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Fourth Utopia Film Festival Links The City to Alaska and the Bronx

by Eli Flam

The world, in a cornucopia of tales and impressions, came to Greenbelt the weekend of October 24 to 26 via the fourth annual Utopia Film Festival. Two feature documentaries led the way as audiences sought out more than 40 independent works in four local venues.

The urban-focused "At Home in Utopia" won the festival's first-time Utopian Vision Award; "Alaska Far Away: The New Deal Pioneers of the Matanuska Colony" tracked some 200 hard-pressed rural Midwestern families who had been given a new chance during the Great Depression – even as happened in Greenbelt, where now a dedicated crew of volunteers continues to develop this broad-gauged festival.

Showings scheduled from midday into the night drew on a mix of themes domestic and foreign from comedy to civil rights to science fiction to war and peace. This viewer geared up at noon Saturday in the Community Cen-

ter with a program of experimental films keyed by two short, color-splashed abstract creations, "August" and "Polar."

Then "All That Remains" captured autumn light playing on abandoned homes, sheds, factories and other buildings where foliage and water often were reclaiming the sites. Ryan Marino framed his scenes with an artist's eye, an approach also used by Chris Lynn (the program's curator) in his "Nanjing Sunday," which juxtaposed everyday scenes in this canal-spliced Chinese city.

"Bus Stop," in turn, hurtled a public bus through Tel Aviv at an in-your-face pace. The program wrapped up with the counterpoised "Deconstruction Sight" and "Ghosts and Gravel Roads," each roughly 15 minutes.

The first of these, set in California with an insistent background of muffled drumming, in black and white displayed older buildings and their rubble being downed and cleared in contrast to lit-up highrise cityscapes.

"Ghosts" ambled in color through a remote, rural stretch of Saskatchewan where homes, vehicles and even a small town had been abandoned. Recurrently a hand pinned a snapshot of a child or group to a paint-peeling wall or a weathered fence post; at the end a small bird stuck in a house struggled to fly out a closed window, a weed-broken cement walk dead-ended in grass and the screen went black as a train racketed on the soundtrack.

1920s View

There was time to grab a bite in Roosevelt Center and find a seat in the quickly filling Municipal Building's auditorium for "At Home in Utopia." We saw how in the 1920s hundreds of recent, mostly idealistic Jewish immigrants to New York working in sweatshops – many of them active Socialists or even Communists from Russia/the Soviet Union – banded together to build the city's first co-op housing, an extensive apartment house next to the greenery of Bronx Park in an area newly reached by subway.

This self-styled "fortress for workers of the world" pushed a non-eviction policy and, with union and integration activists plus en masse marchers on May Day, often was called "Little Moscow." Renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, who grew up there, said the inner courtyards – filled with gardens the residents grew – and self-generated community activities "fostered a new social contract."

Military service in World War II and the GI Bill sent many of the co-op pioneers' children out in the world. One of them seen often and to good effect in the film's current footage – Yok Zeibel, born in 1924 and in the audience with his wife – took questions after the showing. A

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What Goes On

Monday, November 17 8 p.m., City Council Work-session – Briefing for TLC Transit Study, Municipal Building. (Live on Comcast 71 and Verizon 21)
Wednesday, November 19 7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
Thursday, November 20 7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room.
Saturday, November 22 2 p.m., Holiday Parade and Toy Drive, Beltway Plaza

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The Utopia Film Festival Offers an Impressive Array

by Sandra Lange

The Utopia Film Festival during the weekend of October 24 through 26 assembled an impressive array of artistic productions. Several documentary films this year were especially appealing. Alaska Far Away: the New Deal Pioneers of the Matanuska Colony described the community of Palmer, Alaska, 42 miles northeast of Anchorage. The film tells a compelling story using footage from 1930s documentaries and archival photographs.

There are striking parallels between the early histories of Palmer and Greenbelt; both were called an "experiment in socialism."

Palmer began in 1916 as a railway station on the Matanuska branch of the Alaska Railroad. In 1935 the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, established the Matanuska Colony, relocating 202 families, including 300 children, to Palmer.

Desperate for work and seeking to maintain an agrarian lifestyle, the families left their drought-stricken farms in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota for the promise of a house and 40 acres of land in Alaska.

Federal agencies engineered the largest relocation of people during that time period.

Trains carried the settlers west to San Francisco and Seattle, then a boat took them to Alaska,

where they arrived just four days after supplies had been unloaded to feed and house them. They lived for several months, in fact, in a hastily erected tent city.

After drawing lots for their land, many settlers had the daunting task of clearing a forest of trees in order to be able to plant their crops by the next spring. The government hired men to construct permanent housing before the first snowfall and the frigid Alaska winter set in.

Some families were despondent over the harsh living conditions. Children died from measles, polio and pneumonia. The newspapers called the project "ill conceived," "too far away" and "too costly." Many families returned home, unable to cope with the terrain and mosquitoes, lack of doctors and medical facilities, as well as the relentless wind and rain.

Only the resilient remained. These Depression-era families felt that the Alaska land offered them their last opportunity for hope.

As in Greenbelt, the colonists created a community cemented by bonds of friendship and common need. They formed the Alaska Rural Resettlement Administration. However, the town was not self-sustaining until World War II began and military bases were built nearby. The added population provided more people to buy

City Supports Trash-free Potomac River with Donation

by Barbara Hopkins

The City of Greenbelt demonstrated its support for a trash-free Potomac River by 2013 with a \$500 contribution to the Potomac River Outreach and Awareness Campaign for Trash (PROACT). Nevertheless, the contribution was not all that campaign organizers were hoping for.

PROACT is a comprehensive campaign to educate the public about trash problems in the Potomac watershed and also to involve citizens in finding solutions. The organization is an adjunct of the Trash-free Potomac Watershed Initiative formed by the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) in 2005. The group hopes to launch campaign materials and region-wide unified trash-free and antilitter messages at the fourth annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit in fall 2009.

Mayor Judith Davis signed the Potomac Watershed Trash Treaty for the city in 2006. Other sponsors of the initiative are officials from local, state and federal governments, nonprofit organizations and commercial enterprises. The initiative seeks to effect collaboration among the region's jurisdictions to address trash reduction in the Potomac watershed.

AFF is actively seeking financial support for PROACT from the corporate and private sectors. Along with other member jurisdictions from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Govern-

ments (COG), Greenbelt was asked to support PROACT with funding equaling five cents for every person in the city, which totals \$1,072, using the latest census figure numbering the city's population at 21,456.

The city council, however, decided to limit the donation to \$500 because contributions also have been sought for other important initiatives related to COG, such as a pedestrian safety campaign and an affordable housing trust fund. The city also is required to pay dues to belong to COG. Staff recommended that the city add a line item to the Public Officers Association budget to fund such future requests.

The item was approved on the consent agenda for the regular city council meeting held on September 22, which means it was approved outside the meeting. Though the topic was on the meeting agenda, it was not brought up and no discussion occurred within the meeting.

Among its other projects, AFF coordinated the 20th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup last April when 12,000 volunteers removed over 285 tons of trash from sites in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. AFF says its cleanup efforts have engaged over 45,000 volunteers and 250 partners since 1989.

New Action Center Is Now Online at the City Website

by James Giese

At the September 8 Greenbelt City Council meeting, Greenbelt IT Manager Dale Worley made a presentation about a new action center to be found on the city website. He visually demonstrated how it would work.

To access the center, a computer user will need to go to the city website main page at www.greenbeltmd.gov and click on the action center link.

The action center contains four options. The first is a listing of frequently asked questions (FAQs). To begin with, only the Public Works Department will be participating but eventually all departments will be included. Viewers may seek out the appropriate question dealing with their concern, click the question and find an answer provided by the department.

As a second option, if the list of FAQs does not help the inquirer, he or she may then write out a question and submit it to the city. There will be an automatic email acknowledgment of receipt of it. That will be followed up later by an email response to the question.

A third option is to submit a request for service or make a complaint. Mayor Judith Davis pointed out that the action center should not be used for emergency complaints since it will not be continuously monitored. Such complaints should be made by telephone. Again, the sender will receive an automatic acknowledgment and a later follow-up email.

The fourth option is a tracking device that will enable a person to find out the current status of an inquiry or complaint.

Worley also demonstrated how staff members with appropriate computer security clearances will be able to monitor the activity of the action center. If, for example, a request is not handled in a timely manner, it will be boosted to a higher level for response. Usage of the action center will be monitored as well.

At the time of the demonstration only one inquiry had been made. That was by Worley himself, to test how the system worked. The action center is now fully operational.

Letters to the Editor

THANK YOU

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their cards, letters, prayers and other offers of help since my accident. I'm recovering nicely and hope to be out on my own soon. I say it again: Greenbelt is great!

Irene Pavlish

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the voters of Maryland's Fifth Congressional District for re-electing me today. I never forget who hires me every two years and I will continue to work hard on their behalf.

During my years in Congress, I have worked hard to bring investment to Maryland and the local economy, including improving our transportation infrastructure, protecting the environment and improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay, strengthening the quality of education, and standing up for working men and women.

Looking ahead, I pledge to work in a bipartisan manner to forge solutions to the challenges that face us: strengthening our economy, creating jobs, ending our dependence on foreign oil and securing our nation.

It is a great privilege to represent my constituents in Congress and I am grateful for their strong support. Working together, there is much we can accomplish over the next two years to improve our nation, our state and our community.

Congressman Steny Hoyer

THANKS

Cub Scouts Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 would like to thank all the residents of Greenbelt who participated in our annual canned food drive. More than 1,500 pounds of food were collected and turned over to the food

pantry at St. Hugh's on Saturday. If you forgot to put your bag out or the scouts didn't see the bag on Saturday, please consider taking that food to one of the many churches or the collection box in Co-op, as local food banks are in need of help.

Thank you for your continued support of this drive and we hope to expand next year.

Thomas Wertz, Jr.
for Cub Scout Pack 202
Boy Scout Troop 746

Adjustment Needed In Occupancy Code

Having a baby can get you kicked out of your home in Greenbelt.

Under Greenbelt's occupancy code, the number of people who may legally live in a space is determined by the sizes of the bedrooms.

On Crescent Road, my neighbors, a mother and father, moved into a two-bedroom home, then they had their third child. Little did they know that our city's strict occupancy code limits them to a family size of four. Now our apartment manager, has told this family to leave and has promised to evict other children and their parents as well, solely because of family size.

Greenbelt was founded to provide modest, efficient housing and many early residents raised large families. It is said that many Greenbelt parents slept in the living rooms of their snug GHIs. A simple improvement to our occupancy code would be to allow living rooms to count as sleeping space, which is already done with efficiency units.

If a landlord needs to charge additional rent for fuller apartments to cover wear-and-tear or our city needs to allocate parking permits or noise ordinances are needed, that can all be done. There are sensible ways to make

sure families aren't a burden on their neighbors. My neighbors have offered to pay more rent but the landlord still plans to evict. What harm are they doing just by raising their children in a two-bedroom home?

Greenbelt's occupancy code applies to homeowners, GHI and renters alike. Our city council must act promptly before more families are swept up in this. Will my neighbors be only the first of an exodus of large families out of Greenbelt? Better start measuring your bedrooms.

John Stith

In a Hurry?

Around 5 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon while walking my dog on Ridge Road we came upon a dead squirrel whose tail was being blown by the wind. When we got closer I saw the animal was not dead but its whole body was writhing in pain. I tried to stop cars going by and finally a man stopped and I asked him to run over the animal to put him out of his agony. This kind man backed up and agreed to do this humane act to end the animal's suffering. I just want to thank this good man who ended the terrible pain of this innocent animal.

Deaths along Ridge and Crescent Roads are all too frequent – what does this say about our humanity if we are willing to sacrifice the life of others to get home a few minutes earlier?

Penny Koines

Discussion Sunday On Transit Cuts

The Greenbelt Disability Connection is sponsoring a discussion on Sunday, November 16 in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. regarding proposed cutbacks in public transit service in Prince George's County's transportation plan. While the goal of the meeting is to bring together residents with a common interest in transportation issues, other topics of concern include pedestrian safety, bicycle-friendly pathways and eliminating barriers between the different Greenbelt neighborhoods.

A limited number of rides are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 (evenings) or annasoc1@verizon.net for additional information, to request a ride or to volunteer a ride. For information on future events email terry.vanzetti@verizon.net.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Item:

- Proposed 2009 Operating Budget

GHI Key Agenda Item:

- Proposed 2009 Operating Budget 2nd Reading

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

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

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Corrections

In last week's Our Neighbors column, we greeted young Thomas Brandon Yarwood into the world but assigned him to the wrong dad. The proud parents of Joyce Yarwood's new grandson are Beth and Tom Yarwood of Luray. There is a John involved – but he's Uncle John of Alaska. The News Review does the best it can with handwritten copy; sometimes that's a challenge.

Clearly the placards that arose along area highways just prior to the election saying "Strengthen Schools, No New Taxes," were meant to encourage voters to support slots through Question 2 and vote against Question F, a new tax on cell phones. New funding for schools was a part of each proposal.

In writing our election story we got the placard story wrong – saying the signs opposed slots when, in fact, they encouraged support. Our thanks to the alert reader who caught the error.



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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program



The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days beforehand to ensure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 17 through 21 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet green peas, stewed apples.

Tuesday – Orange juice, breaded veal and cheese patty with tomato sauce, egg noodles, chopped collards, canned peaches.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup with crackers, baked chicken with curry gravy, chopped spinach, wild rice, mixed fruit cup.

Thursday – Orange juice, beef and broccoli, brown rice, mixed squash, banana pudding.

Friday – Cranapple juice, turkey breast with giblet gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, November 17, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee, GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, November 18, 8:30 a.m., Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, November 19, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee, Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee, Board Room

Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Holiday Bazaar

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Live Auction 1:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church
Hillside and Crescent

Nov. 15

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At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, November 20, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

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

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club held a business meeting on November 5 and we now have a slate of officers for 2009. Thanks to John Henry Jones and the Nominating Committee the Golden Age Club will be active another year. Election of officers will take place on December 3, the next business meeting.

To continue the list of thanks I'd like to add Ima Davis and Pauline Bordas. Ima originated the "Greeter" program and Pauline is continuing the activity. It's nice to be greeted at the door with a smile and a handshake.

Solange Hess, hospitality chair, gets a hearty "thank you" for managing our birthday lunches, seeing to supplies and directing helpers in the kitchen. I should include all the helpers and Esther Robinson for her extra help.

Ellie Rimar volunteered to be program chairperson next year. Thank you, thank you! She would welcome suggestions and names for future programs.

No meeting will be held on November 26 as we need time to cook our turkey and pumpkin pie.

Remember that age is only important if you are cheese or wine. Let's be kind to one another.

More kudos to follow in the next column.

Immler to Address Astronomy Club

Dr. Stefan Immler, an astrophysicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center and lecturer in cosmology at the University of Maryland, College Park, will be the featured speaker at the November meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Dr. Immler's research interests include the study of Gamma Ray Bursts (the most energetic events in the universe since the big bang), as well as the use of X-ray astronomy to investigate galaxies and supernovae. He will speak about "Energetic Explosions in the Universe."

A native of Germany, Dr. Immler received his Ph.D. from the Ludwigs-Maximilians University in Munich. He has done research at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Garching, Germany, as well as the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Penn State University.

BCWWG to Meet, Holds Woods Walk

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, November 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the media center at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

Under discussion will be several previous events – the Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek talk at the Community Center on November 13 ("Ozone – Good Up-High but Bad Nearby"), the Watershed Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, November 15 and the woods walk November 16 led by Joe Murray. In addition the group will schedule additional fall events. Everyone is welcome.

At the woods walk, Murray will talk about forest animals, how to survive in the woods and Native American concepts of how to care for the woods. Participants will meet at Northway Extended.

For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

GAIL Accessibility Program Launched

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program has announced a new initiative to enable seniors and disabled adults to remain in their homes as long as possible. To fund this program the city has been awarded \$40,000 in grant money. It will help qualified Greenbelt residents acquire home accessibility items or have modifications made to their homes. Allowable items include but are not limited to motorized stair lifts, grab rails and portable ramps. The program is open to residents 62 and over or disabled residents.

Participants must meet income qualifications (maximum income for an individual \$43,050 and for couples \$49,200). More information and applications are on the city website at www.greenbeltmd.gov or can be obtained by calling the GAIL program at 301-345-6660. This program was funded by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Community Block Grant Program.

Explorations Covers Feb. TV Transition

In order to continue watching over-the-air television after February 17 some viewers will need to take action to modify or replace their old style analog televisions. That is the date set by federal law requiring that all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format.

On Friday, November 21 Explorations Unlimited will offer a presentation by Samuel Rodriguez and Michelle Jones of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission on how consumers can be ready for the transition to digital television.

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

For more community events see pages 2, 4, 6 and 7.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Yard Sale & Bake Sale
Sat. Nov. 22
9am-2pm
Indoors

Proceeds benefit the GBC "Living Proof" Youtz Group

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Hearn Insulation Company will begin the 2008 Fall Gutter Cleaning on **December 1**, weather permitting. The process will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve your privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

will meet on
Friday, November 21st at 7:30 PM
Greenbriar Terrace Room, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway

Ryan O'Donnell, the Executive Director of Common Cause Maryland will speak about Common Cause's agenda in the upcoming General Assembly session, as well as their national initiatives.
All are welcome.

For information please call 301-386-0762
or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdcems.com>

Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Lions Club Present

17th Annual Holiday Parade and Toy Drive

Saturday, November 22 – 2 p.m.

Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Justin D. Ross, Greenbelt Police Department Honor Guard, Potomac Classic T'Birds, Bowie State Marching Band, Cheney State University Marching Band, Redskinettes, Honorable Mayor Judith Davis of Greenbelt, Misses Greenbelt, Ms. Maryland and Ms. Prince George's County, Santa and more!

Activities include Balloon Twister, Magic Shows, Face Painter, Rudolf, Snowman & Photos with Santa

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Local Artists Invited To Sell at Craft Fair

The City of Greenbelt, in partnership with the Greenbelt Writers Group, is inviting local musicians, writers and filmmakers to sell their work at the annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair December 6 and 7 at the Community Center. A space/booth application is required in advance.

Applications are due by November 21. There is no charge to participate but participants must volunteer for a two-hour booth sitting slot at a shared table. There is a fee for those who prefer to leave their work for sale and not to take a booth sitting slot. To obtain an application, email bdavis@greenbeltmd.gov or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Legion Meetings Nov. 18 and 20

A membership meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at the post home.

American Legion Greenbelt Post #136 will hold a general membership meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m. All veterans and members are welcome. At 6:15 p.m. a free meal for members precedes the meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 136 meeting will also be held on Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Greenbelt Post 136 is located at 6900 Greenbelt Road. For more information visit the website www.greenbeltmdpost136.org or call 301 345-0136.

New Deal Café Holds Membership Meeting

The New Deal Café will hold a special membership meeting on Sunday, November 16 at 6 p.m. in the Café, to consider nine motions to amend the bylaws and parliamentary rules. The proposed motions would change the membership year, make several non-controversial changes, correct grammatical and spelling errors, clarify proxy voting, add special rules of order, clarify the election process, add standing rules, clarify employee membership and increase the annual dues.

A summary of the bylaw proposals was advertised in last week's News Review. A copy of the full bylaws showing the proposed changes can be found online at newdealcafe.com or reviewed at the Café. Members are encouraged to attend and are reminded to update their annual membership dues prior to the meeting.

New Art Show Opens at New Deal

Beginning this week the New Deal Café has two new art shows on display that will run through December. An artist's reception will be held on December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The artists, Paul Downs and Eileen S. Murray, will be familiar to many Greenbelters. Both have displayed their work many times at the Café and the two shows comprise mostly new works. Murray's show also includes collaboration with visual artist Gary Jimerfield.

These shows are produced by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Beltway Plaza Holiday Parade and Toy Drive

On Saturday, November 22 at 2 p.m., the holiday season launches at Beltway Plaza



with the annual holiday parade sponsored by the shopping center and the Greenbelt Lions Club. It also marks the opening of the annual toy drive at the mall, where toys can be dropped in the big green and red box at Center Court.

In addition to the arrival of Santa, the parade will include a police honor guard, marching bands from Bowie State and Cheney State, the Misses Greenbelt and other county and state beauties, elected officials and other dignitaries. Following the parade there will be kids' activities in the mall – a balloon twister, magic shows, face painter, Rudolf, Snowman and photos with Santa.

GAIL Offers Free BP Screening

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program will offer free blood pressure screening from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays through December 3. The next screening will take place on Wednesday, November 19 in the Community Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The service will be provided by Kamen Bell, R.N. For more information call Christal Batey at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.



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9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service



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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.


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November 16, 10 a.m.
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To what do we pledge our lives? How do our beliefs relate to the way we live our lives? Members Muriel Morisey, Nancy Boardman and Charlie Winter join us in reflecting on these and other questions.



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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
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101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
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Our sympathy to Al Wildoner and his son Larry on the death of their wife and mother Margaret (Marge) Wildoner on November 1, 2008. Condolences to all the members of the Wildoner and Hand families.

Sympathy also to News Review staffer Kathleen McFarland on the death of her grandson Mick Dodge of Picayune, Miss., age 37, on October 27, 2008. He was the son of Lisa McFarland Tovar of San Pedro, Calif., and the late Larry Dodge; and the brother of David Dodge, currently residing in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Thomas Lloyd, son of Kathie Linkenhoker and grandson of Sandy and Fred Mooney of Research Road, who recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, So. Car. Tom is a 2008 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. His family and friends joined him for his graduation on Friday, November 7.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



City Information

NOVEMBER IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH!

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 17-20

Monday, November 17th at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION-BRIEFING ON TLC TRANSIT STUDY at the Municipal Building (live on Comcast 71 and Verizon 21)

Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30pm, PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, at the Community Center.

Thursday, November 20th at 7:00pm, FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD, at the Community Center, Planning and Community Development Offices. On the agenda: Review of Pumpkin Walk, Discussion of signage for Forest Preserve, Report on Greener Greenbelt Workshops, Review of Management and Maintenance guidelines sections 4-6, State Forester Application.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee. For more info call 301-474-8000.

PLAY GREENBELT WORKS!

To help celebrate Municipal Government Month, the City of Greenbelt has created an on-line quiz show about Greenbelt's Municipal Government. It's a fun video quiz for anyone to play. Kids in grades K-6th grade who either live in or go to school in Greenbelt can win a prize for playing! Hurry, only the first 150 kids that come in can get a prize.



Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov to access the quiz and for more details.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

101 Centerway 301-397-2204

Fall Mini-Session

Adult Water Aerobic Classes Only

Session Dates: Dec. 1 thru Dec. 19

Passholders and Residents register: Nov. 17 and 18

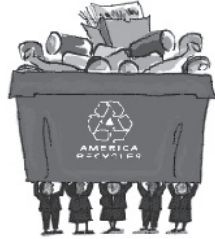
Open Registration: Nov. 19 until filled

Children's and Adult Swim Lessons not offered this session. Will resume early January!

For class listings download Recreation Brochure from www.greenbeltmd.gov

RECYCLE RIGHT

"WIN WITH YOUR BIN"



You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next few weeks. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day! Check out our website to see what goes in your bin:

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

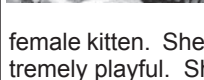


GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

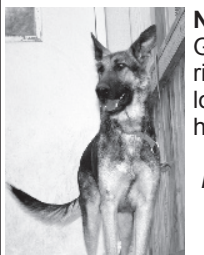
Greenbelt Pets of the Month



QUINCY: About 2 years old. Spayed female muted calico. Very friendly and loves people. She would love to go home and be your one and only special cat.



BELLA: Four month old gray female kitten. She loves people and other cats. Extremely playful. She will entertain you for hours!



NADIA: A 1 1/2 year old female German Shepherd. Shy and curious. She is very loving and is looking for a home that will give her attention.



For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124

Shelter Fundraiser

Friday, November 14th from 6-9pm Singles Shindig

Get together with other animal lovers for fun, music with a DJ, refreshments and more! Admission: \$5.00 donation or shelter supplies (food, blankets, toys, etc.). Have a great time with some really nice people and animals, too!

Free Puppet Show at the Greenbelt Youth Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to invite all pre-school aged children and parents to attend a free puppet show at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, November 21 at 10am. Blue Sky Puppet Theater will perform "Rofus". Rofus is about a lost and lonely dog finding friendship and learning about individuality. The show is targeted to pre-school aged children. If you have any questions please contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE

On Friday, October 31, the Greenbelt Recreation Department held its annual Costume Contest and Parade. Thankfully, this year warm and dry weather prevailed and the event was held outdoors at Roosevelt Center for the first time in three years. One of the largest crowds in recent memory gathered for the event as the costumed children paraded around Roosevelt Center collecting candy from the various Roosevelt Center merchants that graciously participated in the event. At the conclusion of the parade, the winners were announced and Greg May entertained the crowd with his "Mayhem Magical Circus." With such a large crowd and many great costumes, the judges faced a tough decision for the best costume in each age category. The following were the winners from each category:



18 month & Under, Owen Daffron, Cowboy
1.5 – 3 Years, Logan Balot, Witch
4 – 5 Years, Nicholas Willson, Indiana Jones
6 – 7 Years, Layla Nordrum, Mayan Goddess
8 – 9 Years, Marzien Branyan, Martian
10 -12 Years, Kelley Jo Wallace, Candy Corn Family, Aurena Komisar as Hannah Gruen, Charles Bury as Carson Drew, Amelia Komisar-Bury as Nancy Drew, and Ryley Komisar-Bury as The Purring Pumpkin

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank all of the Roosevelt Center merchants who assisted in the event by handing out candy to all of the parade participants. Without the cooperation and participation of these merchants, the Costume Contest and Parade would not be the success that it has become. Also, a special thanks to Mayor Davis and Councilwoman Mach for volunteering as judges for the costume contest. Finally, congratulations to Maria's Beauty Salon for winning the contest for the best decorated business front.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON

ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

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Week of Nov. 14

FRI. - SAT.

Saw 5, R

11:35, 1:50, 4, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30

Soul Men, R (!!)

11:20, 11:45, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50,

7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20

Quantum of Solace, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Madagascar 2, PG (!!)

11:35, 11:50, 1:50, 2:05, 4, 4:30,

6:10, 7:15, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30

The Secret Life of Bees, PG-13

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High School Musical 3, G

12:25, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30

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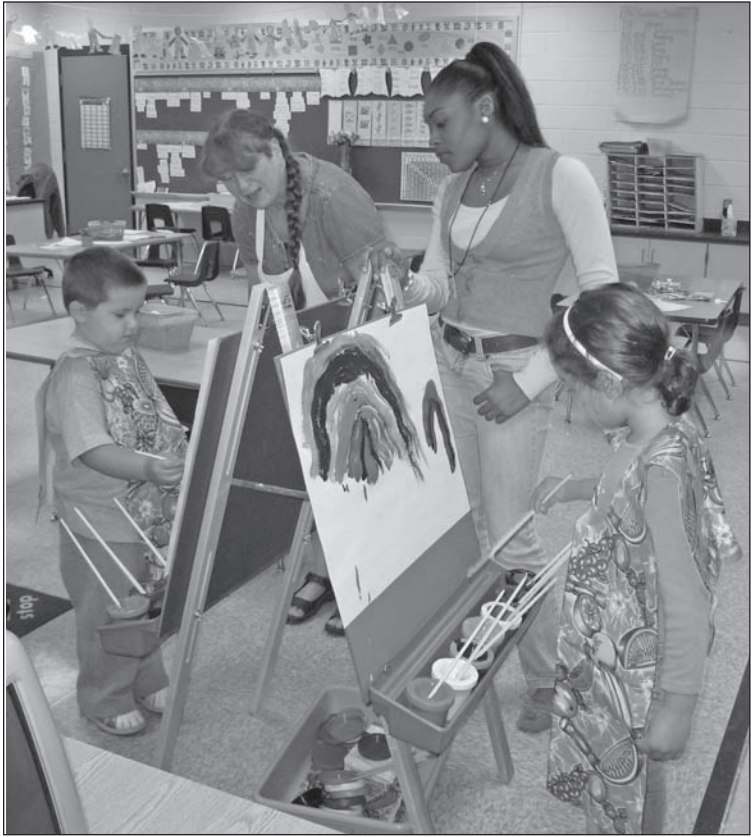


PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Students Jeremy Silver and Josephine Baur at the easel with Barbara Simon (left), the director of the program, and Ashley Prescott, the student intern from Eleanor Roosevelt for Ms. Cordek's kindergarten class.

New Greenbelt Elementary Program Blends Reading, Art

by Barbara Simon

This fall the kindergarten students at Greenbelt Elementary School began a new art project under the direction of Barbara Simon, artist-in-residence at the school. Every Tuesday morning, two children in each of the four kindergarten classes have the opportunity to paint at the new two-sided easels. The easels, one for each of the kindergarten classrooms, were bought this past summer by the school's PTA.

With the assistance of interns from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the children review the story read to them by their teachers the day before and paint a picture inspired by the story, which reinforces the reading pro-

gram. The stories cover a new theme every three weeks: the first theme this fall was "colors," which inspired some beautiful painting.

The four interns, who work with the kindergarten classes throughout the week, are seniors in the Child Development Parenthood Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School under the direction of Erica Brett. Alexis Bailey, Ashley Prescott, Lauren Sanders and Dominique Walker all hope to pursue careers in early childhood education.

This program was made possible by an Arts in Education grant from the Prince George's Arts Council.

Recycling Metal Items

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept the following metal items:

Metal and aluminum containers, such as beverage cans, soup cans, pet food cans, pie plates and empty aerosol cans.

Aluminum foil and metal lids.

Small pieces of scrap metal that fit in the recycle bin such as wire hangers, hoe heads or the metal parts of gardening tools.



Recycling Paper and Cardboard

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept the following Paper/Cardboard items: newspapers and inserts (plastic bags removed), computer and office paper, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, cereal and food product boxes (liners removed), corrugated cardboard packing boxes, computer printouts, books (including paperbacks, textbooks, and hardbacks), brown paper bags, non-metallic wrapping paper, and plastic coated boxes such as frozen food boxes.

Recycling Other Plastics

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept miscellaneous plastic items such as milk/soda crates, buckets with metal handles, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, coolers, hangers, flower pots, drinking cups/glasses, and empty plastic garbage/recycling bins. Plastic toys and plastic boxes are also accepted.

NOTE: If an item that to be recycled does not fit in recycling bin, place it next to the bin and clearly label the item "For Recycling."



Flu Shots Offered At Co-op Pharmacy

The Co-op Pharmacy will offer flu shots on Saturday, November 15 from noon to 2 p.m. in the second floor meeting room. Anyone 18 or older may receive a vaccination. The cost is \$20. Payment must be by cash or check. Those having Medicare or other health plans with coverage may submit the expense for reimbursement on their own.

This Week's Music At New Deal Café

On Friday, November 14 from 8 to 11 p.m., legendary jazz musician Buck Hill will perform with "Magic Ray Jazz." On Saturday, November 15 from 2 to 4 p.m., Bruce Kritt will play classical guitar and from 8 to 11 p.m. the "Covington String Quartet" will perform. The Café's jazz brunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday and local band "Jack Couldn't Make It" plays from 5:30-8 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. April Stace Vega will play an eclectic mix of musical styles on harp. Thursday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Songwriters Association of Washington will hold an open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information about these events call 301-474-5642 or check out the website at www.newdealcafe.com.

Reel and Meal At New Deal

The next Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will be held on Monday, November 17 at 7 p.m. and will feature clips of last summer's cross-country environmental march, with one of the walkers as guest speaker, talking about the experience.

Last summer, thousands of demonstrators gathered in Washington after a five-month journey across America to draw attention to the state of the environment and press for the protection of sacred Native American sites. Along the way they picked up 3,800 bags of trash and gathered a list of American-Indian worries – everything from concern about burial grounds under threat in Kentucky to fears about the future of the Arizona mountains threatened by ski resort development. One of the marchers, a Native American, Shanawa C. Littlebow, will be the guest speaker. He belongs to a Pueblo tribe Tigua and is from Seattle, Wash.

Dressed in traditional Native American costume, he will talk about U.S. government relations with indigenous Native American Indians today. He will also tell stories, recite poetry and show clips of the walk.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores environmental and social issues and is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase.

For further information email sr.kane@verizon.net.

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the farm produce grown in the Matanuska valley.

Today, Palmer, a town with 4,500 residents, is a thriving suburb outside Anchorage. A farming cooperative established in 1935 still exists and residents celebrate their heritage every June with a parade. Descendants of the first colonists still live in the area and operate farms.

Meaning of Tea

The showing of *The Meaning of Tea* drew about 100 people, who filled the chairs and sprawled on the floor of the City Council room in the Municipal Building. This film celebrates the charm and mystery of growing, brewing and the drinking of tea world wide.

Through excellent photography and interviews, the film makers captured the essence of a beverage that is beloved by people of many cultures.

In India plantation growers savour the aroma of tea leaves in much the same way as those who grow grapes for wine. In Morocco people believe that tea purifies the body and provides a sense of energy and spirituality. Generations of Chinese tea farmers honor their ancestors through the production of tea.

The Japanese tea ceremony is a ritual performed over centuries in exacting detail. The proper British household serves tea only from a silver teapot. The town of Tea, South Dakota (population 150) celebrates the drink with an annual parade even though its residents prefer coffee.

A sparse audience watched the film *Frontrunner* that documents the courageous struggle of a Muslim woman, Dr. Massouda Jalal, who ran for president of Afghanistan in 2004. Her opponents were Hamid Karzai and 16 other men.

Jalal confronts many obstacles, including police who tear down her posters and men who believe it is against Islamic law to be ruled by a woman. Even though Jalal did not win (she came in sixth), the film depicts her as a symbol of what women in a country where 90 percent are illiterate can strive to become.

Gervasi Film

Greenbelt's own Susan Gervasi was on hand to introduce her film *On the Trail of Jack Thorp*. Thorp collected cowboy songs and poems across the West and published his material in 1908 in a book called *Songs of the Cowboys*. Gervasi traces Thorp's adventurous life through a series of still photographs and interviews.

Thorp's poem, "Little Joe, The Wrangler" was made famous by several western singers in the

1920s and 1930s. The film laments the fact that Thorp was not compensated for the song nor has he been acknowledged as the premier collector and preserver of original cowboy songs and poems of this genre.

The films reviewed are just a smattering of dozens presented during the weekend by the Utopia Film Festival. The films represent interesting, entertaining and innovative ideas by many gifted film makers. They explore the human condition from the somewhat quirky *This American Gothic*, about a town trying to cash in on the symbolism presented in the famous Grant Wood painting, to the spiritual in *The Meaning of Tea* to several of the experimental short subjects.

The quality of the films at the Festival improves each year. The hard work of the organizing committee is evident and they should be pleased by the level of support that reaches beyond Greenbelt into the Greater Washington area.

Growing the Festival should be the goal of the committee in order that all films receive the audience attendance they deserve. Check the Utopia Film Festival website for ordering information on any of the films available on DVD.

FILMS

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young woman, seeing parallels in the Bronx co-ops (long converted to private ownership), said it was inspiring to see how people there pulled together. Zeibel said that as a kid he never felt the Depression: "Everybody helped out," whether it was for a meal or to look after a child whose parents were working.

The hour-long program, intercut with vivid personal and historical footage, is due to be shown on PBS stations nationally in coming months.

Look for the festival (utopia-filmfestival.org) to gain in stature and scope. Its long-standing committee of nine members, led by Chris Haley as director and backed by many other volunteers and supporters, deserves a vote of thanks for creating a viable and worthwhile new "social contract" of sorts here in Greenbelt.

The last showing this year featured "On the Trail of Jack Thorp" by Susan Gervasi, a festival committee member, who documented a pioneer collector of cowboy songs from the late 1800s; pioneers on all sides. Now can Utopia Film Festival find a broader audience for its fare?

NASA Holds Students' Hands-on Sunday

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt invites elementary school students and their families to the Visitor Center off Greenbelt Road on Sunday, November 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. for a free afternoon of hands-on activities that will simulate what it's like to be a NASA engineer. Students will get a chance to earn a NASA engineering certificate by building three types of small rockets: pop, straw and foam rockets.

The Sunday Experiment is

held the third Sunday of each month from September through May. "You get to act like scientists and engineers while building all types of little rockets and Hovercrafts, designing your own planets and stars and even trying your hand at being part of the manned spaced program," said Emilie Drobnes, founder of Sunday Experiment.

Visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/events/index.html> or call 301-286-4044.

Visit www.newsreview.com



PHOTO BY MEGAN GUSTAFSON

Author Nicole J. Burton autographs her books during Artful Afternoon.

Local Playwright and Author Shares her own Adoption Story

by Megan Gustafson

On the dedication page of *Swimming Up the Sun*, where playwright and author Nicole J. Burton dedicates the book to “adopted people everywhere,” she includes a verse from the book of Exodus: “For . . . I have been a stranger in a strange land.”

Thus does Burton describe the essence of her first book, which she read from during Greenbelt’s Artful Afternoon on Sunday, November 2.

Speaking in a confident and lively voice, her British accent still detectable though she moved to the United States with her family when she was in high school, Burton described the journey she undertook to find the biological parents she’d wondered about since the early days of her childhood – the journey carefully and artfully documented in *Swimming Up the Sun*.

The child of adoptive parents she called “progressive,” Burton said she had always known she was adopted and from a young age felt that she “came from out there,” and had told herself that “one day I’ll go and find them.”

For her, it went beyond curiosity.

“‘Curious’ is a code word. It’s instinct, a homing instinct. I was going to find my people,” she said.

She described the courage she had to muster within herself to

call the man she believed to be her biological father for the first time and the dilemma of discovering that, having found her birth parents, “What [am I] going to do with them?”

There are no etiquette books to guide one in these situations, she said.

Burton stressed that she grew up in a happy home and that her urge to locate her birth parents was not related to the quality of her childhood or her adoptive parents. By contrast, her also-adopted younger sister, Burton said, never had an interest in such a search.

Though her adoptive parents were “very supportive” of her search, she said their support came in different ways. Her father was supportive of her finding her birth mother but “more tongue-tied” about her finding her birth father and vice-versa, Burton said.

“All of them are ‘real’ parents,” she said of both sets of parents.

The issue of open versus closed adoption is, for Burton, “an up-and-down human rights issue.”

“We’re the only people who are denied our [original] birth certificates,” she said.

Open adoptions, which Burton added “could mean a whole number of things,” eliminate the need for adoptees to “spend so much time wondering, ‘where are my people?’”

News Review Meets, Elects Officers

The News Review, one of Greenbelt’s cooperatives, held its annual meeting of members on Sunday, October 26.

The meeting traditionally begins with dinner, this year catered by Chef Karim of the New Deal Café and declared delicious by the gathered News Review staffers. Dessert was a 71st birthday cake for the paper, which now begins its 72nd year of publication, we believe, as the oldest continuously published, co-operatively owned, free community paper in the nation.

After recognizing Virginia Beauchamp’s and Elaine Skolnik’s extraordinary longterm service (51 and 53 years respectively), reports on the business workings of the paper were made, each one mentioning the need for more community volunteers to participate in getting out the weekly paper. Whether it is in reporting news, editing and proofreading, running the business, selling ads or delivering the paper, there was no area where the need for help and for back up of critical staffers did not come up.

Virginia Beauchamp stepped down from the board, citing her years of service, leaving a board vacancy that was filled by Helen (Nell) Sydavar, who has been scanning and handling photos for several years and also recently began taking photographs for the paper. The newly elected board met immediately afterward to select their officers for the coming year.

Eileen Farnham continues as president, Tom White is vice president. Diane Oberg, who has been serving as business manager since Ron Wells’ departure, asked that someone else be treasurer and Judy Bell stepped forward to do so. Jim Giese will be secretary for the coming year, with 2007-8 secretary Pat Davis joining Oberg and Sydavar as board members.

“Rocky Horror” Comes Out Strong – for Adults – at GAC

by Robin Everly

Ready to do the time warp for either your first or 50th time? Then be sure to go see a superb musical production of Richard O’Brien’s “The Rocky Horror Show” currently playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). The play was first performed in 1973 in the United Kingdom. It was made into the cult movie classic, “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” and featured at the time unknown actors Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick. Both the play and movie have the same comedic, unconventional plot. Not only the plot but also outrageous audience participation has made Rocky Horror memorable and fun for over 30 years. The audience dresses up like the characters, retorts with off color and clever comments, brings in props for use during certain scenes and dances “to the time warp again.”

The story is about a young, newly engaged and innocent couple stranded in a rainstorm because their car has a flat tire. After walking a bit they come upon the dark, haunted castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. Brad just wants to make a call and then he and Janet will be on their way. However, Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite mad scientist, has other plans that lead to a night of debauchery and unforeseen twists. The Narrator, played by Bill Jones, provides a deadpan explanation of the story, so what you are really seeing is his unfolding of the tale.

The special midnight Halloween showing was electric with a sold out crowd. The audience was very participatory and familiar with all things Rocky Horror. The performances of the entire cast are outstanding. The musical numbers are accompanied by live music performed expertly by musicians

Jennifer DeLong (piano), Rob Weaver (guitar), Meagan Frame (bass), Judith Bourzutschky (synthesizer) and Peggy Cross (percussion) with conducting by director Jeffrey Lesniak.

The standout performance is Eric Jones as Frank-N-Furter reminiscent of Tim Curry’s definitive doctor. Eric plays the character with a commanding and confident yet witty air. It’s a delight to watch. Stephen Backus and Denise Levien, who play the young couple, do a great job going from young innocents to willing participants. Several cast members, Pippin Herlinger (Rocky), Rachel Jae (Eddie/Dr. Scott), Robin Samek (Columbia) and Eric Jones are making their GAC debut. The singing by all the actors is also terrific, especially Dana Robinson’s (Magenta) “Science Fiction/Double Feature” at the beginning and the end of the play. The costuming and set design are some of the best I have seen in a GAC production.

While highly recommending this production of Rocky Horror I must register a disclaimer: The play is for mature audiences only. In addition, if you are over 18 years old but offended by frequent and liberal use of what the late George Carlin refers to as “the seven dirty words” or uncomfortable with implied sexual situations, then the play is not for you. However, if this doesn’t deter you, then go – do the time warp and enjoy the show.

The Rocky Horror Show is playing November 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee on November 16 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Go to <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org> or call 301-474-8770 for more details.

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For details contact Bill Duncan at billdsail@aol.com or 301-345-6515.

Smith Center Offers Chamber Music

On Monday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will offer Chamber Music at Maryland, Part 1. This is the first of a two-part free concert in Gildenhorn Recital Hall featuring student string, woodwind, brass and piano ensembles. The second part will be performed on Friday, November 21.



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2008 Labor Day Festival Parade Winners Named

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Best in Parade Greenbelt Reel Lawn Mower Precision Drill Team

Best in Parade Fire /Emergency – Maryland Park Police

Best in Parade Muscle /Classic Car: '67 Chevy – James Hill, Jr.

Most Humorous Greenbelt Reel Lawn Mower Precision Drill Team

Best Pet Unit Greenbelt Dog Training

Best Performing Group ERHS Varsity Cheerleaders

Best Novelty GATE: Utopia Film Festival – Marilyn Monroe

Best Theme ERHS Poms for puppet theme

People's Choice S.I.T.Y. Stars

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- 2. Miss Greenbelt Pageant
- 3. GES PTA – Cat in the Hat

Community

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Automotive

- 1. Green Transportation
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- 3. Montgomery Blair Robotic Team

Fire/Emergency

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- 3. La Plata Fire Dept.

Performance/Drill/Marching/Dance Unit

- 1. ERHS PEP Band
- 2. Seabrook Seahawks Pathfinders
- 3. Boys & Girls Club Cheerleaders

Muscle/Classic Car

- 1. '67 Chevy – James Hill, Jr.
- 2. New Carrollton Police Classic Camaro



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Above: The Lone Ranger rides again.

Top right: A Marilyn Monroe look-a-like promotes the Utopia Film festival.

Second from top at right: The Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars perform for the judges. From left to right Briana Thezard and Kendall Crawford watch Bailey Woodruff jump as Coach Kim Bradshaw turns the ropes.

Third from top at right: Greenbelt Homes, Inc. won first place in the Float category.

Bottom right: The ERHS Pep Band earned first place honors.

Doris Luckett enjoys the parade with 5-month-old grandson **Spike Hannon**.



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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

November 1, 2:06 a.m., 7900 Good Luck Road, a man entered the 7-Eleven store armed with a shotgun. Patrons and then the man ran from the store. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 20 years of age, 6', 180 pounds with black hair, wearing a blue jacket with a logo on the left sleeve and blue jeans.

November 2, 6:50 p.m., 100 block Westway, a man was approached by four teenagers. One of them struck the man, knocking him to the ground. After taking his suitcase, all four teenagers fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as four black males in their teens, 5'9", with medium builds and black hair; three were dressed in all black and the fourth was wearing a white sweatshirt and black pants.

November 3, 8:13 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane, a person was tackled by two men, who then took the person's shoulder bag and fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a Latino male in his 30s, 6' with a medium build, wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and white sneakers; and a Latino male in his 30s, 6' with a medium build, wearing a black jacket, faded blue jeans and black and blue shoes.

November 3, 8:21 p.m., 100 block Westway, a man was approached by one of five people who punched the man and demanded money. He said that he had none and all five suspects fled the scene. The suspects are described as four black males and a black female. One male is described as 14 to 15 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 160 pounds, wearing dark clothing and ski-type mask.

November 3, 8:36 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive, a non-resident youth was arrested after being positively identified by a food delivery person. The youth was one of three persons who allegedly attempted to forcibly take food from the delivery person. The other two suspects who fled the scene are described as a black male, 16 to 25 years of age, 5'5" with a thin build, wearing a black long-sleeve shirt and blue pants; and a black male 16 to 20 years of age, wearing a white long-sleeve shirt and blue pants. The youth, who was also arrested for false statement, was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

November 3, 9:02 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a person took a woman's purse while pushing her to the ground. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with a thin build and black hair, wearing

dark pants and possibly a red vest.

November 4, 8:26 p.m., 100 block Westway, a food delivery person was assaulted by one of two men who took the food and fled the scene on foot. One suspect is described as a black male, 20 years of age and 5'9".

November 5, 7 p.m., Greenway Center, a man entered Radio Shack, implied that he had a weapon, took a cellular phone and then fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 20 years of age, 6'2" with a thin build, wearing a jacket, black pants and a black skullcap.

Handgun Arrest

November 2, 12:10 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with carrying a handgun, possession of a firearm with a removed serial number, possession of a firearm and ammunition under the age of 21, false statement and rogue and vagabond after police investigated a report of vehicle tampering. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. On November 5 a warrant was obtained charging a man of no fixed address with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia in reference to this same incident.

Assault

October 27, 11 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a petition was filed for assault and disruption of school activities for a resident youth after a physical altercation with another student in the cafeteria at the school. The youth was released to school administrators pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrest

October 28, 2:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and released to school administrators pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Theft

November 3, 4:07 p.m., Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Road, a youth pulled a media player from person's pocket and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 15 years of age, 5'5", 100 pounds, with black hair, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

Vandalism

October 30, 10:16 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) spray-painted the front door of a residence.

November 1, 9:28 a.m., 30 Court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to

break out the front door window of a residence.

November 1, 5:34 p.m., 11 Crescent Road, two resident youths were arrested for vandalism and were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

November 1, 6:14 p.m., 7000 block Mathew Street, three to five black females spray-painted an electrical box and a vehicle.

November 1, 8:08 p.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the sliding glass door of a residence.

November 3, 9:12 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) spray-painted graffiti in a stairwell and on a nearby tree.

November 3, 9:32 a.m., Roosevelt Center, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on a wall.

November 3, 7:15 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) broke out the front glass door of an apartment building.

November 4, 9:46 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

Burglaries

October 31, 1:38 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a television, a digital camera and cash were reported as taken.

November 5, 11:14 a.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1998 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1997 Honda Civic 2-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; and a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door from Beltway Plaza. A gray 2003 Lincoln LS 4-door, Maryland tags 7CHZ89 was taken for unauthorized use and a summons was obtained for a resident man. In addition, attempts were made to steal vehicles at 13 Court Ridge Road and at Market Lane and Springhill Drive.

Five vehicles were recovered by outside departments with no arrests made.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (flattened tires), the 6000 block Springhill Drive (scratched paint) and the 6900 block Hanover Parkway (scratched paint).

Theft from vehicles occurred at the 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear tag); the 7200 block Hanover Drive (GPS unit); the 7200 block Hanover Drive (tires, rims); and the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents - GPS units, wallet, digital camera).

All in the Family ...



The Ramirez-Skolnik family celebrated Halloween by dressing up as a popular storybook characters - Shayna (Papa bear), Ramon (Goldilocks), Aliya (baby bear) and Sabina (mama bear). More photos of Greenbelters in costume can be found on page 14.


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Top left: Dignitaries salute the colors presented by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior ROTC.



Top right, from left: Lance Emond of the New Hampshire National Guard, Private Thomas Lloyd of the USMC and Joe Beam, past commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, stand with their rifles.



Bottom left: Kent Hill plays taps at the Veterans Day ceremony.



Bottom right: Wreaths were placed at the Veterans' Memorial in Roosevelt Center.

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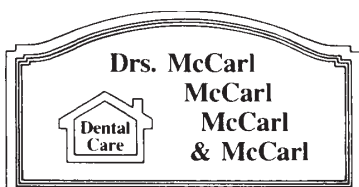
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Hostess Martha Tomecek enjoys a Dragon tongue bean while Jonathan Gordy looks on.

Int'l Kitchen Gardeners Day Celebrated in Greenbelt

by Brian St. George

One Sunday last summer about 20 adults gathered at a GHI unit on Laurel Hill Road to share the bounty of their Greenbelt gardens. Gardeners brought culinary combinations of their individually grown produce and some store-bought ingredients. International Kitchen Gardeners Day is recognized around the world as a day to prepare food for family and friends from one's own garden. Kitchen Gardeners International is a 501c3 nonprofit, whose mission is to empower individuals, families and communities to achieve greater levels of food self-reliance through the promotion of kitchen gardening, home-cooking and sustainable local food systems. Greenbelt gardeners prepared a variety of hearty and savory dishes. They discussed the physical and psychological benefits of gardening as well as the challenges of growing one's own food.

All present agreed that weeding, pest control, watering and finding the time are hurdles to overcome but the benefits are worth the effort. Most cited the pleasures of being outside and engaging in a psychologically and spiritually rewarding process of growing one's own food. Though gardening requires some physical effort, it can be practiced in a variety of ways to allow everyone to get involved.

Some of the dishes prepared included: ginger-marinated okra, tomatoes with basil and mozzarella, Greenbelt pickles, butterfly pasta in pesto, fried green tomatoes, grilled squash and sweet peppers, Swiss stew and peach cobbler. Iced tea made with locally grown mint and Stevia had been prepared. There were also some unique varieties of beans called "dragon tongue," characterized by an undulating shape and purple streaks. According to Martha Tomecek, the hostess and organizer of the event, beans are said to reduce high blood pressure.

Tomecek, a scientist working on climate change at BARC and part of the Greenbelt gardening community since 2000, commented on why she decided to host the event. Interested in sharing the gardening knowledge that exists among Greenbelt gardeners, Tomecek indicated that the event was intended to "explore the various venues of good food, grown locally – that's what's it all about." A representative from the Greener Greenbelt Initiative was on hand to learn about growing vegetables in courts as a way to increase the sustainability of Greenbelt.

Information about International Kitchen Gardeners can be found at <http://www.kitchengardeners.org>.

1948 GHS Class Celebrates 60th Reunion

by Kathleen McFarland

The president of Greenbelt High School's class of 1948, Jim Williams, at one time Greenbelt's police chief, gave the opening remarks at the 60th reunion of the class at a luncheon Friday, October 3 at the Sir Walter Raleigh restaurant. Thirty attendees were present, including classmates from Virginia, Florida, Texas, Kansas, Pennsylvania and California as well as the local area. Old and new pictures were on display; there was excellent food and lots of reminiscing.

This class, with 125 graduates, was one of the largest ever of Greenbelt High School, which was open from 1938 to 1951. The first class had only six students and classes were held on the upper floor of Center School (now the Community Center). The new high school was completed by 1939 and still stands, although it was greatly enlarged in later years. Today it houses Greenbelt Middle School.

History

Students at Greenbelt High were drawn not only from Greenbelt but from Berwyn, Berwyn Heights, Branchville, Hollywood and Beltsville. There was no gymnasium so the basketball teams practiced and played their

games in the gym/auditorium at Center School; the baseball and soccer teams used Braden Field. The State of Maryland changed from a 7-4 system of grades to the junior high system of 6-3-3, so there was no junior class in 1948 and thus no graduating class in 1949.

In 1948 7th and 8th grades attended the high school along with 9th, 10th and 11th grades, the last being the graduating class of 1948. The 8th grade would become the last class to graduate from the school in 1951. The class of 1952, who had attended school all their earlier years in this building, were transferred to the new Northwestern High School in Hyattsville for their senior year and graduated from that school. Greenbelt High School had become Greenbelt Junior High School.

Old Grizzlies Picnic

Many friends in town for the class of 1948 reunion came the next day to the annual picnic of the Old Grizzlies. The grizzly bear was the mascot of the Greenbelt High sports teams who were known as the Grizzlies.

Fourteen years ago, the late John Martone, a star athlete of the class of 1948, started inviting old high-school friends to an annual barbecue/picnic at his place

on Golden Beach in St. Mary's County. This was a sports-related group, including athletes from the early years at the high school such as Julius Andrus, Bob Egli, Lynn Buck, Leroy Clark, Bob Sommers and Donnie Wolfe as well as Martone's contemporaries. Ben Goldfaden, the Recreation Department pioneer who was a coach and friend to many of these men, often attended.

After Martone's death in 2001, the parties continued at different locations. For the past several years they have been held on the lawn of American Legion Post 136. Wives have been included in recent years.

This year 66 people attended, the largest group ever. The next day, many of the attendees enjoyed a Sunday brunch at the Legion before saying good-bye to their old high school friends.

Kathleen Scott McFarland, a Greenbelt Pioneer, graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1944.

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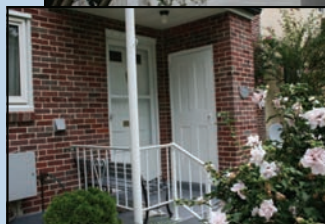
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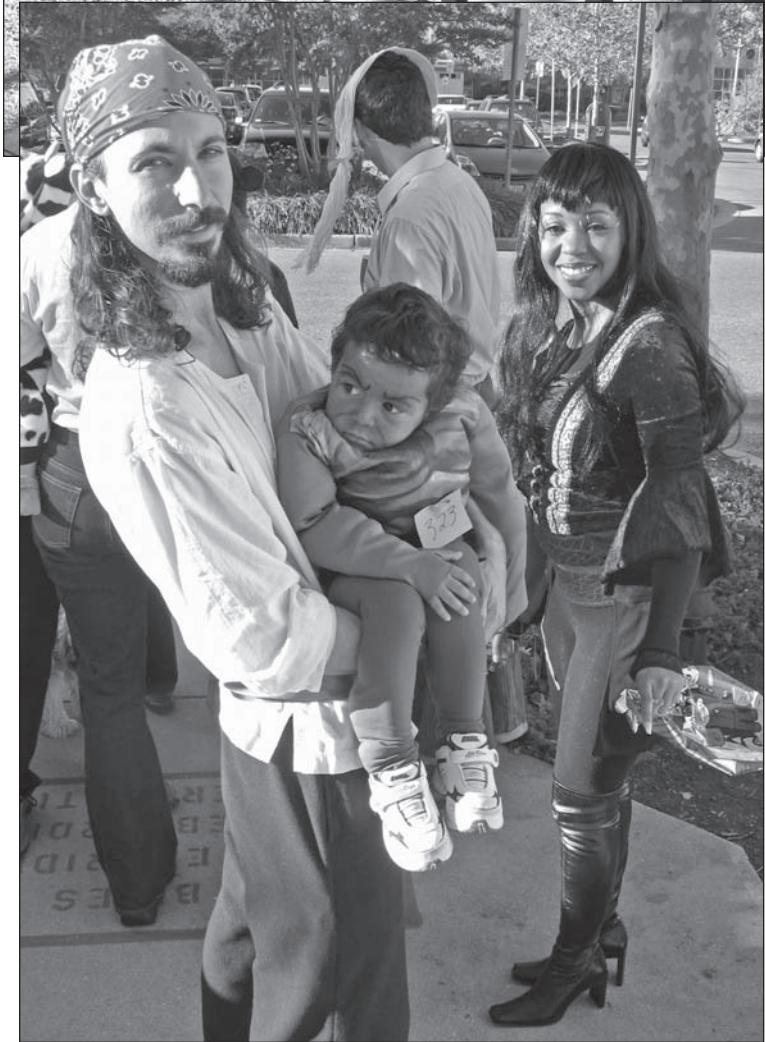
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Parental Involvement Enhances Learning at Nursery School

by Chris McComb

This is the last in the series of articles about Greenbelt's cooperatives. For several reasons its publication has been delayed beyond Co-op Month, which was in October.

Nearing its seventh decade as a city fixture, Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) sets itself apart from other early learning programs with its status as a cooperative in which each family is required to participate actively in the classroom as a teacher's aide and on the committees that run the school.

The experience offered by co-op schools is remarkably different from that found in a traditional school setting. The most obvious distinction is the amount of involvement expected from the families.

While family participation moderates the tuition, the time factor can be a deterrent for some parents. Most parents at GNS, however, delight in the experience and it is, in fact, the involvement that attracts them to the school.

Parent Genia Kenschaft, a former high school teacher in both public and private schools, believes that parent participation makes "a better school and a better community." Kenschaft states that "as a former teacher, it became obvious to me that children whose parents were involved in their education were the children that succeeded in the classroom. I like the fact that I can contribute to my child's learning environment and to the learning environment of the children in my community."

This sentiment is shared by many GNS families who believe that the school's unique atmosphere can be attributed to the required involvement of the parents.

Founded in 1942, the Nursery School is one of the oldest cooperatives in Greenbelt and one of the oldest teaching cooperatives in Maryland. For the 2008-2009 school year, nearly 80 children are enrolled in the school's programs and more than 90 percent of the enrolled children have parents who are committed to full or limited co-op status.

Even the parents who are not able to work as classroom aides maintain involvement through various committees. Dannielle Bietzell has two children enrolled in the school and though she chooses not to work in her children's classrooms so she can pursue her own education, Bietzell remains heavily engaged in the school, serving as one of 10 members of the board of directors.

Bietzell was attracted to the school because "the tuition was lower, the classroom ratio seemed smaller and I had really good feelings from the parents and teachers

I met . . . I felt my daughter would be safe, well cared for and have a great learning environment available to her."

Teaching Staff

The school employs nine staff members, including eight teaching staff, all of whom are well trained and experienced in dealing with children at all developmental levels. All of the teachers and teaching assistants participate in the Maryland Child Care Credential program, which recognizes child care providers who pursue continued education and professional activities beyond the requirement of state licensing regulations.

The cooperative status of the school also puts the teaching staff in a unique position. Teacher Pamela Hamlin admits to having been "a bit intimidated" at first by having parents in her classroom, a common sentiment among co-op teachers. Once she grew accustomed to the parental presence, however, she began to appreciate the overriding value of their involvement.

"I like having them see how things 'really are' . . . I also enjoy talking and getting to know them and a bit about how things are at home. I really love my job!"

Director Lisa Meyer is also a teacher in the Farm Room, a space devoted to two- and three-year olds. A source of pride for Meyer is the school's accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a process designed to help families identify high-quality child care and early education programs. The school was first accredited in 2002 and later was among the first in the nation to achieve accreditation under the NAEYC's updated process in 2007.

While the school's programs focus on play, the staff organizes daily activities in art, music, literacy, math and science. A benefit to having parent aides in the classroom is an ability to enhance the planned activities with the talent of the parent aides. For example, parents with musical talent often bring in and play their instruments for the students; some with artistic bents have prepared and taught in-depth art projects.

Diversity

Diversity is another compelling facet of the school. Co-op parents commonly share cultural traditions surrounding holidays that they may celebrate at home.

For example, the family of an Iranian student shared their experiences with Nowruz, the traditional Iranian new year holiday and set up a table as it was decorated at home for the seven "S" words of the holiday; and the family of another student shared their celebration of Eid at the end of Ramadan by dressing in appropriate clothing from their native India.

A further advantage to cooperative schooling is the experience it provides to the parents. Co-op parents have the opportunity to witness how their child behaves in a group setting, how other children in the same age group behave, as well as how a school program works. That increased supervision extends to the students' experiences at home. Teacher Hamlin says "I feel that [the co-op parents] are more supportive since they see what is going on and can reinforce ideas at home."

Many parents who do not have background in early education find that the experience greatly enriches their abilities as parents. James L. Hymes, Jr., former president of the NAEYC, further notes that "A co-op child is apt to be surrounded by a common point of view 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The child is apt to get more consistency in guidance and more richness in stimulation, home and school and school and home."

While a large proportion of the school's students live in Greenbelt, many within walking or biking distance, the distinctive atmosphere of the school draws families from outside the city, including College Park, Bowie and even Washington, D.C. Regardless of the distance of their commute, families believe that GNS embodies the communal spirit of Greenbelt.

As parent Dannielle Bietzell says: "I was attracted to GNS because it maintained that overall friendly feel of Greenbelt that I had come to love."

GNS offers half-day nursery school programs for children aged two to four, with two, three, four or five days per week options, as well as extended care. The school is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. It holds an annual open house in late February and invites families to visit the school, observe and talk with the director at any time. For more information visit the GNS website at greenbeltnurseryschool.org.

Chris McComb is a parent of a current student at Greenbelt Nursery School.

From the recent online survey Greenbelt readers suggested that this newspaper include more details about local sports events. While we don't always have reporters available to cover the many sports activities in Greenbelt, we are happy to include news of these events when we receive the details. Below are articles that were submitted by two area coaches.



Pictured (left to right back row) Coach John Pedersoli, Julia Peder-soli, Sophie Bernheisel, Barbara Turnbull, Madison Maragliano and Jasmine Goggins. Front row Catherine Peterson, Marzieh Branyan, Sofie DaBelko, Alexandra Sherman and Sarah McCarthy. (Not pictured are team members Annina Commins, Katie York, Megan Dass, Yolanda Ford and Elaina Perry.)

— photo by John Pedersoli

Greenbelt U10 Girls Soccer Finishes Season 5 and 1

by John Pedersoli

The Greenbelt U10 girls soccer team finished their regular fall season with a 3-1 victory over Marlboro finishing with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss.

Leading scorers for Greenbelt were Madison Maragliano, Julia Pedersoli, Barbara Turnbull and Jasmine Goggins. Alexandra Sherman was perfect as goalie this season with no goals allowed! Assisting on offense were Marzieh Branyan, Sofie

DaBelko and Catherine Peterson. Defense was assisted by Sophie Bernheisel, Katie York, Annina Commins, Megan Dass, Yolanda Ford and Sarah McCarthy as goalie.

Greenbelt will finish the season by playing in the Beltsville-Adelphi Fall Harvest Classic Tournament November 8 and 9.

John Pedersoli is the coach of the Greenbelt U10 girls soccer team.

Raider Football Completes Successful Regular Season

by Jim Inzeo

The Greenbelt Raider Football program enjoyed its best season ever. Every team earned a berth in the playoffs and the overall record was 23-10-1.

The 65-lb, 75-lb and 150-lb teams will have played their playoff games by the time the next News Review is printed. The 65-lb team ended the regular season 6-1 and will have played New Carrollton for the division championship. The 75-lb team concluded its regular season with a 6-0-1 record. They will have played Marlboro for the division championship. The 150-lb team completed the regular season at 3-3 and will have played South Bowie in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs. If victorious,

the 150-lb team will play Glenarden Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the PGCB&GC Park. The 85-lb team ended its season this past Saturday, losing to Silver Hill 18-0 and finishing with a 4-4 record. The 95-lb team advanced to the semifinals with a 19-0 win over Fort Washington. With the victory, the 95-lb team improved to 5-3 and will play Glenarden Saturday at noon at the PGCB&GC Park.

For more information about the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club football program call Jim Inzeo at 301-441-2426 or visit the website at www.greenbeltbgc.com.

Jim Inzeo is the Greenbelt football commissioner.



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