any of these areas may be affecting the beauty of your smile:



- The color or shape of your teeth
- Spaces or missing teeth
- Noticeable cavities or old dental work
- Uneven or unhealthy gums



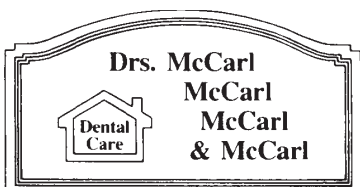
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**Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket
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Police Blotter

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

Assault

March 6, 3:45 p.m., area of Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, a male student got off the school bus and was assaulted by three people who punched him several times. A school resource officer is continuing the investigation.

Robberies

March 8, 8:29 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a woman was approached from behind by a man who grabbed her purse from her hand and fled on foot toward Edmonston Terrace. The suspect is described as a black male, 6' to 6'3", with black hair, wearing a black jacket or sweatshirt, blue jeans and a black knit cap.

Burglaries

March 7, 8:11 a.m., 113 Centerway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the New Deal Café. Money was taken.

March 8, 1:44 p.m., 7900 block Greenbury Drive, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by breaking out a basement window. An alarm was activated and entry was not gained. A witness advised that a black male, 5'10" with a stocky build, wearing a dark blue jacket and blue jeans, was seen running from the area at the time the alarm sounded.

Arson

March 2, 8:12 p.m., 15 Crescent Road, unknown person(s) set two trash cans on fire at the Greenbelt Community Center. The fires were put out by fire department personnel and volunteers.

Vandalism

March 2, 4:35 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown

Gibson Found Guilty Of Local Carjacking

In reference to an armed carjacking reported May 19, 2006, in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road, Christopher Andre Gibson, 22, of the 7900 block of Mandan Road was found guilty February 21 in Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro of three counts first degree assault, three counts armed robbery, three counts of use of a handgun during a crime of violence, theft over \$500, false imprisonment and second degree assault. Sentencing is scheduled for April 12.

person(s) broke out the sliding glass door of an apartment. An unknown number of "preteen" youths were seen running from the area after the incident.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 GMC Safari van from Centerway, recovered four days later in Riverdale Park; an orange 1995 Kawasaki motorcycle, MD tag 303M08 from the 9100 block Edmonston Ct.; a white 1999 Honda Accord 4-door, MD tags 9AJM91 from the 8100 block Lakecrest Dr.; and a black 1991 Volkswagen Jetta, 4-door, MD tags 4CVN47 from area of Kenilworth Ave. and Old Calvert Road.

Thefts, attempted thefts and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, the 9100 block Springhill Lane (2), Beltway Plaza, 6100 block Breezewood Dr., 7900 block Mandan Rd. and 12 Court Laurel Hill Road.

Mt. Rainier Considers Every Day Earth Day

Find out what everyone can do to make the earth a better place to live by attending "Earth Day Is Every Day" on Saturday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt. Rainier Nature Recreation Center, 4701 31st Place, Mt. Rainier.

This free "Earth Day Is Every Day" event is part of a celebration of the nationwide appreciation of planet earth with fun family activities. This event will feature events for children including animal programs, crafts and games and activities encouraging the messages of reduce, reuse and recycle and a moon bounce.

Also the newest green radio station, Washington's 94.7 The Globe will feature a guest playing tunes, providing give-away prizes and promoting green ideas to help everyone help the earth. Come see what other community groups are doing for the environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet a live bird of prey and other wild animals. Anyone can celebrate Earth Day on Earth Day - at Mt. Rainier Nature/Recreation Center it is celebrated every day. For information or reservations call 301-927-2163, TTY 301-699-2544; visit www.pgprks.com or call 301-583-BOOK.

Watkins Center Features Raptors

Get up close and personal with raptors like hawks and owls on Saturday, March 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Join a naturalist who will show several live resident hawks and owls at the center. There is a small fee and reservations are required.

For more information call 301-218-6702, TTY 301-699-2544.

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Drugs.

Course Begins

In August 2004, Master Police Officer (MPO) John Rogers began teaching the class as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for ERHS. He enjoyed the experience so much he requested that the course be expanded to both semesters of the school year.

The school agreed and during the 2005-2006 school year MPO Rogers taught the class the entire school year, allowing twice as many students to experience the class.

Since its inception, approximately 100 students have taken the course. It has produced many benefits, not only to the students but to the officers who teach it. Officers have been able to get to know students on a one-on-one basis, which has led to information being passed from students to the officer that has been helpful in solving cases or preventing potential problems.

In July 2006, MPO Rogers and MPO Marty Parker presented a block of instruction at the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) annual conference, which included a discussion of the success of the high school criminal justice course. Attendees were given information on how to start a class in their jurisdiction and the benefits and problems that may arise when a school resource officer teaches the course.

One issue the SRO faced when the course began was the students' misconception that the class would be an easy grade. When students realized how much work was

involved, they transferred out. Only the truly motivated have remained.

Another issue concerns the potential that the SRO may receive a last-minute call for service just before class. The SRO needs to have a good working relationship with the school administration, making them aware of the possibility of a last-minute notice for a substitute teacher.

The SRO also needs to be aware that sensitive material, such as discussing certain techniques used for officer safety, is not taught to the class.

Seen as Success

The Criminal Justice Course has been labeled a success, mainly because of the positive interaction between the officer and the students.

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For additional information on the High School Criminal Justice Course, contact MPO Marty Parker, School Resource Unit Supervisor, Greenbelt Police Department, at 301-397-2288 or martyparker@greenbeltmd.gov.

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NAMI Support Group Meets

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Launching points for the 2007 season are located at Triadelphia, Greenbridge, Scott's Cove and Supplee Lane. For more information call the WSSC Brighton Dam facility at 301-774-9124.

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Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to explore the history of aviation and learn the science of flight with a variety of fun and educational activities on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 4 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

Badge requirements for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are fulfilled during the program. Pre-registration is required and there is an admission fee.

The museum is open for regular admission daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

Science Fiction Book Club Meeting Sunday

On Sunday, March 18 at 7 p.m. there will be a Science Fiction Book Club meeting at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Participants will discuss science fiction authors at the free bi-monthly book club meeting, to be led by CPAE board member Jen Cook of Vertigo Books. The meeting will include refreshments and conversation about the amazing oeuvre of grandmaster Andre Norton, who died in March two years ago at the age of 93 - a woman who wrote science fiction and fantasy from the 1950s into the new millennium.

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Signs of Spring . . . and Spring Cleaning

by Susan Barnett

What does it take to pick up 1,000 pounds . . . of trash? On Saturday, February 24 it took members of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BC-WWG), Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek, Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and the BARC Ecology Committee to pick up 1,000 lbs. of trash from Indian Creek and Sunnyside Avenue between Edmonston Road and the railroad tracks. It also took the help of BARC's Research Support Services, who provided their truck to haul away the trash, and the Greenbelt Public Works Department which provided orange vests and trash bags. In addition, it required the help of the Prince George's County Public Works Department to pick up items too big for a small truck to carry. And finally, representatives of the Library of Congress were contacted to retrieve a laptop



Volunteers who cleaned Beaverdam Creek are, left to right, Mark Christal, George Myers, Paul Downs, Frank Gervasi, Maggie Cahalan, Lutz Rastaetter and Glenn Welch.

computer found at the site. For two hours a group of 10 worked to pick up trash. But with their commitments to educating themselves about the environment and enjoying what nature has to offer, they all were able to appreciate one of the earliest signs of spring – Skunk Cabbage. Small purplish plants were found pushing up through ice and trash to welcome early spring insects. As was learned, the Skunk Cabbage plant naturally emanates the scent of decomposing flesh to lure insects into its spathe to help itself to the early supply of pollen. The many sprouting plants were welcoming beacons of nature's perseverance as the crew cleared the 1,000 lbs. of trash.

This early spring Skunk Cabbage Discovery Walk and Clean Up was organized by the BC-WWG and the BARC Ecology Committee, who want to thank all those who contributed to the day's efforts.

For more information visit www.beaverdamcreek.org.



Above, accumulated bottles, tires and trash in a log jam on Indian Creek.



Above, Susan Barnett struggles to grab the trash clogging the chilly waters of Indian Creek.

– photos by Mark Christal

At right, a skull found near Sunnyside Avenue. Crewmembers guessed the 6-7" long skull was likely a dog.



Park Service to Aid Still Creek Project

The National Park Service selected the "Clearing the Waters of Still Creek" project to receive technical assistance through its Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). National Park Service staff will help partners from the community plan and prepare priority actions that can protect and restore the three-mile length of Still Creek, a tributary of the Anacostia River. This project is located within the municipalities of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton, along with other unincorporated areas of Prince George's County. The citizen-based project is to serve as a model for integrated agency and community efforts to clean up the Anacostia River watershed.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments formally requested National Park Service

assistance with the project to aid in the legal establishment of the Friends of Still Creek to help in developing a strategy to bring residents into the Friends organization, to help identify a list of priority restoration projects and to assist with identifying funding sources that can support the project and the organization.

According to Greenbelt Park Site Manager Fred Cunningham, "Our Park Rangers do everything they can to protect Still Creek within the National Park Service's property but we are delighted that the Friends of Still Creek are coming together to protect the water before it flows into the park." Developing stronger relationships with the surrounding communities will be one key objective for Greenbelter Alan Turnbull, the National Park Service planner who will head the project.



Maggie Cahalan of CHEARS on the move with a stick and bag clearing trash in the woods along Sunnyside Avenue.



Glenn Welch, one of the organizers, sports a City of Greenbelt safety vest.

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