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Election 2008

Deadline Nears For Registration

Greenbelters wishing to vote in the primary on Tuesday, February 12 must register by **Tuesday, January 22 at 9 p.m.** in order to qualify to vote. Seventeen-year-olds who are registered and will be 18 by November 4 may vote in the primary.

Voter registration applications are available at the following locations: Motor Vehicle Administration offices, state Department of Health offices, local Departments on Aging, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, public institutions of higher education, marriage license bureaus, post offices, public libraries, county boards of elections and the state board of elections.

A citizen may also download a voter registration application from the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request an application. The latter should be returned to the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

Greenbelt East Precinct Split

Greenbelt city staff has learned that due to increased registration in Greenbelt East, the county has split election precinct 21-13 into two precincts with different polling places, creating a fifth precinct within the city, 21-18. Voter registration in the new precinct is 2,377; in precinct 21-13, 2,210. The change affects voters living in Greenbelt East – all that part of the city east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway and north of Good Luck Road. Affected households have been mailed cards providing information about the changes.

Precinct 13

Precinct 13 contains all of Greenbriar Condominiums, Greenwood Village and Glen Oaks to the north of Greenbelt Road. To the south of Greenbelt Road, the new boundaries of Precinct 13 follow Hanover Parkway south to Ora Glen Drive, then east on Ora Glen Drive to the end at Mandan Road and then back to Greenbelt Road. The centers of the streets listed are the dividing

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Freecycle Creates Circle Of Giving in Greenbelt

by Anne Gardner

Are you longing to declutter your house? Do you need to get rid of that old couch, the piano you never play, those outgrown baby clothes or the half-box of teabags you never really liked? Don't leave it all at the curb! There are people out there who would love to give your trash a good home; you can find them through your local Freecycle Yahoo email group.

The Freecycle network started in 2003 in Tucson with the aim of reducing waste and landfills in the downtown area. Now over 4,000 local Freecycle groups exist all over the world, connecting people who want to get rid of stuff with people who need things but do not want to buy them new. The more than 3.5 million members simply post "OFFER" or "WANTED" email messages then wait to be contacted by other interested members.

One Freecycle moderator called it a "Circle of Giving," where you give a gift to others in the community while clearing out your clutter and helping the environment at the same time.

A volunteer moderates each local group, making sure everyone follows the rules. Basically everything has to be 100 percent free with no strings attached, legal and appropriate for all ages. Freecycle is not about getting as much free stuff as possible and it is not a charity. It is a way of reducing waste and extending the usefulness of things by giving gifts to people.

The Greenbelt Freecycle group was started in October 2004 by Jane L. (who prefers not to give her full name). She had just moved to the Greenbelt area from Baltimore and since there

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DeMarr Historical Library Comes to New Home Here

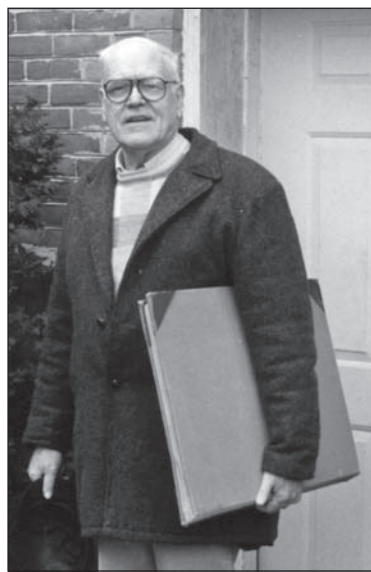
by Virginia Beauchamp

By his own account, the late Frederick S. DeMarr, for whom the Prince George's County Historical Library is named, was a 10th-generation citizen of the county. Against such a record Greenbelt is indeed an infant. But sometime this spring the library, which bears his name and which he founded, will contribute its important collection of county history to this city when it takes occupancy of a lower-level two-room suite in the Greenbelt Library.

Currently open to the public on Saturday afternoons at Marietta Mansion on Bell Station Road, the library is a repository of manuscripts, ledgers, letters, scrapbooks, old newspapers and other memorabilia collected by DeMarr which offer a window into the history of this region. According to Jane Eagan Dodd, former president of the Prince George's County Historical Society, DeMarr was "the collector of all collectors."

Born in Mount Rainier and later raised in Berwyn, DeMarr served as president of the historical society from 1972 to 1984. In 1991 he was honored as Prince Georgian of the Year by the county government and the county Chamber of Commerce. He was noted at that time for creating in the library "a county treasure," as an advisor to the Prince George's Jaycees during their restoration of the George Washington House in Bladensburg and as an early member of the Prince George's County Historical and Cultural Trust.

I came to know him on Saturday afternoons at the Historical Society library when I was in the



The late Frederick S. DeMarr is shown outside the Marietta Mansion, current home of the Prince George's Historical Library.

process of writing a history of the county during the county's tricentennial year, 1996. The library contained shelves of books, of course, relating to the history of Maryland and of nearby regions but it was also full of dozens of cardboard boxes of old newspapers and assorted records DeMarr was always trying to get a handle on.

Unluckily – or luckily for others – he was frequently distracted from his work in sorting through these materials by the needs of persons attracted to the library by their own interests in aspects of county history or of those who had lived here. He loved nothing better than to share his infinite knowledge of our region with

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Linda Kuo, a student at Greenbelt Elementary School, stands beside a display of her prize-winning drawing, which appeared on the cover of the Book World section of *The Washington Post* on December 9.

Local Student Recognized For Winning Art Contest

Greenbelt resident Linda Kuo was recognized on Monday, January 14 by the Greenbelt City Council for her first-place winning entry in a contest held last fall by the Washington Post. The Post asked students ages 5 to 12 to submit original artworks that show the pleasures of reading. Kuo's artwork was published on the cover of the December 9 edition of the Post's Book World section, which was devoted to children's literature (see accompanying photo).

In addition to gracing the cov-

er of Book World with her art, the Post also gave Kuo a bag full of books. The Greenbelt City Council presented her with a T-shirt depicting the Greenbelt arts program and a certificate for free participation at an arts program function. Kuo attended the council meeting with her parents and younger brother Leo.

Kuo is in the 4th grade at Greenbelt Elementary School. Her art interest manifested itself at around age two and was encouraged by her mother, who is also an artist.

What Goes On

Saturdays, January 19 and 26 – Indoor Pool Closed at 5 p.m. for High School Swim Meets

Monday, January 21 – City and GHI Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 22

6 to 8 p.m., ACE Annual Meeting for Principals, City Council Room, Municipal Building

8 p.m., City Council Worksession on Safety Plans for Spellman Overpass Area, Community Center

Wednesday, January 23

8 p.m., City Council Worksession, City Manager's Quarterly Update, Community Center

Thursday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 26

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Community Visioning, Municipal Building

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard



Letters

Even More New Year's Thanks

Our gratitude to those assisting with Greenbelt New Year continues this week, with heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers.

Folks assisting with the Barracuda Beading and selling popcorn were the Pham family (Khanh, Tinh, Kevin, Kristine), Blanche Williams, Clementine Morissette, Michelle and Melissa Gray, Quilla and Kory Otto-Jacobs, Mark Otto, Sydney Jacobs, Dave Mathews (Mr. Glue), Debbie Like, Diane Irving, Diop-Ali Crimmins, Holley and Leonard Wallace (popcorn chefs extraordinaire), Gina and Tim Murphey, the Dunham family (Joan, David, William) and Marilyn, Rachael, and Jennifer Clune. Volunteers behind the counter at the Rainbow Café were Alyson Miers, Carole Breakstone, Chris Polito and partner, Hilary Ranney-Howes, Tania and partner and Andy Carruthers. Special thanks also to generous Frank DeBernardo, couturier to the Doge of Venice.

Chris Cherry and Greg Varda
Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

THANKS

Many thanks to my friends and neighbors for the flowers, cards, visits, lovely goodie bags and errands done for me but most of all your prayers

Greenbelt is a great place to live. Looking forward to the day when I can walk out of here.

Ellie Rimar

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those who expressed an interest in some aspect or other within this body of knowledge.

DeMarr was indispensable as a resource for the Tricentennial celebration, as many of us came to learn during monthly planning sessions for that year-long celebration. He had also become indispensable as an employee at the University of Maryland from which he graduated years ago and where he ended his career as an assistant administrator of the Stamp Student Union. He served in that capacity from 1970 until September 1997 when he died from an apparent heart attack.

He is memorialized most fittingly in the library whose collection he began and that will be moving here to Greenbelt.

A Review

GAC's New Play Reinvents Shakespeare's Life Story

by Carol Griffith

Suppose William Shakespeare was really an illiterate country bumpkin – how did he become one of the world's most famous authors? And who really wrote those wonderful works of literature? Well, wonder no more; it's all explained in the current play at the Greenbelt Arts Center, "The Beard of Avon."

As the play begins, Will, as Shakespeare is called in the play, is completely unhappy with his life – he has no money, he's stuck in quiet Stratford and is married to a shrewish wife Anne Hathaway. Even so, in one of many surprises of the play, he performs several soliloquies that are, well, Shakespearean in tone and depth.

Will and Anne go to see a play performed in the town and Will becomes instantly mesmerized by the theater. After yet another argument with Anne and feeling he has nothing to lose, he runs away with the troupe to become an actor.

So begins Will's adventure in a fast-moving story full of many laughs and surprises. It is a bit loose with historical accuracy but lots of fun. The story is told through many short scenes that occasionally seem disjointed but come together nicely for a warm ending. First performed in New York in 2001, the play is very cleverly written.

As expected of GAC, all the

acting is great. Zachary Brewster-Geisz is a wonderful Will. He portrays perfectly all the emotions of a man whose life completely changes in a short amount of time. Melissa B. Robinson makes a great Anne Hathaway and Sandy Irving as the Earl of Oxford is impeccable.

The play is not appropriate for children as sexual situations are portrayed.

"The Beard of Avon" will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 18 and 19, 25 and 26 and February 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled for January 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center, 123 Centerway, below the Co-op supermarket.

MVA Is Closed On MLK Day

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. All full service, express offices and Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will be closed.

As always, MVA's renewal and registration features will be available online at www.marylandmva.com or by calling 1-800-950-1682.

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(At the intersection of Lanham-Severn Rd. and Greenbelt Rd.)



GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

– Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway,
College Park

– Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt

– Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Greenway Subway, 7555 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt

– Thursday, January 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Elizabeth Seton High School,
5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg

– Thursday, January 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Doctors Hospital/Greenbelt Lions Club,
8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham

– Monday, January 28, 2 to 7 p.m.

Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd.,
Glenn Dale

Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

Grin Belt



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

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN. 18

ATONEMENT

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Friday

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Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

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Tuesday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, January 21, Offices closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m., New members coffee social

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 Board Meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays of every month through May.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Tuesday, January 22 through January 25 include:

Monday - All sites closed for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Tuesday - Orange juice, meatballs (six each), spaghetti with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, canned pears.

Wednesday - Minestrone soup, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, sliced carrots, banana pudding.

Thursday - Cranberry juice, Polish sausage on bun with sauerkraut and mustard, warm German potato salad, mixed greens, slice of gingerbread.

Friday - Grape juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach supreme.

GES Contest Will Honor Dr. King

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) will celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in a different way this year. Running through January 26, an essay/poetry writing/poster contest will be held throughout the school. The winner will receive a date for lunch with the principal.

New Deal Café's Upcoming Events

On Friday, January 18 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. John Guernsey will play jazz and blues piano to accompany dinner. Following that, the highlight of the upcoming weekend is a group of local bands at 8 p.m. with "Play With Me," "The Able Birds," "The Late Greats" plus the debut performance of local filmmaker Joe Harris' as-yet-unnamed band. "We've got a stand-up bass, an accordion, a mandolin, a viola, a guitar and a Washington, D.C.-based singer/songwriter with strong roots in American traditional music styles but a sound all his own. On one of the songs a guy plays the saw." The band is comprised mostly of Greenbelters, so café organizers are hoping to have the support of the town, urging people to come out to see a Greenbelt group. Be a part of the local music scene and also participate in the "name the band" contest.

On Saturday, January 19 John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano for diners from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. At 8 p.m., Washington, D.C.-based singer/songwriter Mike Elish brings original rootsy folk, "Like Dylan in the 60s," to the Café with strong roots in American traditional music styles but a sound all his own.

Sunday, January 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stinson plays the lute during brunch.

Monday, January 21 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. is the Reel and Meal Deal, a monthly film series exploring environmental and social issues and offering a buffet and education in one place. This month's film is "The Next Industrial Revolution."

Thursday, January 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. will be the Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic night. Sign up for a slot by emailing Julie Kehrl and Keith Thorne at kthornell@cox.net.

The New Deal Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. For more information call 301-474-5642 or check the website at <http://newdealcafe.com>.

Strategy Games Club Meets on Tuesdays

Interested in meeting new friends? Chatting? Laughing? Ages 10 and above are invited to join the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club. It's free. This is an opportunity to socialize, meet new friends, learn new games and have fun. Teens are especially encouraged to join. Children younger than 10 years of age need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

The Strategy Games Club meets every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Play traditional and non-traditional strategy games such as chess, backgammon, Go, Quinto, Ticket to Ride and Scotland Yard. Games are played together in large or small groups.

Online registration is available for those who have registered in the past. Go to www.greenbeltmd.gov and type in username and password. Those who have not previously attended will need to register with the Community Center office at 15 Crescent Road.

Explorations Focus: In-home Caregivers

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Rosa Rivera on Friday, January 25. Rivera is a franchise owner of Home Instead Senior Care, a non-medical and companionship service founded in 1994 in Omaha, Neb. During Rivera's talk she will discuss the company's origins, the number of franchises in the region, country and world. In addition, she will address the type of services available, pricing, caregiver backgrounds and the way the company hires caregivers.

Rivera, director of operations for Home Instead Senior Care located in Beltsville, has been its owner for 10 years. Her background and experience includes college in New York City and work as a real estate consultant.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Artist Space Vacancy At Community Center

There is a vacancy in the artists' studio space at the Community Center. Interested local ceramic and visual artists may apply. Applications are now available for one space beginning in March and must be received by February 15.

The Recreation Department's artist-in-residence program is open to visual artists (including film and digital artists as well as fine crafts persons) who are at least 18 years of age and are residents of Maryland. Artists participate in monthly studio open houses and lead a once-annual community arts outreach project.

For more information, an application or an appointment to tour the studios contact Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057 or ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov. See city ad on page 5 for more information.

GAIL's Focus Groups Examine Aging Needs

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program will hold a series of focus groups to assess the aging in place needs of two target groups. One group is for Greenbelt seniors 66 years and over; the other is for Greenbelt residents 50 to 65.

The focus groups will meet for two-hour sessions to help shape GAIL's programs, including the role of technology.

The first group will discuss current GAIL programs to empower them to age in place with minimal barriers to services. The second group, the first wave of Greenbelt baby boomers, will determine their expectations for aging services.

To participate in a focus group call the Greenbelt CARES office at 301-345-6660. Registration will begin February 4 at 10 a.m.

Reel and Meal At the New Deal

The film, "The Next Industrial Revolution" will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, January 21 beginning at 7 p.m. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social issues and is sponsored by several Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. An optional vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase starting at 6:30 p.m.

This film explores how businesses are transforming themselves to work with nature and enhance profitability. While some environmental observers predict doomsday scenarios in which a rapidly increasing human population is forced to compete for ever scarcer natural resources, architect Bill McDonough sees a more exciting and hopeful future. In his vision humanity takes nature itself as the guide to reinventing technical enterprises to be as safe and ever-renewing as natural processes.

There will be a discussion following the film. Call Steve Kane at 301-437-8814 for more information.

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Express your views on how to make Greenbelt the best community it can be. Attend one or more of the Community Visioning Sessions:

- Saturday, January 26, 2008, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road-Council Room
- Saturday, February 2, 2008, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Multi-Purpose Room.

Each session will run from 9:00am-1:00pm
For more information, contact the City
at 301-474-8000 or e-mail info@greenbeltmd.com.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
BOARD MEETING

GDC and GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 24, 2008
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay Drawing
- Yard Line Certification: 3 Research Road
- Committee Charters
- Replacement Reserve Analyses - 1st Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

St. Hugh's Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Founding

by Kathleen McFarland

On December 16, St. Hugh of Grenoble parish commemorated the 60th anniversary of its founding with a special mass and dinner. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Martin Holley of the Archdiocese of Washington. Four members of Sisters of the Holy Cross who had taught at St. Hugh's School were in attendance at the mass and the "Gaudete Sunday" dinner which followed in the church hall.

Gaudete, or "joyful" Sunday, is the third Sunday of Advent, when the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath is lit to signify that Christmas will soon be here. At the dinner in the decorated hall Bishop Holley gave a blessing and offered congratulations.

In a short program Father Walter Tappe, pastor of St. Hugh's, gave a brief history of the parish. He told how Father Victor Dowgiallo was sent to Greenbelt to establish the new parish in June 1947. Before that time Greenbelt had been a mission church of Holy Redeemer in Berwyn.

Father Dowgiallo chose the name of the new parish to honor an uncle or mentor (the story varies) named Hugh. There are at least 10 saints named Hugh. "While not on anyone's list of the 100 best-known saints," Father Tappe said, "St. Hugh of Grenoble, France, a bishop who lived in the 12th century, was a good and much-loved man." The church hall is named Grenoble Hall because of this connection.

Father Tappe then invited long-time parishioner Margaret Zanin to the podium. Zanin told of the "olden days" when Greenbelt Catholics attended mass in the town theater. "You just haven't lived until you've gone to mass in a theater," she said, giving an amusing account of marching up the steps and across the stage to receive Holy Communion and then, back at her seat, trying to kneel on a sloping floor.

Later on when mass was held in the newly built school, the troubles continued. There, metal kneeling benches attached to the folding chairs made loud clanking sounds at inappropriate times and, if not aligned correctly, were prone to buckling under, toppling the praying person onto the floor.

Teaching Sisters

Zanin recounted the problems of transporting the sisters who came to staff the school, back and forth each day from the convent in the 58 Court of Crescent Road, since at that time they were not allowed to drive. Sometimes they walked or Father Dowgiallo, who lived in another unit of 58 Court, drove them. Later, a committee of mothers took turns driving the sisters to and from school until finally they were given permission to drive themselves.

She told of the many fund-raising efforts - bake sales, fashion shows, pledge drives - which were held, first to get money to build the school in 1949, then the Rectory and, finally, St. Hugh's real church. In 1964 she attended the official dedication of the new church and remembers how proud Father Dowgiallo was of it. Zanin ended with the hope that another celebration will be held for the 65th anniversary - not the 75th - because she wants to be around to attend it.

Next, Sister St. Hugh, one of the original group of sisters who came in 1949, said a few words. She gave a very funny account of the embarrassment the sisters suffered before they got a clothes dryer: They had to hang their wash, including undergarments, out on the line to dry. She said of Father Dowgiallo, "He was rough but he was kind to us."

The other sisters who attended the celebration were Sister Maris, a school principal in the 1960s; Sister Vivian, who taught in the 1950s under her old name, Sister Michael Anthony; and Sister Elizabeth Raffo, principal from 1975 to 1984. All four sisters now live at St. Angela's Hall in Kensington; some have part-time volunteer jobs in area schools.

Several alumni of the school then took the microphone. Kathy Labukas and Patty Madden Molden, both of the class of 1964, told amusing tales of their school days. Theirs was the first class to hold their graduation ceremony in the

new church. Judy Holland, class of 1954, the very first graduating class, who had started out at Holy Redeemer school, remarked at how the years had flown by. She said that this year she is looking forward to the 50th reunion of her Notre Dame High School class of 1958.

The 100 or so attendees then finished their delicious dinner, prepared and served by Gloria Winfrey and her crew of teenagers and ladies of the Sodality, and sang Christmas carols accompanied by accordionist Phil Ventura. Father Tappe thanked the committee of Cindy Perry, Beth Osborne, Marti Galvin and all who had helped to make the day so memorable.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The New Carrollton Area Support Group of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will meet on Monday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton.

This is a supportive work group which prepares mailings and performs other volunteer tasks while sharing mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions. All are welcome.

Call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572 for more details.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am
Come as you are!

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Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
January 20, 10 a.m.
"Sovereignty in Each Other's Backyard"
(To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)
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The Choir sings, Chalice Dancers dance!
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10:30 am Worship Service
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Learn About Islam

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

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

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org
Welcome!
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
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9:00 am Christian education for all ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM
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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)
Jan. 20 - How God Helps Christians and God's Attitude Toward Israel
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith
"It is incumbent upon them who are in authority to exercise moderation in all things. Whatsoever passeth beyond the limits of moderation will cease to exert a beneficial influence."
- Bahá'u'lláh
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Garden Club Meets Wednesday on Cacti

The next Beltsville Garden Club monthly meeting and gardening presentation will be on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker for this month will be Bob Stewart, whose topic will be "Cacti and other Succulents." After serving in the U.S. Army for three years during the Vietnam War, Stewart earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in ornamental horticulture from the University of Maryland. He has worked with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as well as the University of Maryland, where he served as a horticultural extension educator for many years. He retired in 2003 but still finds time to teach classes in the Master Gardener Program. He has amassed a collection of over 300 potted plants on a three-acre plot in Charles County.

Plants will be offered for the door prizes and refreshments will be served. The public is welcome and admission is free. For details, call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m. ONLY \$5.50
Children, Seniors \$5.50
Adults \$7.50
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(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of JANUARY 18

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I Am Legend, PG-13
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One Missed Call, PG-13
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City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 21st
Monday Route - Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday
Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 25.

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

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER SWIM MEET CLOSINGS

Please note - the indoor pool is closing at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19 and on Saturday, January 26 for high school swim meets. For more information call 301-397-2204

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

Register now for Winter Session. Registration will be open until January 18th at 2pm.
For a list of classes, download the Recreation Brochure from www.greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 21-25

Tuesday, January 22nd, 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Safety Plans for Spellman Overpass Area at Community Center.
Wednesday, January 23rd, 8:00pm, City Manager's Quarterly Update at 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@greenbeltmd.gov.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, January 26th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -- Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

****TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO****
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.
PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.
For further information call 301-474-8308.

Artists' Studio Available at Greenbelt Community Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites local ceramic and visual artists to apply for studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Applications are now available for one space beginning in March. Applications must be received by February 15.

The Recreation Department's Artist in Residence Program is open to visual artists (including film and digital artists as well as fine craftspersons) who are at least 18 years of age and are residents of Maryland. Each studio includes approximately 10' X 17' of dedicated space plus a shared sink and walkways in a former classroom shared with other artists. The Program provides 24-hour studio access and a stimulating atmosphere of creative camaraderie. A low monthly fee, security deposit, and liability insurance are required. All artists participate in monthly studio open houses and lead a once-annual community arts outreach project.

The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. For more information, an application, or an appointment to tour the studios, please contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, at 240-542-2057 or ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENINGS

Project Manager/Construction Inspector

This position requires a detailed knowledge of construction inspections, sediment control regulations and construction standards; including coordinating capital projects, ensuring that specifications are being followed and work is proceeding on schedule and within budget. The incumbent is responsible for providing technical assistance to the Director, other departmental personnel, the City Council, other departments and committees. The work is performed under the general direction of the Director, Department of Planning and Community Development.

Required experience, training and licenses: Bachelor's degree in construction management, architecture, engineering or construction science; or a related degree and two years' experience assisting or supervising construction projects of increasing complexity; or an AA degree with emphasis in engineering, architecture, public administration, planning, housing; or a related degree and five years' experience assisting or supervising construction projects of increasing complexity; or an equivalent combination of education and experience; or two years' experience as a senior inspector for building, housing, or civil construction inspection; possession of BOCA/ICC Certification as Building Inspector, Building Code Official, or other related certification. Valid Maryland automobile driver's license. Possession of or ability to obtain Maryland state certification for sediment control inspection authority.

Salary: \$46,779 - 49,836 DOQ, + excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

Recreation Coordinator

This is an entry level position. The Recreation Coordinator I, under the direction and supervision of the Director of Recreation and other supervisors, coordinates all aspects of one of the city's recreation centers. The work involves wide latitude for independent judgment and initiation and includes determining and supervising all phases of certain recreational activity. The individual in this position will be required to work evenings and weekends on an ongoing basis as well as a variety of special events.

Examples of Work: (Illustrative only)

- Assists in the planning, development, organization and supervision of recreation programs and special events;
- Assists in recruitment, selection and training of part-time recreation personnel;
- Enforces center rules and regulations;
- Provides light maintenance on various equipment and facilities;
- Evaluates specific recreation programs;
- Assists in completing and reporting monthly records to the Department;
- Assists in scheduling activities in city recreation centers and other facilities used for Department programs;
- Assists in publicity programs and acts as liaison to a variety of volunteers and civic organizations;
- Handles complaints and inquiries.

Good knowledge of the equipment and techniques necessary to successfully conduct a recreation program; good knowledge of the methods involved in organizing, conducting, promoting and supervising recreation program activities; good knowledge and appreciation of the philosophy and objectives of municipal recreation; ability to express thoughts clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; ability to lead and supervise others; ability to work without close supervision; initiative and enthusiasm.

Required experience and training: Bachelor's degree in Recreation or a related field; one year of responsible experience in recreation work; in certain circumstances, an equivalent of education and experience may be accepted.

Salary: \$34,507.20/year - \$16.59/hour + excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

Electrician

The ideal candidate will have the ability to understand and prepare electrical specifications as well as recommend solutions for providing or improving electrical service and/or fixtures. Adherence to the National Electric Code (NEC) and applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes is required for proper safety practices and code compliance. This position reports directly to the Facilities Maintenance Manager but may also receive direction from department heads and other City managers from time to time on special projects.

In addition to performing a wide variety of routine electrical, heating and air conditioning and plumbing tasks, this position also requires the ability to operate a bucket truck; dig small trenches; install breaker boxes, meter heads, and disconnect switches; run conduit and electrical and computer wiring; troubleshoot electrical problems; purchase supplies; assist outside contractors; and perform other building maintenance related repairs as needed. This position is also required to be on-call for one week every four to five weeks to respond to after-hours emergency service calls.

The successful candidate will have a high school diploma or equivalent, a Journeyman Level License, a valid Maryland Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or the ability to obtain this license within three months of employment, and at least five years of progressively responsible and complex electrical experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Salary : \$34,507.20/yr. + excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

Program Coordinator/ACE Reading Club

\$15-17/hr. salary range. Approx. 15 hrs./wk., flexible schedule. Position responsible for community based program that develops and supports youth literacy experiences. Work in close collaboration with local Youth Services Bureau and local schools. Travel required. BA or BS in English or Recreation preferred; prior experience working with children. Must be an organized, independent worker.

APPLY: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770; call Job Line 301-474-1872 to have application mailed or download from www.greenbeltmd.gov. EOE.

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was no Freecycle group here, she decided to start one. With some help from the Bowie group, she made it "official" and now she says "It's been amazing watching the whole idea grow in the last three years."

Most of the items listed in the group come from Greenbelt but there are also postings from nearby cities such as College Park and New Carrollton. Recent postings include offers of floor lamps, a film camera, a bread-maker, cans of cat food, a Welsh flag and a party game.

Thanks to Freecycle, our old couch has gone on to its fourth home, as did an old but much-loved armchair. My overcrowded irises were divided and given out to about a dozen different people. Outgrown baby things found new use in other homes and so did numerous other items. It was a good feeling to clear out that clutter and know that other people were enjoying those things. We also acquired a boy's bike, plants, herbal tea and a few other odds and ends. And so the circle of giving was complete.

How to Join Greenbelt Freecycle

To join the local Greenbelt branch of Freecycle, go to <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/freecyclegreenbelt/> or simply Google "Freecycle Network Maryland" then click on Greenbelt. Once you have joined, you can post messages offering the items you have to give away. For example, the subject might be "OFFER: couch, Old Greenbelt," with a few more details in the body of the message. Very soon, often within minutes, emails start arriving from people willing to come and pick up those things you no longer need.

So think before you throw anything in the trash! Could a local artist use those broken dishes for a mosaic? Might a child enjoy playing with those little plastic containers? It's worth sending out an email on Freecycle first, to see if someone else can use them.

The philosophy behind Freecycle is summed up in the mission statement of the Freecycle Network: "Our mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources and eases the burden on our landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community." It is a win-win situation for all!

If you always give, you will always have!
- Chinese Proverb

NASA FCU Has Formal Ribbon Cutting

December 10 was the grand opening for the new NASA Federal Credit Union's (FCU) Greenbelt branch at 10280 Greenbelt Road. Community members, executives from NASA and the Maryland-DC Credit Union Association, officials and guests from the county joined the NASA Federal Board of Directors and staff to commemorate the official opening of the new full service branch with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. More than 4,000 credit union members live within a mile and a half radius of the Greenbelt Branch.

"This is our branch of the future," said NASA Federal President and CEO Douglas M. Allman. "This new branch office will help us better serve the needs of our growing membership in the Prince George's County and Greenbelt market areas. This building was designed to create a unique member service-oriented environment versus what you might find at a traditional financial institution. The space allows for more personalized interactions, enhanced efficiency and prudent use of leading-edge technologies to streamline transactions. We are excited about our flagship branch and the additional level of services it will provide to our existing and future members."

"The credit union is equally proud of the eco-friendly features inherent in the branch's construction," Allman continued, "including a metal roof that used 50 percent less material, is 47 percent cheaper to maintain and reduces



Shown left to right at the NASA FCU ribbon cutting December 10 are Lewis Andrews and Frank Peñaranda (NASA Federal Credit Union), Brian Madison (Prince George's County Council), Melvin High (Prince George's County Police Chief), John Sissala, Robert Lively and Douglas Allman (NASA Federal Credit Union), Pat Thornton (Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation) and Jim Abernathy (Prince George's County Government Operations Office).

energy costs by having 45 percent less heat gain in the summer, the use of energy-efficient glass and light fixtures throughout and a natural gas generator, to name a few. And the building provides the infrastructure to meet our future growth needs."

Twenty employees will staff the branch, including representatives to help members with investments, business services and mortgages. The branch is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The new branch was designed with the latest in high-tech equipment for greater efficiencies and enhanced member service. For example, dialogue banking service counters enable NASA FCU

staff to interact side-by-side with members, cash/coin dispensing machines complete transactions faster and more efficiently, ATMs take deposits and cash, safe deposit boxes are equipped with biometric security, a self-service coin machine makes it easier to deposit spare change, plus Internet workstations are available for member use and a meeting room is open for community outreach activities.

NASA FCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned entirely by its members and operated for the benefit of all who belong. Chartered in 1949, NASA FCU serves the diverse needs of 68,000 members worldwide with a full array of financial services and the strength of more than \$870 million in assets.

Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

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



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- Uneven or unhealthy gums

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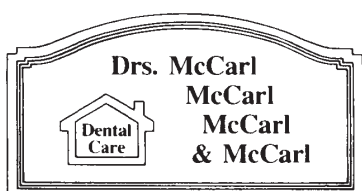


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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

January 5, 10:31 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was walking into an apartment building when a young man approached him. The young man struck him in the face with a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining the man's wallet, the young man fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male in his late teens to early 20s, 5'10", 180 pounds with black hair, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt or jacket and black pants.

January 6, 7:48 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a food delivery person reported that he was on foot attempting to make a delivery when he couldn't find the address and returned to his vehicle. As he walked back to his vehicle, he was approached by two young men. One of them displayed a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining money both young men fled the scene on foot. They are described as two black males, both 17 to 20 years of age, 5'9" to 5'11" and weighing 130 to 150 pounds. One had black hair in braids and brown eyes and was wearing a green sweat suit; the other had black hair and was wearing a gray hooded sweat suit.

January 8, 11:24 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a food delivery person reported that he attempted to make a delivery at an apartment residence but there was no answer at the door. As he exited the apartment building he was accosted by two young men, who punched and kicked him several times while announcing a robbery. After taking the delivery person's wallet, they fled the scene on foot. The victim was treated by ambulance personnel for minor injuries and released on the scene. The suspects are described as two black males 16 to 18 years of age, 150 to 170 pounds with black hair, each wearing a black jacket and black pants.

January 9, 10:37 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a food delivery person reported that he attempted to make a delivery at an apartment residence but the residents there stated that they did not place an order. The delivery person then used a cell phone to call the number given and a person said that he would be out shortly to get the order. A short time later a man approached him in the apartment building hallway displaying a large knife. The man demanded money and the food and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 20 to 21 years of age, 5'8" with a thin build, wear-

ing a black hat, a black jacket and black pants.

Drug Arrest

January 10, 11:25 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police responded to a report of suspicious persons begging for money. A man was located and police observed a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine sticking out of his pants pocket. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

January 9, 9:29 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident youth was arrested for trespass when he was observed on the mall property after having been previously banned by agents of the property. The youth attempted to flee the area on foot but was apprehended after a short foot chase. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

January 4, 4:31 p.m., 7700 block Mandan Road, it was reported that someone broke out the window of a residence.

January 5, 3:39 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) spray-painted graffiti inside an apartment building.

January 7, 6:14 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that someone threw rocks through a bedroom window, shattering it.

January 10, 9:40 a.m., Roosevelt Center, it was reported that unknown person(s) spray-painted graffiti on a trash dumpster.

Burglary

January 9, 8:49 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a break in was reported at a residence that had recently been vacated due to an eviction. A witness saw someone break a bedroom window, climb into the apartment and then exit with what appeared to be personal papers. The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a blue jacket and a black wool cap.

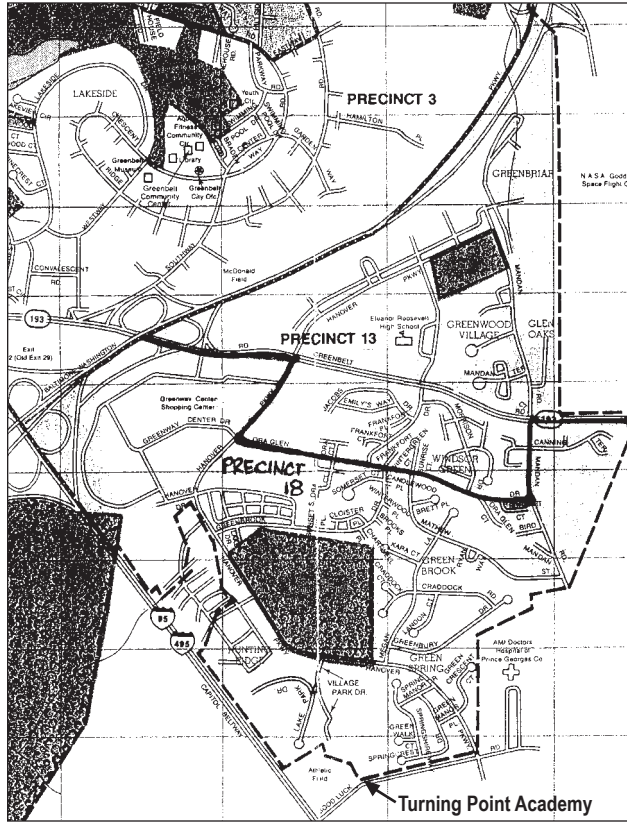
Vehicle Crimes

No vehicles were reported as stolen.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrest and two by outside departments with an arrest made in one recovery.

Theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 7300 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 38 Court Ridge Road, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road and 6200 block Springhill Court.

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line between the two precincts. This area includes most of the Windsor Green development and a piece of Greenbrook Village.

The polling place for precinct 13 remains at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Precinct 18

Precinct 18 contains the remaining portion of Greenbelt East not included in Precinct 13. The new precinct contains all of the area south of Greenbelt Road except for that part between Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road north of Ora Glen Drive. It includes the developments of Green Spring, Greenbelt Lake Village, Hunting Ridge and parts of Greenbrook Village and Windsor Green. The Hanover apartments east of Hanover Parkway also are within this precinct.

Turning Point Academy at 7800 Good Luck Road is the polling place for new precinct 18. This school lies within the corporate limits of Greenbelt but has a Lanham address.

Chorus Auditions At Univ. of Md.

The Maryland Chorus and Music Director William Culverhouse have announced they will hold community member auditions January 21 and 28 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center of the University of Maryland College Park. The chorus' spring season features Haydn's greatest masterpiece "The Creation" (May 2), plus a spring showcase of choral classics celebrating the legacy of the university's oldest and largest choral ensemble (April 6). Rehearsals and concerts take place in the state-of-the-art Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel.

This is an opportunity to sing with a chorus critics call "world class," "brilliant" and "among the world's best." To schedule an audition call 301-405-5571 or email umchoirs@umd.edu.

Audubon Bird Walk Is on January 19

On Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 a.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will host a half-day walk at the Governor Bridge Natural Area, one mile east of Route 301 on Governor Bridge Road in Bowie. This walk is for all from beginners to experts. Waterproof footwear is suggested. Meet at the parking lot. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

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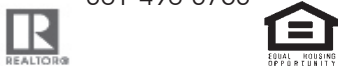
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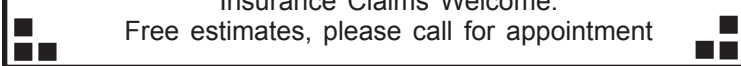
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Peace Corps Volunteers Tell of Experiences in Hot Niger

by Alex Barnes
and Brianne Boylan

Alex Barnes, who grew up in Greenbelt, and wife Brianne Boylan are Peace Corps volunteers assigned to a rural community in Niger. Alex is the son of Greenbelt's Alexander Barnes and Sandra Lange.

March 26, 2007
Winditan, Niger

I'm writing this from our home in Winditan. We moved here two days ago, even though the latrine was not finished. Actually, the latrine had not been started. And there wasn't a latch on the door to our hut. But there were posts for our concession (yard) fence. And putting the latch on the door was quick. And the latrine is done — mostly.

We are busy setting up our house, figuring out what next to purchase (like a bed frame for our mattress) and how to get food and water. We are also learning to cope with the heat. It is not hot enough to melt candles but it will be a month from now.

Winditan has a small shop where we can buy rice, oil, onions, batteries and cards for adding minutes to our cell phone. Winditan doesn't have electricity so I wonder how people charge their cell phones. We will charge our cell phone with a solar panel and batteries. I added an 11 Ahr motorcycle battery to our two 1.3 Ahr dry cells which we brought with us.

Most of what we want we can buy in Balleyara, four miles up the road from Winditan. Also in Balleyara is a Peace Corps (PC) transit house and our post office. If we run out of money, we have to go to Niamey [capital city] to withdraw money from our bank account.

Routine

Our first month in Winditan has been very busy. We have been setting up house and establishing a routine. Bri cooks and sweeps. I wash the dishes and clothes and fetch the water. Two weeks ago we bought our bed frame which we had ordered a month ago. Now we sleep outside since it is much cooler than inside, which is intolerably hot for sleeping this time of year. The highs have been around 115° F and the lows maybe 79° F. It felt cold enough to need a blanket the first couple of nights but not now. We tuck our mosquito net under our mattress in order to keep the scorpions out. We've seen two scorpions so far — they were two inches long and translucent white. There is also a smaller, black scorpion which has a nastier sting. I don't know which one is more likely to crawl into our bed.

We've also seen a snake and a chariot spider. The snake was dark gray, about a foot long and as thick as my finger. It was exiting our kitchen as I was about to enter. What timing! The snake turned around. Bri wanted to kill the snake but I wanted to follow PC procedure and summon the neighbors to kill the snake. Bri consented and the neighbors killed the snake quite easily and then threw the carcass into a nearby garbay tree. Our neighbors laughed at my jitteriness over the next couple of days. The chariot spider is so named because they carry scorpions



Alex Barnes and his wife Brianne Boylan pose with their Winditan neighbors.

ons on their back. The one we saw was small — only as big as my hand. Chariot spiders are translucent white and very fast. The one we saw ran up Bri's back and down her front before she could react.

A Visit

PC Volunteers Geoffrey and Christine visited one night, Geoffrey rode his bike 90 km (55 miles) from Niamey. They brought us pineapple and mangos. It was a great visit.

We went to the market in Balleyara where Geoffrey who loves marketing and bargaining helped us buy some bowls, a metal bucket and a wooden mortar for pounding grain. Our neighbor's tenaged nephew transported our purchases the 4 miles from Baleyara to Winditan on his donkey cart. He carried the mortar on his head from the market to his cart. He has also carried a table, a metal chest and water for us. Our neighbors built our concession wall out of millet stalks and loaned us a mattress for our guests.

Yesterday our neighbors put the door on our kitchen hut after they had finished the roof. I've been clearing the garden and watering a few plants. I've planted watermelon, pumpkin, amaranth greens (mchicha) and another native plant for greens and transplanted hot peppers. Bri and I planted sweet potatoes and she started a tree nursery. I transplanted some garbay trees which had sprouted in my neighbors' garden bed. My neighbors are growing hot/rainy-season tomatoes which I'm hoping to grow too.

Watering

Watering is hard because I have to carry the water uphill from my neighbor's well.

I'm hoping to build a cistern so that the water can be pumped into my garden. Our neighbors have a gasoline engine for pumping the water out of their well and underground plastic pipe for distributing the water to their garden. They also have a 10-foot-tall cistern for storing water for a low-pressure drip irrigation system.

I had a meeting with my neighbors to talk about saving money by buying gasoline in bulk instead of a litre at a time



Brianne rides on "Lucy."



The couple show off their new pump.

as they are now doing. Based on their use estimates, I think they could reduce their gasoline costs substantially. Next we need to figure out how to safely store 50 gallons of gasoline. When we return to Winditan, I'm going to talk with them about machine maintenance. I'm not an expert but I understand the operating manual, so maybe I can help. I'm not excited about the gasoline engine-based water system but that is what they have. Is it worse than a nuclear electric-based water system? I'll be looking for an alternative.

Mail for Alex Barnes and Brianne Boylan can be sent to them at Corps de la Paix, Balleyara, Niger, West Africa.

Energy Co-op Saves Businesses Money

The Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber (BWCC) provides value-added energy purchasing solutions to businesses, nonprofits, municipalities, churches and synagogues.

To learn more about the possible energy cost savings attend a no obligation educational session at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at the BWCC, 312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 104 in Laurel.

Call Shirley Redd, 301-725-4000 or 410-792-9714, to register. For more information, go to www.baltwashchamber.org and click on the Energy Co-op link.



We were thrilled to see that 9-year-old Linda Kuo's art won first place in the Washington Post's pleasures of reading contest. She received recognition from city council Monday night for her artistic accomplishment.

Kudos to Kenneth Silberman, deputy coordinator of Greenbelt-CERT, whose article was published in the "World Disasters Report 2007," a publication of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. At <http://www.ifrc.org/publicat/wdr2007/summaries.asp>, see chapter 4 for the article.

We were so glad to see the wonderful article in the Washington Post Metro Section on January 11 featuring volunteer work by Jon Bell of Ridge Road at Children's Hospital. News Review staffer Judy Bell is his proud spouse.

Congratulations to Marc H. Duncan, a senior in communications at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Penna., who was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Congratulations to Andrew Alesbury, who won the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Contest on Sunday, January 13 at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. He will represent Post #136 at the American Legion Prince George's County Oratorical Contest on February 9. Good luck Andrew.

Welcome to Becky Kurikeshu, a new student intern working with CARES' vocational/educational program. Kurikeshu is a graduating senior studying family studies at the University of Maryland.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

City Notes

Animal Control staff placed one dog for adoption, removed a bat from Greenbelt Elementary School, responded to several wildlife calls and picked up two cats from evicted tenants.

The Planning Department researched various issues relating to the request for the city to provide support services to the start-up of a farmers market in the parking lot of Roosevelt Center.

Public Works staff has moved to a temporary office trailer. Preparations for razing the old office and trailer are underway by the general contractor. Staff met with the architect, the general contractor, planning staff and another contractor to discuss the layout of the geothermal wells for heating and air conditioning for the administrative office. With the new retaining wall in place, some additional grading continued.

Museum Features Aviation Posters

Saturday, January 19 is the last day to view an exhibit of 40 aviation posters from the National Air and Space Museum at the College Park Aviation Museum. Dated from 1860 to the present, these posters represent many countries. This exhibit is included in the normal museum admission fee.