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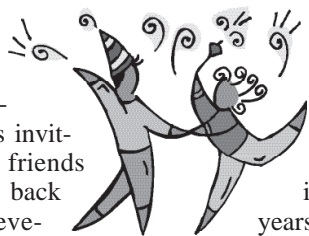
Greenbelt New Year 2010 Celebration to Rock Town

Rock this town is the theme of this year's Greenbelt New Year celebration. The city is inviting everyone, with friends and family, to jump back to the 80s for an evening of festivities in Greenbelt. One of the best deals around, this community party for all will begin promptly at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 31. There is a fee.

"Our idea is to create an event that brings fun and warmth for the entire family to enjoy while they take part in any of the different venues on New Year's Eve and to encourage partygoers to explore the offerings at the adjoining locations," said city Assistant Recreation Director Julie McHale, one of the coordinators for the evening. The headliner John L.T. Band as well as the opening band, On Strike, are both new to the entertainment line-up this year.

At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television will screen an animation showcase featuring two world premiere shorts created by local young animators.

The Greenbelt Arts Center will feature Camp Cabaret Sings showcasing the singing talents of



Greenbelt teenagers in a cabaret setting. No outside activities will be staged this year because of difficulties with inclement weather in years past.

Upstairs at the Community Center, Greenbelt professional pianist Jim Olson, always a favorite, will play the entire evening in the Piano Lounge. Returning to the Community Center is Harp 46 with April Vega heading the band. Back by popular demand are palm and tarot readings with Izolda Trakhtenberg from Healer's Arts.

The Community Center will feature activity for children of all ages, including bead making, songs and stories with Melissa Sites, figuring out that good ole Rubik's cube and then the Funky Craft Workshop where partygoers can decorate their own Slap Bracelet and/or make Friendship Pins.

Along with the active Hula Hooper Noella Powers, giant action games and a karaoke DJ will make the Youth Center gym a lively place for teens to hang out for the evening. Circus Fun is becoming a regular at Greenbelt's special events and New Year's

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"Be Warmer" Workshop Information Is Now Online

by Mary Ernsberger

Tips on low-cost ways to be warmer in GHI homes this winter, presented for members at a November 21 workshop, are now available on the GHI website. At the workshop committee members and friends of the GHI Buildings Committee demonstrated a variety of inexpensive ways for residents to get the most from their baseboard heaters, to prevent warm air from escaping their units and to keep cold air from coming in.

The workshop drew more than 100 GHI members. Those attending said they found easy low-cost methods for their homes.

The tips can be found on the Buildings Committee website at <http://ghi.coop/bldgs/workshop.htm>.

Site visitors can scroll below the notification flyer to select a "how-to" video from the list provided, along with other resources located below the YouTube video inset. The site will be updated shortly with additional information, such as tax credit programs for energy efficient improvements and maintenance of GHI baseboard heaters.

The workshop was held in the Greenbelt Community Center multipurpose room. The hands-on demonstrations provided tips

on how to clean a baseboard heater for optimal heating efficiency; insulate an attic hatch; and prevent drafts from doors, windows, wall air conditioners, electric sockets and pipe/wire inlets.

For example, one GHI Buildings Committee member used a vacuum wand with a brush to clean the top and bottom of a baseboard heater to effectively clear dust and pet hair. He pointed out that such cleaning is essential for air to enter the bottom of a baseboard heater of the unit to be heated and circulated.

The workshop gave examples of how to insulate attic hatches, a major area for heat loss. The simplest method for preventing heat from rising into the attic is to cover the hatch with carpeting.

Doors, Windows

Many techniques and materials were used to show how entry doors and windows can be insulated. Products such as foam, rope putty and even masking tape were displayed for use around window frames where members detect air infiltration.

One presenter showed where
See **WORKSHOP**, page 6

Shop with a Cop Is a Huge Hit With Shoppers and Cops Alike

by Altoria Bell Ross

Corporal Tom Moreland, a 23-year veteran on the Greenbelt police force, delicately negotiates with fourth grader Krissia of Greenbelt as she decides between pink suede boots with pink pom poms and a pair of black flats with a floral design.

"You've got \$8 left," says the father of two grown sons. "You've got to put the shoes back."

Krissia has had a ball shopping. Her basket contains a plush pink throw, a green and blue blouse and a women's backpack. These items are all gifts for her immediate family and herself courtesy of Shop with a Cop, which for the last five years has been a holiday tradition shared by Target, Springhill Lake Elementary School and the Greenbelt Police Department. Each student shopper gets a \$100 gift card made possible by contributions from private citizens and the Fraternal Order of Police. Teachers at the elementary school identify 20 needy students for the annual event.

Sergeant Gordon Pracht makes the event a family affair. Daughter Soraya, a junior at Northern High School and little brother Cord, an eighth grader at North-



Sergeant Gordon Pracht listens carefully as his shopper identifies what he wants to buy for his family. Photo by MPO Kelly Lawson

ern Middle School in Dunkirk, Md., both help students shop. Cord accompanies Officer Justin Walker who joined the force in October. Walker helps 7-year-old Walter calculate his would-be purchases. Walter picks up a huge dinosaur.

"That's way out of your budget," says Cord, who has grown

weary of trying to manipulate the orange calculator distributed at the beginning of the shopping spree. Cord totals the prices on his cell phone.

As the small shoppers check out, they gather in the Target snack bar for free popcorn and drinks. Smiles appear through red and blue lips from sipping slurppies. "It was really fun meeting new people and getting to know them," says Maggie, a sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Maggie came with her sister, 5th grader Katherine, who bought her mother shampoo and a sweater, her brother a shirt, her sister a Little Pony, her dad cologne and a robe for herself.

When Master Police Office Scott Kaiser announces a return trip to the clubhouse to wrap gifts and eat pizza, kindergartener Delaney cheers, "Yea, pizza!" and slips from her stool and under the counter with excitement. The students and family members and Greenbelt Police Department officers and employees climb back into police cruisers and Greenbelt Recreation Department vans.

See **SHOP**, page 8

Greenbelt Police Department Earns CALEA Reaccreditation

by Thomas X. White

In a presentation at the November 23 city council meeting, Lieutenant Carl Schinner announced that the Greenbelt Police Department had been granted unconditional reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at the organization's 90th conference, November 20 through 22 in Salt Lake City. The department earned its first accreditation in November 2006 on a conditional basis.

What Goes On

Monday, December 21 8 p.m., Council Worksession, TBA, Municipal Building

Thursday-Friday, December 24-25

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Greenbriar Offices Closed for the Holiday

Friday, December 25
City Offices Closed for the Holiday

In April this year a team of CALEA assessors conducted an on-site review of the department. At the Salt Lake City conference, the Greenbelt team reviewed the on-site report with four CALEA Commissioners. The department was praised for meeting all applicable standards and 92 percent of the other-than-mandatory standards.

Schinner explained that the 2006 assessment focused on the systems and procedures that the Greenbelt Police Department had put in place; the 2009 reaccreditation determined how well the department was living up to these standards. The rigorous review covers all areas of police department operations; reaccreditation focuses on results after three years.

The overall purpose of the CALEA program is to improve a department's delivery of public safety services: maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners, including a wide range of up-to-date initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation

review process and recognizing professional excellence.

Schinner also outlined the benefits that accreditation provides for the city and its residents, with Greenbelt policies measured against national standards.

The accreditation is recognized by the Department of Justice and federal courts. An accredited department usually experiences reduced exposure to liability in lawsuits in a very litigious environment for public safety. Accreditation provides a framework for assuring that best-practice standards are updated and evolve with societal and public safety innovations.

Although Schinner is the lead officer for the CALEA effort, in his presentation he told council that thanks and credit for the accomplishment should go to all members of the department, Jeff Williams and his staff in the finance office, Dr. Liz Park and Greenbelt CARES professionals, Kenny Hall and Public Works staff, as well as the city council and residents of Greenbelt.

Editorial**Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings**

Around this time of year those who deliver the News Review traditionally leave holiday greetings envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review does not pay our carriers much, so your generous holiday donations and expressions of appreciation help make their jobs worthwhile.

Most carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords all of us a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that may have occurred during the year.

Again this year, the carriers will leave envelopes. We hope these envelopes, identified with the carrier's name and address, will be helpful to you as you show appreciation. If your carrier's name or address is in doubt, mail your envelope to the News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887 for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

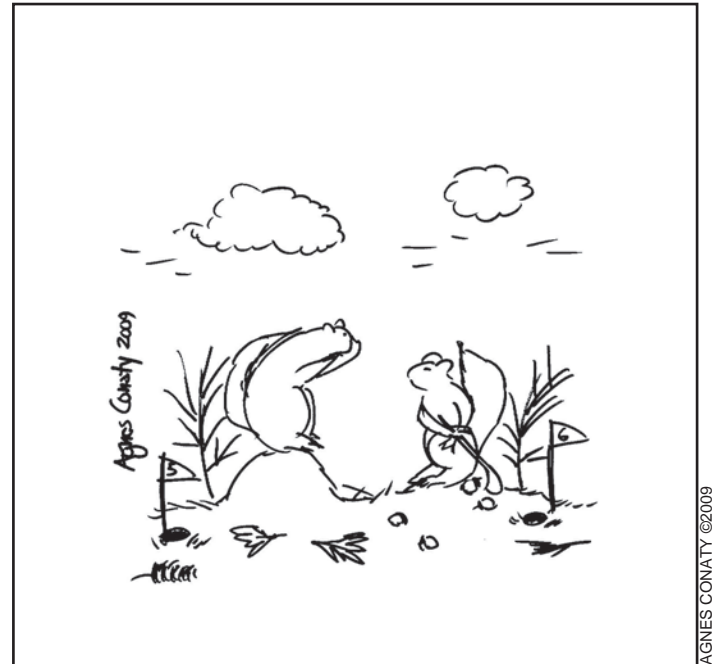
Where Are Holiday Lights, Decorations?

I have been shocked over the last few years as to how few people in Greenbelt decorate their houses for the holidays. This year seems to be the same. Lights give our area a festive and wondrous look. Yes, I do have my house decorated as do two of my neighbors.

I remember being in the Jaycees and we would do a house judging contest during the holidays in Greenbelt. It was wonderful to go through all the streets and see how many lights and decorations were on the houses. Now, to see lights, I go back to my hometown in the suburbs of Baltimore or to Pasadena or Waldorf – it is just a wonder to see. Lights and decorations everywhere and it is exciting to ride up and down the streets just to see all of them. What a nice way to fight against the gloom of winter!

Greenbelt, I ask again: Where is our festive spirit and where are the decorations and lights?

Barbara Ransom

Grin Belt

"I will be the next Tiger Woods . . .
I mean in terms of golf!"

Letters to the Editor**THANKS!**

Congratulations to all Greenbelt soccer players who participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot-out in October and November. Thanks to the Knights who volunteered at the various levels of competition. Special thanks to Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Commissioner Coach Marie Haffner for her indispensable assistance in coordinating the council and district events.

And thanks go out to the best recreation department in the state of Maryland, the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Austin Conaty,
Past Grand Knight
St. Hugh Council #10885
Knights of Columbus

THANKS!

As the year winds to a close the Prince George's Running Club would like to take the opportunity to thank Hank Irving and the rest of the great team at the Greenbelt Department of Recreation. From the Buddy Attick Fun Runs in the summer to the recently held Greenbelt Wright Stuff, the Greenbelt Department of Recreation provides very useful and reliable support for the activities of our club. Thank you Mr. Irving for all you and your team do to make Greenbelt great!

Cindy Cohen,
President
Prince George's
Running Club

Put Out that Cig!

As I drove into the gas station, I noticed a man smoking a cigarette. I asked him to extinguish it as I was about to pump gas and he obliged. Since watching recent news broadcasts on how fires can start at gas pumps, I am reminded of the danger.

I found an article at <http://archives.cnn.com/2002/US/12/05/gas.pump.fires/index.html> that outlines the following about static gas pump fires: static electricity buildup is more common in cool, dry air; static gas pump fires are more common in winter; static gas pump fires occur more often with women; static gas pump fires have been reported in 35 states; and fires can be set off by doing something many motorists do – re-entering their cars while the gas is pumping. Movement can create friction against the car seat and build up static electricity in one's body. Then when exiting the car and touching the pump nozzle, electricity can spark, igniting gas fumes from the gas tank. About a dozen victims of static gas pump fires have talked to CNN. All said they had no idea this sort of fire was a possibility until it happened to them. And some say they will never put gas in their vehicles if their children are with them.

Thank you, sir, for keeping us safer at the pumps. Let this be a reminder to us all of the importance of practicing safety and using common sense around gas pumps.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Community Program Volunteers Sought

For those looking for ways to make a difference in the Greenbelt community and to help children and families to become caring and confident, Camp Fire USA is seeking volunteers in a number of areas. These include the following:

Administrative support, to help cover the reception desk and help with typing, filing and answering the phone;

Adult program leaders, adults willing to help mentor middle and high school youth in Camp Fire group programs on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m., as well as tutors and mentors to help with after-school and evening tutoring on other days;

Special project volunteers to help with special projects, such as the centennial celebration and community outreach and development.

Interested volunteers are asked to send an email to info@campfireusa-patuxent.org or they may leave a phone message at 301-565-4360.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**WEEK OF DEC. 18****An Education (PG-13)
It's A Wonderful Life****Friday**

An Education
*5, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

It's A Wonderful Life
*12
An Education
*2:45, *5, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

It's A Wonderful Life
*12
An Education
*2:45, *5, 7:30

Monday – Wednesday

An Education
*5:15, 7:30

Thursday

It's A Wonderful Life
*7:30
An Education
*5:15

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

On Screen**"It's a Wonderful Life" Here**

Come and get into the Christmas spirit at the Old Greenbelt Theatre at one of the showings this week of "It's a Wonderful Life." Starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, this 1940s film has become a holiday classic by its uplifting themes. Stewart portrays a man whose doubts about the direction his life has taken is shown a glimpse on Christmas Eve of how his life and work have affected his family and town.

– Carol Griffith

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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**The Board of Directors
and Staff of GHI
Would Like to Wish
All our Members
Happy Holidays!**

*May Your Homes and Hearts be Filled
with Peace, Hope and Joy this Season
and in the New Year.*

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 ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 21 through 23 include:

Monday – Grape juice, baked tilapia with butter sauce, home-fried potatoes, green beans, peach supreme.

Tuesday – Minestrone soup, Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, vegetable medley, lime sherbet.

Wednesday – Orange juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, broccoli, strawberry parfait.

Thursday and Friday – All sites closed for the holidays.



At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, December 22, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

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

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

Holiday Closing

Due to budgetary constraints, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3 for winter holidays and staff furlough days. During this closure no items will be due. Loan periods will be extended and fines will not accrue. The library's 24/7 online services will be available as usual.

UCAP, Camp Fire Join Forces Here

Camp Fire USA and United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) have joined forces in a local outreach program to provide services to families in the Greenbelt community.

Upcoming services include deposit assistance programs, green education, GED programs, financial education, homelessness prevention and career and job assistance.

For more information on these programs email info@campfireusa-patuxent.org or leave a phone message at 301-565-4360.

Open Microphone Session for Kids

There will be a Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, December 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. A Kids' Open Microphone session is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children age 17 and under are invited to perform, play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem, etc. For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

Enliven lunch at the New Deal Café with Mid-Day Melodies by pianist Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 17. The regular Open Microphone session is Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m., this week with the Songwriters Association of Washington.

The café's weekend music begins Friday, December 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey warming up the crowd with jazz and blues, followed from 8 to 11 p.m. with blues by the Andy Poxon Band. Guernsey plays every Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, December 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. features TV John's comic music showcasing the Elements of Cosine rhythm and blues group. This segues into Steve Pollack playing guitar sans pick, until 2:45 p.m. Then "Wunderboy" Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Greenbelt's adopted Jazz great Buck Hill plays with "the smalltrio" ensemble for a preview of what Hill's New Year's Eve performance will be like.

On Sunday, December 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be another preview of New Year's Eve with the Not 2 Cool Jazz trio playing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pace changes from 5 to 8 p.m., with Indie/acoustic/folk rock by Sahffi.

Next Week

Steve Haug starts Christmas week off on Tuesday, December 22 with folk songs from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, December 23 it's a lively Open Cajun Jam from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, December 26 and January 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. Joseph Stich and the Outer Fringe will bring café audiences their version of the blues. Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lutes during Sunday brunch, December 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., as he does on the first and fourth Sundays each month.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 18, GHI offices will close at noon for the staff holiday party

Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, December 21, 7 p.m., Communication Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, December 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 24, offices closed (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)

Friday, December 25, offices closed Christmas Day. (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)

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

Donations Sought By Camp Fire

Campership funding assistance is needed for the Camp Fire USA holiday vacation camp to be held for Greenbelt children from December 28 through 30. The program, with a theme of knowing the community, will serve 40 children living in the area. The holiday break camp will be held for children age 6 to 13 in grades 1 through 8 at the Empirian Village Camp Fire Community Center. The cost will be \$75 per child and money is needed to assist campers who cannot pay the cost or the full amount.

Those able to help are asked to send donations to Camp Fire USA at P.O. Box 763, Bowie, MD 20718. For more information about the program email info@campfireusa-patuxent.org.

CARES Starts ESL Class at SHL School

The first English as a Second Language (ESL) class at Springhill Lake Elementary School ended on December 2. Seventeen parents of children attending the school took part in the program. The class was well received and the parents requested that the program continue. The next session for ESL will begin on Wednesday, January 13. This class is only for Spanish-speaking parents of children attending Springhill Lake Elementary School.

More Community Events see pages 2, 5, 10 and 12.

Reel and Meal Film Monday at Café

The next Reel and Meal at the New Deal film in the monthly series, "No Impact Man," will be shown at the Café on Monday, December 21 at 7 p.m. The film series explores environmental and social justice issues and is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt community organizations. An optional vegan meal is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m., although there is no charge to just see the film.

In "No Impact Man," Colin Beavan decides to completely eliminate his personal impact on the environment for the next year. It means eating vegetarian, buying only local food and turning off the refrigerator. It also means no elevators, no television, no cars, buses or airplanes, no toxic cleaning products, no electricity, no material consumption and no garbage.

The Laura Gabbert and Justin Schein film provides an intriguing inside look into an experiment that became a national fascination and media sensation, while examining the familial strains and strengthened bonds that result from Colin and his wife Michelle's struggle with their radical lifestyle change.

There will be a discussion after the film about how people can reduce their own personal environmental impacts as well as other issues discussed in the film.

For more information email Cam McQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com.

City Notes

Facilities Maintenance crew assisted a contractor with repairing a broken water pipe, along with water cleanup in the stairway at the Community Center.

Recreation staff reports the opening of the Festival of Lights was a huge success. It was estimated that between 250 and 300 persons attended the tree lighting on Friday, December 4. On Saturday the wintry weather created the perfect picture for the crafters, who were all quite satisfied with their sales and the traffic flow throughout the weekend.

Community Center staff is working on a Memo of Understanding with the county library system, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the city in regard to the Greenbelt branch using the museum exhibit space for a satellite office during its renovations.

Postal Services Available



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

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

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of DEC. 18

FRI. – SAT.

2012, PG-13

12:05, 3:30

Ninja Assassin, R

7:40, 10:25

Brothers, R

11:30, 2:10, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25

Invictus, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 3:30, 7:15, 10:15

Avatar, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 12:05, 2:45, 3:20, 6:15, 7, 9:40, 10:15

Princess and the Frog, G (!!)

11:40, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30

Armored, PG-13

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Precious, R

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2012, PG-13

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Ninja Assassin, R

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Brothers, R

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Invictus, PG-13 (!)

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Avatar, PG-13 (!)

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Princess and the Frog, G (!!)

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Armored, PG-13

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Precious, R

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MON. – TUE.

2012, PG-13

12:15

Ninja Assassin, R

3:25, 6, 8:35

Brothers, R

12:30, 3:25, 6, 8:35

Invictus, PG-13 (!)

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Avatar, PG-13 (!)

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Princess and the Frog, G

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Holy Cross Thrift Store
Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Greenbelt Arts Center
This Weekend Only!
THE CHROMATICS RETURN TO THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER
December 19th at 8pm
Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.
Coming Soon: Les Liaisons Dangereuses January 8-30, 2010 (No children admitted)
Auditions: Greenbelt Voices - January 2 and 3 at 7-9:30 PM
Man of La Mancha - January 4 and 5 at 7 PM
Moon over Buffalo - January 25 and 26 at 7:30 PM
Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

Ann Walker Bittenbender Baton Champion and Coach

Ann Walker Bittenbender of New Carrollton died of colon cancer on November 21, 2009, at the age of 75. She was the daughter of pioneer Greenbelters Dudley and Johnnie Mae Walker, who lived in the 21 Court of Ridge Road. She attended Greenbelt schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1952.

A talented dancer, tumbler and majorette, Ann Walker taught scores of young Greenbelt girls to march and twirl batons in the 1950s and 60s when majorette groups were part of every parade. She and her friend Rhonda Bibler were the lead majorettes for the Greenbelt Community Band in the glory days of the band (see photos on page 12). In high school she joined the Northwestern High School marching band and became co-leader of the majorettes.

Ann was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Maryland for her gymnastic and baton-twirling skills and marched with the UM Terrapin marching band. In the mid-1950s, she started a baton-twirling group called the College Park Majorettes which won a National Championship in 1960.

In the early 1960s Ann co-founded the Redskinettes who danced, marched and cheered with pompons at all Washington Redskin home games. With Mary Lu Bucci, she was co-choreographer and co-leader of the Redskinettes line for about 15 years.

Shortly after moving to New Carrollton in the mid-1960s, Ann and her husband Art Bittenbender started the "Carroll-Tones," a baton-twirling group that was also a drum and bugle corps. Starting out as a marching group, the Carroll-Tones evolved into a competitive twirling corps that lasted until the late 1970s, spawning many state, regional and national champion groups and individuals.

In later years Ann entered the national and world stage. She began coaching and judging on a world level with the first world competition in 1980. She was coach of the baton-twirling team from Italy which won the world championship title an unprecedented four times. She was involved with the U.S. Twirling Association in many aspects and in 2003 was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame. Ann's daughter Barrie reported that at her mother's funeral service, one of her peers said, "Ann Bittenbender did more to further the sport of baton-twirling than anyone else in the organization."

Ann's legacy continues today with her son Glenn, whom she coached to 30 national baton-twirling championship titles and three world championships. Glenn travels nationally and abroad to teach this future Olympic sport. To date his students have won 10 world titles and numerous national championships.

She was predeceased by her husband Art Bittenbender and son Craig.



Ann Bittenbender and son Glenn

She is survived by her daughter Barrie Richards, son Glenn Bittenbender, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as her brother Donald C. Walker.

A funeral service was held at Gasch's funeral home on Saturday, November 28.

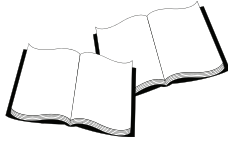
— Kathleen McFarland

CPAE Book Club On Friday, Dec. 18

The next meeting of the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Book Club is Friday evening, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. Discuss literary non-fiction by women.

This month's discussion is on "Checkout: a Life on the Tills" by Anna Sam, translated from French. This amusing international bestseller is by a woman who spent eight years as a checkout clerk after getting her university degree. The Old Parish House is located at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.



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Thursday, December 24 – Two Christmas Eve Candlelight services
 6:30 p.m. Family Service with Nativity scene
 9:30 p.m. Adult Service – Readings and Carols

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 Municipal Building
 Sunday 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

Shine Light on Leaks

By making a few minor adjustments in the house, one can reduce carbon emissions and save money this winter.

If a professional energy audit isn't in the budget, try this trick for spotting air leaks: at night, walk around a dark house pointing a flashlight at the walls, doors and windows. A partner standing outside should be able to see beams of light shining through any cracks or holes in the home.

— Sierra Club

Elinor M. Rimar
 Elinor (Ellie) M. Rimar died on Saturday, December 12, 2009. A memorial service will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 2 p.m.
 An obituary will be in a future issue of the News Review.


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Chromatics at GAC Saturday for Annual Holiday Concert

by Padi Boyd

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Elinor Rimar, who died Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Villa Rosa nursing home.

Sympathy also to the family and friends of Frances Belk of Eastway, who died December 6, 2009.

Congratulations to:

– Tillena Gregory Clark, Esq., an attorney-CPA and the daughter of Barbara Smith of Greenbelt East, who was among 49 Catholic University alumni sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in November. A graduate of Parkdale High School, she has also been appointed adjunct professor of law at Catholic University.

– AF Staff

Sgt. CharLita R. Tillman, the daughter of Paulette Tillman of M a n d a n Road, who was among 4,000 military and civilian participants in the Vibrant Response joint training exercise at the Camp Atterbury Training Center in southern Indiana. Vibrant Response is training for a federal emergency response to simulated nuclear terrorist attack and involved military from all services along with local and state first responders.



– Lifelong Greenbelt resident Steven Kulle, son of Matthew and Linda Kulle, who completed U.S. Navy basic training with a Pass in Review on October 2, 2009. Steven completed the training and was promoted to Navy seaman apprentice at the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Currently stationed at the Naval Station in Pensacola, Fla., for CTT training, Steven is a 2008 graduate of Riverdale Baptist School in Upper Marlboro.



– Lifelong Greenbelter James A. Brettell, son of Katherine M. Condliffe and Stephen S. Brettell of Ridge Road, who shipped out for basic training at the U.S. Navy Recruit Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

– Kathleen McFarland

The Chromatics, a unique vocal group of rocket scientists and space cadets based in Greenbelt, returns to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) for their annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 19 at 8 p.m. For over 10 years, the Chromatics have lit up the Greenbelt holiday season with their special blend of traditional holiday carols, twisted takes on Christmas classics, offbeat originals and an occasional astronomically correct educational song about the universe.

The Chromatics describe their style as Albert Einstein meets Weird Al. Through their AstroCappella project, they aim to spread science through a cappella and a cappella through science across a broad swath of the known universe.

Formed in 1993 by scientists and engineers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the group has changed names, mem-

bers and song selection over the years and is still going strong. During 2009 the Chromatics helped celebrate the International Year of Astronomy through performances of their AstroCappella songs at science museums and planetariums in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.

The group's other main focus is coming up with new twists on old holiday classics, a special delight to group members at their annual December GAC concert. "We love singing Silent Night," says Greenbelter Deb Nixon, "and we also enjoy presenting our original songs lamenting the day after Christmas or those unwelcome holiday house guests – viruses and germs." Greenbelter Padi Boyd adds "Greenbelt audiences are always especially attentive and a joy to interact with. They get all our musical jokes about stressful holidays spent with dysfunctional families or disastrous shopping trips to the

overcrowded malls. And they also appreciate the traditional arrangements of favorite carols done a cappella."

The Chromatics are known to mix in a healthy dose of non-holiday songs and even some new tunes into their December concert.

"We realize that many people only see us perform once a year, at GAC," says Gambrills resident and business manager Alan Smale. "So we're always sure to include several brand new songs in the concert to keep it new and different every time." To the Chromatics, the Arts Center and Greenbelt feel like home.

The Chromatics have five CDs, including the holiday album Unwrapped, which was released in 2000. Their CDs will be available for purchase at the concert and are available online from their website (<http://www.thechromatics.com/>). At the start of 2010 the Chromatics will head back into the studio to record their second collection of festive

tunes, tentatively dubbed "Was-sailicious." They hope to be back at GAC next December and for many years to come.

Greenbelter Padi Boyd is an astrophysicist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and is a member of the Chromatics. See GAC ad on page 3 for more details about the concert.

Layer Windows To Cut Costs

Save up to \$20 per window per winter in energy costs by fortifying panes with plastic window film. If installed properly, the inexpensive plastic should be nearly invisible. Heavy curtains are another option for beating the cold. If not concerned with aesthetics, one may want to try the bubble-wrap solution.

– Sierra Club



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed
Friday, December 25th
and Friday, January 1st, in observance of the
Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 21st and December 28th
Monday Route – Regular Schedule
(on Dec. 21st & Dec. 28th)
Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Regular Schedule
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on
Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on
Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve
Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public
Safety Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee
For more info call 301-474-8000.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnish-
ing the following:
Tennis Court relighting and resurfacing work on four (4) of the
Braden Field Tennis Courts (#1 thru #4). In addition to this work
an alternate bid to include lighting on four (4) additional tennis
courts at Braden Field (#5 thru #8) is requested.

This work is to be done at the Braden Field Tennis Courts behind
the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland
20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications pack-
age for Bid 2009-4 at:

City of Greenbelt Finance Office
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Please call Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation Opera-
tions at (301) 397-2200 regarding bid submission questions. Bids
must be RECEIVED no later than 11:00 a.m. on 1/21/2010. Bids
will be opened publicly at 11:10 a.m. on 1/21/2010.

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Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.
For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

CITY OF GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Thursday, December 31 from 7pm-1am,
GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2010 at the Greenbelt Community
Center, Youth Center, and the Greenbelt Theatre. Get your
tickets early at the Community Center, the Youth Center or
the Co-Op. This year's theme is "Rock this Town!"

For a full schedule of Festival of Lights activities, visit
www.greenbeltmd.gov

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur
in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents
interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee.
Applications are available on the City website, [www.
greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent
Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants soon.

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to apply door insulation, while another demonstrated how to cleanly caulk a window. Another discussed how to cover a window frame with a plastic film product that does not impair the view.

Also displayed were ways to prevent cold air infiltration through the use of such items as electric outlet gaskets, a door sweep and a "draft dodger." GHI members can arrange for co-op staff to inspect the condition of entry-door brass weather stripping and the door sweep (which prevents a draft from under the door).

Also displayed were an insulating cover for a window air conditioner and strategies for sealing spaces around a window unit. For window air conditioners, the best strategy is to remove the unit from the wall during winter.

A sheer curtain and valence were on exhibit to demonstrate how to prevent heat from rising upstairs from the first floor. This display showed that insulat-

ing materials at the bottom of stairs need not be thick to retain warm air locally on the first floor. (Small wind chimes add a nice touch).

Ceiling Fans

A displayed diagram showed that a ceiling fan gently circulating in a clock-wise direction forces warm air down. The warmth circulates near the floor and rises up to be circulated continuously down in the room. Another presentation featured two portable "spot heaters," which radiate heat at a lower cost than heating a large area.

Two testing devices were demonstrated: one was an infrared air leak detector and the second displayed electrical usage by a home appliance.

GHI's Technical Services website has additional information on space heaters, Energy Star windows, attic insulation, window covers and other products and strategies at www.ghi.coop/tech-services/index.htm.

Kids' Arts Drop-in

On Sunday, December 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange is holding a Children's Arts Drop-in at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road.

Children from 3 to 8 can paint beautiful wrapping paper for the holidays. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads a free monthly creative arts workshop for children with their parents. For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

National Gallery Hosts Caroling

Caroling in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda of the National Gallery of Art is a favorite at the gallery. Guest choirs lead afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 19 and 20. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.



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Eve will not be an exception with Variety Circus Artist Greg May performing, as well as conducting a hands-on workshop at the Youth Center Multi-purpose room.

Partygoers won't start the new year hungry. In the Community Center dining hall, the Scholarship Café will sell sesame noodles, turkey legs, chicken-on-a-stick and sodas. Upstairs in the Piano Lounge, Chef Lou will offer mouth-watering desserts. At the Youth Center, the Boys and Girls Club will be selling sodas and pizza by the slice.

Admission wristbands are on sale now at the Community Center, the Youth Center and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket; children five and under are admitted free. For more information call the Recreation Department Business Office at 301-397-2200.

Fresh Air Fund Seeking Homes

The Fresh Air Fund is a non-profit organization that arranges for nearly 5,000 New York City low-income children to visit volunteer families for two weeks during the summer through the Friendly Town program in communities from Virginia to Maine and into Canada. They are now recruiting for families for the 2010 summer sessions.

By welcoming the young visitors into their homes during the summer, host families give Fresh Air children a break from the sometimes dangerous, hot and crowded city streets. This is a chance to introduce one's children or grandchildren to the importance of volunteering and make a difference in the life of an inner-city child.

The time to sign up is now. For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child call Lisa Oakley at 202-244-8994 or the Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit the website at www.freshair.org.

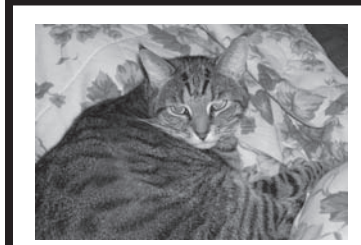


NAMI Local Support Group Meets

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold a meeting of its New Carrollton area support group at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This supportive work group prepares the mailing and does other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions.

For more information call Marge Owens, 301-345-1572.



THANKS
Amiga is home safe again.
Thank you to everyone who helped me look for my lost cat.
Jessica Forshee

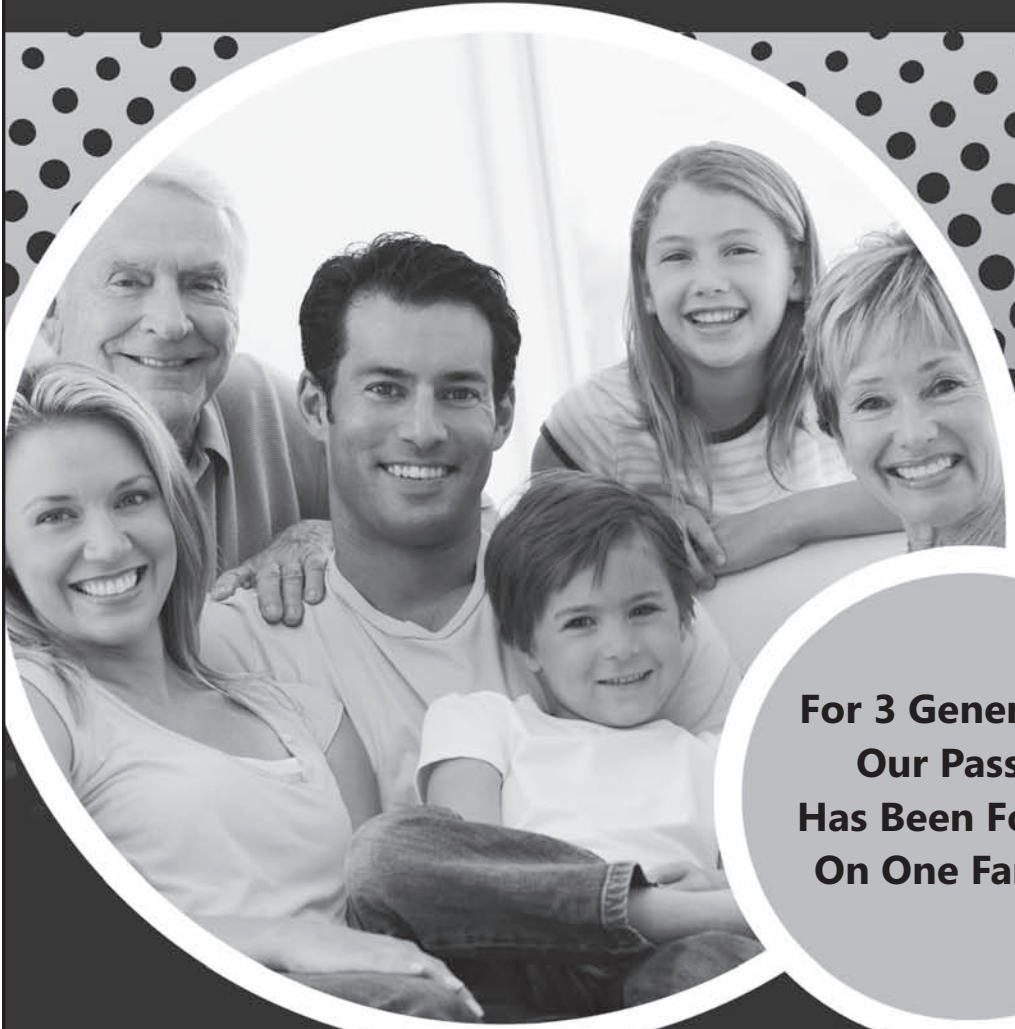
Christmas Concert At National Gallery

On Sunday, December 20 the free National Gallery of Art Vocal Ensemble Christmas Concert will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building Garden Court. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis. The Sixth Street entrance will open at 6 p.m. for concert access.

For details call 202-842-6941 or visit www.nga.gov/programs/concerts.

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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

December 6, 12:57 p.m., Metro Drive at Cherrywood Lane. A female was approached by a male who assaulted her and stole her money. He is described as a black male, 18 to 20 years old, 5'10" to 6'0" tall, 160 to 180 pounds, wearing an orange hat and black jacket.

December 8, 5:04 p.m. 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Three males and one female approximately 14 to 18 years old approached a person, implied they had a weapon and demanded the person's jacket. No further description of these robbers is available.

DUI/DWI

December 7, 5:38 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. After a traffic stop a nonresident male, 23 years old, was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol violations and driving with a suspended license. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

December 6, 1:06 a.m., 4 Court Gardenway. A 28-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after a car accident. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

December 6, 5:17 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Nothing was taken.

December 9, 8:17 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A DVD player and jewelry were taken.

Vandalism

December 7, 5:55 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A snowball was thrown through a window.

December 8, 2:14 p.m., 9200

block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen. 6200 block Breezewood Court (brown 1992 Honda Civic with no tags), 18 court Ridge Road (camouflage ATV), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (silver 2000 Dodge Caravan with MD tags), 9100 block Edmonston Road (gray 2002 Toyota Camry with MD tags).

There were three attempts to steal vehicles at 7600 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A blue 2001 Dodge Caravan was stolen from and recovered in 7600 block Mandan Road with no arrests made. A brown 1999 Plymouth Breeze with MD tags stolen from 5800 block Cherrywood Lane was recovered by Laurel Police Department with no arrests made. A silver 2000 Dodge Caravan stolen from 5800 block Cherrywood Lane was recovered in 13000 block Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, with no arrests made.

Eight reports of theft from vehicles were reported. 9200 block Edmonston Road (car stereo), 6200 block Breezewood Court, two incidents (car stereo in each case), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (car stereo), 100 block Westway (MD tag), Beltway Plaza Mall (GPS unit), 9300 block Edmonston Road (GPS unit), 7500 block Mandan Road (set of tires).

One case of auto vandalism was reported in 7900 block Mandan Road (car door lock was broken).

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

New H1N1 Phishing Scam Surfaces, Public Warned

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has become aware of an H1N1 email phishing scam. They are alerting the public to avoid falling for this fake official notice meant to lure people into visiting an unsafe counterfeit website and providing personal details that can easily be misused.

Referencing a CDC-sponsored State Vaccination Program for H1N1, the messages request internet users to create a personal H1N1 (swine flu) Vaccination Profile on the CDC.gov website.

An example of the phishing

email is below.

Users clicking on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. CDC reminds internet users to take precautions to reduce the risk of being victimized including not opening or responding to unsolicited email messages, not clicking links embedded in emails from unknown senders, using caution when entering personal information online and regularly updating antivirus, spyware, firewall and anti-spam software.

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Sample scam email.

Runners Emerge from the Morning Fog At the Start of the Annual Gobble Wobble



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The 2009 Gobble Wobble fun run and walk took place on a misty Thanksgiving morning, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The 5K race (two laps) and the 1.5 mile fun run or walk (one lap) around Greenbelt Lake began at 9 a.m. in front of the Youth Center. More than 150 people participated in this third annual family event.

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When they enter the clubhouse, the aroma of pizza donated by 3 Brothers fills the room decorated with garland and Christmas ornaments. Students sit at four rectangular tables and choose among red, gold, white and silver bows and from snowman, Christmas scenes, blue snowflakes and other festive wrapping papers contributed by Giant.

Joey, a fourth grader, wraps a Barbie that he got for his sister Jennifer, also a fourth grader. Joey says he enjoyed himself participating in Shop with a Cop. "It was good because I got to see some friends." Joey, along with the other students, happily benefited from the kindness of friends, acquaintances and strangers this holiday season, making their Christmas that much merrier.

At left, MPO George Mathews, now retired, returns to participate in a favorite event.



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Jim Cassels Award Goes For a Youth Music Series

by Steven R. Kane

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. (GCC) awarded its fourth annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award at the annual meeting last month to the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) for initiating the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. In accepting the award on behalf of FONDCA, Barbara Simon stressed that "This is our first major educational outreach and we are excited about collaborating with local schools." The program is named in honor of Eileen Peterson who died in 2008. She was a FONDCA supporter and volunteer and was especially enthusiastic about music and programs that involved young people.

This annual award was established in 2006 to honor Jim Cassels on his retirement from the GCC Board. The award provides \$1,000 to an organization or group to carry out a new project that will make a significant contribution to the Greenbelt community. Cassels gave tirelessly to his community, whether helping local groups, mentoring new cooperatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House. He was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1978.

The Cooperative hopes others who apply for this award in the future will be inspired to get involved and continue to make Greenbelt a special place. In previous years, the Cooperative has been pleased to recognize the work of several outstanding organizations including the Beaver Dam Watershed Watch Group, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and the Greenbelt Tennis Association. They were fitting recipients of the award made in Jim Cassels' memory.

FONDCA

Friends of New Deal Café Arts was founded in 2002 and is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts in the New Deal Café and in Roosevelt Center. Every year, in addition to an art exhibition program at the New Deal Café, they sponsor free outdoor concerts in Roosevelt Center featuring a wide variety of music genres performed by local musicians.

The Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series will bring young musicians from local schools to new audiences in Roosevelt Center on Saturday afternoons in the spring of 2010. Four concerts are planned and each may include one or more groups of young musicians. Barbara Simon, when receiving the award, said that "This program will further one of our goals – to contribute to the revitalization of

Roosevelt Center as the center of our community life in Greenbelt."

Last spring FONDCA previewed the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series with an inaugural concert performed by two groups of young musicians attending Robert Goddard Middle School – one a jazz band and the other an electric strings group. Representatives from Eleanor Roosevelt High School have stated that they would also be interested in performing in the series this coming year. Other schools will be encouraged to participate as well.

One major goal of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series is to encourage local young musicians by offering them the opportunity to bring their performances to the community beyond their school audiences. Most of the award money will go to the musicians. FONDCA learned that school groups often need to raise funds in order to travel to participate in concerts in the United States and even abroad, as well as for such everyday expenses as purchasing new music.

2009 Award Report

After FONDCA received its award, Cam MacQueen gave a report on the success of last year's winner, the Greenbelt Tennis Association for its Community Kids' Clinic. She reported that 45 children from 7 to 13 years of age took part in an 8-week, 1½ hour/session clinic in partnership with the Prince George's Tennis and Education Foundation. The clinic was taught by Shawn Cummings, a professionally certified tennis instructor. Children who participated were mostly from Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School. Most of the award money was used to pay for instruction and to purchase tennis rackets for the kids, many of whom would not have been able to participate otherwise.

Applying for Award

The Jim Cassels Community Service Award Selection Committee will solicit applications for 2010's award next spring. Any organization can apply that plans to initiate and implement a new community service project or activity in Greenbelt during 2011. The winner will be selected on the basis of the application and subsequent consideration by a panel comprised of members of the Cooperative.

For more information about this or other FONDCA projects email Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com. For more information about The Jim Cassels Community Service Award email Steve Kane at srkane@gmail.com.



Barbara Simon of FONDCA (center) is shown receiving the fourth annual Jim Cassels Award on behalf of FONDCA at the Co-op annual meeting. To her left is Dorrie Bates, former chair of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Board. On the right is Chris Logan, a member of FONDCA.



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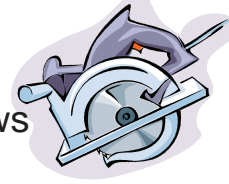
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In this 1950 photo, Ann Walker (Bittenbender) is fourth from the left. The other majorettes are (left to right) Margie Zoellner, Nancy Snyder, Judy Lewis, Rhonda Bibler, Janet MacEwen, Joanne Slaughter (Kellaher) and Carol Day. The little girl in the center is Rhonda's little sister Paula Bibler. In the band, director Dana Garrett is standing at far right. Eddie Halley is second drummer to the right; Mary Ann Kramer (now Halley) is to the right of center in the first row, the late Shirley Morrison (Clute) next to her. The late C.J. Caruso, whose father Vincent Caruso started the Labor Day Festival tradition, is fifth from left in the first row.

This photo was taken by photographer and former postmaster Paul Kasko. The same photo appears in the book "Greenbelt: History of a New Town," edited by Mary Lou Williamson. The book is available for sale at the Greenbelt Museum.



College Park Majorettes with Ann Walker (Bittenbender) on far right.

Charity Donation Hints and Tips

Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler is advising Marylanders to be donation-savvy this holiday season, a time when consumers receive many solicitations. While there are many reputable charitable organizations, people need to be wary of the unscrupulous pretending to raise money for charities.

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For questions call the Charitable Organizations Division of the Maryland Secretary of State's office at 1-800-825-4510 or visit www.sos.state.md.us/charity/charityhome.aspx.

Knights of Columbus Sponsors Shoot Out

by Austin Conaty

Each year the Maryland Knights of Columbus sponsors a soccer shoot-out. The players test their soccer skills by 1) shooting on goal, 2) throwing for distance and accuracy and 3) kicking for distance and accuracy. The first competition is done at the Knights of Columbus council level, then winners advance to the district level, then on to the state finals.

On October 11, the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a soccer shoot-out at Braden Field during the City of Greenbelt Community Play Day.

More than 40 soccer players, most from the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club soccer teams, participated in the event. Eight participants made it to the next level of competitions at the district level. They were Adam Howard, Nahun Rivera, Joseph Akuffo, Isai Rivera, Asha Brown, Natalia Rincon, Ashia McCalla and Julia Pedersoli.

On a rainy, windy October 31 during Greenbelt's Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park, the District 14 Soccer Shoot-Out was held. A few of the players slipped on the rain-soaked field during the competition. In the end, Greenbelt came away with three winners at the district level: Natalia Rincon, Ashia McCalla and Julia Pedersoli.

On November 14, state finals were held at St. Matthias in Lan-



Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot Out at Braden Field on October 11 during Greenbelt's Community Play Day.



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ham. The remnants of Hurricane Ida left the field a soggy, slippery mess. Greenbelter Natalia Rincon managed to overcome the conditions and came away with a

second place finish. Austin Conaty is Past Grand Knight of the St Hugh Council #10885, Knights of Columbus.

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