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White Christmas Arrives Early In Greenbelt, Buries All Things

A white Christmas arrived almost a week early but more than made up in size for what it lacked in timing. Depending on where one lived, local snow depths ranged from 16" to 19" as measured by News Review staffers.

Coming on a weekend and composed of the light, fluffy variety of snow, the storm proved somewhat less troublesome than some earlier major storms. There were no power outages and fewer days off for schools because of the weekend and the beginning of holiday vacations.

Nevertheless, the storm kept the Public Works Department busy. Director Kenny Hall reported that 10 to 12 trucks were operating 24 hours a day during and after the snowfall. Despite their usual excellent response, the intensity of the storm (at times 1 to 2 inches per hour) and the windy conditions on Saturday made getting around nearly impossible much of the weekend.

By the time the sun came out on Sunday afternoon, streets were filled with residents wielding shovels, brooms and snow blowers to clear sidewalks and liberate



A foot-and-a-half of snow shrouds the tables in Roosevelt Center.

cars from enormous mounds of snow.

The Greenbelt Community Church had a hands-on outdoor service Sunday morning – and the congregation was a dedicated crew with snow shovels clearing space and preparing for the Sunday night arrival of more than a dozen men in the "Safe Haven" program who are staying at the church this week. Pastor Dan Hamlin wielded a snow shovel

and Marsha Voigt coordinated the planning and transport of bedding and men. Paula Clinedinst was spotted clearing the way with her snow shovel for the much-appreciated snowplow which attempted to make a path for this week's upcoming Christmas Eve service.

Kids were having a blast sledding downhill at the Center, gleeful that the few remaining days of school before Christmas had been cancelled.

Birds were busy cleaning out bird feeders because any other sources of food were covered with deep snow.

Neighbors in the 49-50 Courts of Ridge spent the day helping dig one another out and marveled at the big city plow truck stranded at the corner of Ridge and Northway from Saturday night through Monday afternoon.

Bill and Mary Clarke were, unfortunately, marooned with a pound and half of dark chocolate candy sent by her cousin as a Christmas present. Jesse Dog Clarke demands indoor plumbing if the snow reaches his tummy. Negotiations are ongoing.

In the spirit of Greenbelt

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School Resource Officers Note Drop in ERHS Incidents

by Mary Moien

Corporal Marty Parker presented the annual report of the school resource officers at the December 14 meeting of council. Parker and Master Police Officer John Rogers are the two school resource officers covering all schools in Greenbelt. Rogers was unable to participate as he was needed on a juvenile investigation.

Parker had a detailed presentation on the types of student contacts that they are involved in over the school year as well as a description of many special projects that were undertaken. At Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in the last school year, there were 781 times that the officers responded to complaints at the school. These represent any time a school official requested the officer on duty at the school look into an issue. This was actually down from 936 incidents in the 2007-2008 school year. There were another 323 times that a student stopped an officer to talk or the officer took an opportunity to discuss an issue with a student. Very few calls

were for truancy, although Parker indicated that the regular police are often involved in seeing and stopping truants.

MPO Rogers spent 165 hours teaching a juvenile justice class last year and the two men logged over 350 hours on foot patrol, almost all of that in the Spellman Overpass area. In response to a question about students gathering at Roosevelt Center and other areas of the city, Parker confirmed that since Metro stopped allowing students to ride buses for free, there are many fewer students taking the bus after school from ERHS to the Center or to other areas of the city. They have to be more aware of catching the school bus home as they cannot catch a free Metro bus home later.

Although there were many contacts, there were few arrests of ERHS students in the 2008-2009 school year. The most frequent was 26 students arrested for second degree assault – usually fights. There were also five

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New Year 2010

Rubik's Cube to Be Solved At Greenbelt New Year

This year's Greenbelt New Year will feature lessons and competitions in solving the Rubik's Cube. The Cube Room will provide lessons on how to solve the Rubik's Cube. Plenty of Cubes will be available or participants may bring their own. There will be timed competitions with prizes. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Center on Thursday, December 31.

History

Rubik's Cube – the most popular puzzle in history (350 million sold), with one eighth of the world's population giving it a go – is the brainchild of Hungarian-born designer, architect and professor Erno Rubik. The "Magic Cube" as a puzzle was invented in 1974, when Rubik realized it would not be easy to realign the colors of the hand-carved little cubies he had assembled together. The cubies were marked on each side with adhesive paper of a different color.

As he started to twist the Cube, he theorized it would take a lifetime to return it to its original position. However, within a month, he had discovered move sequences which resulted in an algorithm to "solve" the Cube.

Interest in the Cube was slow until businessman and amateur

mathematician Tibor Laczi spied the puzzle in a restaurant. Immediately enamored, he began his quest to introduce the puzzle to the world. After much persistence on Laczi's part, Ideal Toys signed an agreement for a million-piece order to bring the cube to the Western world.

During the first major production, a name change from the original "Magic Cube" was proposed resulting in the current name. The rest is history

Erno Rubik continues to support promising young inventors during his retirement through his International Rubik Foundation. He also founded the Rubik Studio, which designs furniture and games.

The current world record is 7.08 seconds for solving the 3x3x3 cube. A Guinness World Record also exists for most Cubes solved at one time, along with the standard timed events.

Many alternative and unusual competitions have been held since the Cube's inception: Blindfolded solving, solving the Cube with one person blindfolded and the other person saying what moves to make – known as "Team Blindfold," solving the Cube

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What Goes On

Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Greenbriar Offices closed for the holiday
Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3
Greenbelt Library Closed
Friday, December 25
City Offices Closed for the holiday
Thursday, December 31
City Offices, GHI and Greenbriar Closed for New Year holiday
7 p.m. to midnight, Greenbelt New Year Celebration, Community Center

City Selects ACE Awards For Three Local Schools

by Jon Gardner

At the city council meeting on Monday, December 14 council approved four Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to local schools. The ACE grants are a new program this year and are available to teachers and parent-teacher associations from Greenbelt's schools. The grants are given in response to proposals for projects or items which enhance or enrich school-based activities. They will be funded by the City of Greenbelt and selection of the proposals for funding was made by council based on input from ACE.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School won two grants. The first grant will bring a living history re-enactor, Mary Ann Jung, as Queen Elizabeth I, to introduce the 9th grade students to the history and language of the Renaissance time period. The project will tie in to studies of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Jung will present two lectures for 400 students each, reaching the entire 9th grade. The second ERHS grant will bring a Holocaust survivor into the school as a guest speaker, in conjunction with the study of the book "Night" by Elie Wiesel. The speaker visit will be arranged through the National Holocaust Museum's Speaker's Bureau.

St. Hugh's Home and School Association won an ACE grant to fund, "Traveling Trunk Experi-

ences." Using materials available from the Maryland State Field Trip and Teacher's Guide, this project will bring into the school one "Traveling Trunk" from a Maryland state organization each month. The Traveling Trunks include materials from the College Park Airport Museum, Assateague Island National Seashore, the Maryland Science Center, the National Aquarium in Baltimore and others. The Traveling Trunk materials kits will be used in the classrooms of the school.

Springhill Lake Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Association won a grant for an after-school modern dance class to be taught by Angela Foster, an accomplished and experienced dance teacher who teaches regularly at the Greenbelt Dance Studio in the Community Center. The class will enable 25 students to learn the skills and perspectives unique to the art form of modern dance, giving students a highly organized system for experiencing, organizing, creating, interpreting and evaluating the world around them.

The funded projects will take place between January 1 and the end of the school year. There will be another call for ACE grant proposals in the spring which will fund projects for the fall 2010 semester.

Jon Gardner is the chair of ACE.

Museum Holiday Open House Draws a Crowd

by Megan Searing Young

The Greenbelt Museum hosted its first holiday open house the evening of December 4 from 6 to 9 p.m., when 80 visitors, including Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach, toured the historic home located at 10B Crescent Road.

The house, restored to its 1937 appearance when it opened in 1987 as a museum, sparkled with holiday decorations including a Christmas tree with vintage ornaments, a dining room table set for Christmas dinner, several smiling old Santas and a montage in the kitchen depicting holiday cookie baking.

The display also includes a menorah as, according to early planning documents, Greenbelt's earliest residents were to be 63 percent Protestant, 30 percent Catholic and 7 percent Jewish, which was the approximate percentage of each in the surrounding area. Nearly every room in the house features some type of holiday decoration.

Sales in the museum shop were also brisk the night of the

open house and cider and cookies were enjoyed by all.

Tour Times

The Museum house will be open by appointment only beginning December 27 through January 31. It will reopen for Sunday tours beginning February 7. The temporary change in hours will allow museum staff to thoroughly clean the house and rearrange some of the artifacts on display.

Those who would like to make an appointment to tour the house in the interim are asked to call Museum Director Megan Searing Young at 301-507-6582 or email museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Lecture Series

The next Friends of the Greenbelt Museum lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. and will be a book signing featuring the Lakeland Community Heritage Project's new book, "Lakeland: African Americans in College Park." Lectures are free and are held in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Megan Searing Young is the director of the Greenbelt Museum.

Magnolia Gains Semi-Finals In County Science Bowl

by Kristen Beauchamp, Grade 6

Recently the Prince George's County Science Bowl occurred. The elimination rounds started on October 6 but on December 1, Greenbelt vs. Yorktown and Magnolia vs. James McHenry took place. The first round went great – it was Greenbelt vs. Yorktown; Greenbelt lost but Yorktown won. That meant Yorktown would go against the winner of the next round that same day. The next round was Magnolia vs. James McHenry; Magnolia won. So at 2 o'clock that day Yorktown went against Magnolia and Magnolia won! So this meant that Magnolia will proceed to the semi-finals.

These are some remarks from the Head Coordinator Mr. Allen: "We practiced about twice a week. Leading up to the show we practiced about four hours a day."

Now some remarks from the participants: Madison said, "When we practiced we would pay special attention to catch the clue in every question." Kristen said, "We would spend most of our day in the hallway or in Mr. Allen's classroom to practice so we would be ready. We also would dedicate our recesses to Mr. Allen and the team for the practice that was well paid off."

Kortez said, "Well, we had a great time practicing for the Science Bowl."

Bulletin

It has come to the attention of the News Review that someone has been dropping News Review carrier tip envelopes on a route that belongs to someone else. Anyone who has received two tip envelopes in the last several weeks with two different names and addresses are asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department (Det. Michael D. Lanier, 301-474-7200). The young girl who is the rightful recipient of any tips is Grace Kendall.

Checkpoint Strikeforce Must-see DUI Videos

Operation Strikeforce has issued three YouTube videos to drive home the devastating consequences of drinking and driving. They can be seen by going to the Checkpoint Strikeforce YouTube page at <http://www.youtube.com/duicheckpoint>.

"Even a Police Chief Can Get Nailed For Drunk Driving" spotlights former Alexandria, Va., Police Chief David Baker, who was arrested for DUI in July 2009, pled guilty, served time in jail and resigned his commission after over 40 years service. In the video, Baker poignantly outlines the numerous never-ending negative consequences of that night.

The second features a powerful partnership between a father who lost his daughter to drunk driving and the drunk driver who killed her. In the "Killer of My Daughter," father and driver unite with the two men standing side by side discussing how the event has devastated them and their families and how they have come together to convince others to avoid their fate.

The third, "DUI: Real Cop Stories" features a veteran of the Richmond Police Department describing with perfect recall and brutal clarity the worst drunk driving incidents he has witnessed during his 20-year career, underscoring the horrific impact DUI tragedies leave on individuals.

Grin Belt



"Snowball ornament? Nice try!"

On Screen

Searching for Balance in "Nine"

The musical "Nine" will show beginning Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theater. It has a star-studded cast – Sophia Loren, Dame Judi Dench, Kate Hudson and Daniel Day Lewis – and is based on a 1982 Broadway musical, in turn based on a Fellini film from 1963. In it, an Italian movie director announces that he will direct a new movie (although the script hasn't even been written) and the showbiz wheels begin to turn.

Rated PG-13.

– Carol Griffith

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and in the New Year.



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Nine
(PG-13)

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Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday-Thursday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

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Community Events



PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Sledders took to the hills, from left, Luke Parr, Wesley Velasquez, Stanley Vanzego and Tony Velasquez.



Alan Duda and his son Stephen shovel snow.

Rolling Refuse Carts Pass First Test

In a December 18 memo to City Manager Mike McLaughlin, Luisa Robles of the Department of Public Works reported on the success of a pilot program involving the March distribution of 50 rolling refuse carts to be used for recycling by Boxwood homeowners. In November the department followed up with a survey to discover homeowner feelings about the new carts.

Of the 13 who responded, Robles reported, all said they found recycling easier with the new containers. As one homeowner replied, "I've never been happier with a garbage can! . . . Whoever thought of the program should be given a medal."

Another commented that those in the household were "recycling much more. I am surprised how little garbage we are throwing out."

Still another wrote: "Everyone who sees this cart wants one."

Robles reports that some 65 rolling carts will be distributed to the remaining Boxwood homes and another 15 in the Greenspring I neighborhood. The department finds that "homogeneity in the collection pattern" is an advantage to staff. The Greenspring neighborhood was chosen since it "seems to have more volume of recyclables."

Arts Advisory Board To Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 301-397-2208.

GHI Notes

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.

Astronomical Star Party this Weekend

On Saturday, December 26 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6 p.m.

Bring a new telescope and members will help set it up.

In the event of rain or cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice. For more information visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shotml.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 from noon to 2 p.m., pianist Amy C. Kraft will play mid-day melodies at the New Deal Café. The Café will be closed on Christmas day.

On the day after Christmas, Saturday, December 26 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt will play from 4 to 6 p.m.; then from 6:30 to 8 p.m. piano man John Guernsey will deliver his regular upbeat jazz and blues. He will be followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Joseph Stich and the Outer Fringe with their version of blues.

On Sunday, December 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson will play Renaissance lutes during brunch, including some Christmas songs that originated in Medieval times.

Tuesday, December 29 brings Freed's Jazz Band from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, December 30 from 7 to 9 p.m., Indy folk group Semester Abroad will come to Greenbelt with their "How Semester Abroad Stole Christmas" tour with Fairview, rock/pop punk/jungle and local group "The Late Reflections."

Next Weekend

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Jazz Legend Buck Hill's hometown café with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio from 9:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. There will also be a special menu, a mix of Mideast, Portuguese and Brazilian dishes, with reservations accepted for optional dinner only.

In the New Year

Art McKinney leads his "Real Book Jazz Jam" from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 2. On Sunday, January 3, café music starts from 3 to 5 p.m. with "The Lows" and closes with Andy and Joe, "The Nice Trys," from 5 to 8 p.m.

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underwater in a single breath, solving the Cube using a single hand and solving the Cube with one's feet.

Admission wristbands for Greenbelt New Year 2010 are on sale now at the Greenbelt Co-op, Community Center and Youth Center. Children five and under are admitted free.

For more information, call the Recreation Department Business Office at 301-397-2200.

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 28 through January 1 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, barbecued beef on a bun, candied sweet potatoes, seasoned spinach, fresh tangerine.

Tuesday – Orange juice, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tropical mixed fruit.

Wednesday – Creamy celery soup with crackers, veal and cheese patty with tomato sauce, wild rice, okra and tomatoes, applesauce.

Thursday – Apple juice, ham steak with cherry sauce, chopped collard greens, black-eyed peas, sweet potato pie.

Friday – All sites closed for New Year's holiday.

At the Library – Holiday Closing

Due to budgetary constraints, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will remain closed 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.

Library card holders may access online audio books, e-books, genealogical resources, SAT Test prep and almost 60 reference databases from any computer.

Next Artful Afternoon: Oranges, Ostrich Races

The next city Artful Afternoon program will be held on Sunday, January 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. The free family monthly arts program is held at the Community Center.

Before there was football, there were oranges and ostrich races! Learn about the historic origins of this American New Year tradition and make an orange clove pomander with Artist-in-residence Gina Mai Denn from 1 to 3 p.m. Artists' open house and exhibits are open from 1 through 4 p.m. For more information call 301-397-2208 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Lange Vindicated On Film Review

Shadow of a Doubt – the monthly calendar of the National Capital Area Skeptics, has given kudos to Sandra Lange for her review of Gary Null's documentary film, Autism: Made in the USA (October 29, 2009, News Review), in which she concludes the film "espouses medical findings without a sound basis in fact." The film was shown in Greenbelt's Film Festival in October.

Steven Salzberg, a genome researcher and computational biologist at the University of Maryland, is quoted as saying "[Null] claims to have published 'scholarly and academic papers,' but the journals listed on his site are not real journals . . ."

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Children: \$6.00
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Week of DEC. 24

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Precious, R
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Brothers, R
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In Memoriam

Peggy Manuel

Theresa "Peggy" Johnson Manuel, 62, a Greenbelt girl, a great wife, mother and grandmother, died suddenly on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in the home where she and her husband Arthur lived in Bowie. She is survived by daughters Theresa M. Wyncoop, Beth Wilson (Mike) and TC Wadel. Her grandchildren, whom she absolutely adored, are Kimberly Wyncoop, Katelyn Wilson, Kylie Wilson, Matt Wadel, Dan Wadel and Allison Depugh. There is one great-granddaughter, Keirston Wadel. A sister Fran "Bobbie" Johnson preceded her in death. Her brothers are Micky Johnson (Patty), Bucky Davis (Patty), Bart Davis (Angela) and Bret Andrew (Maika).

I got to know Peggy at Greenbelt Center Elementary School when she lived in the 16 Court of Ridge Road. I and about 25 other guys had a crush on her in those days. Artie I knew from so many others in his and the adjoining court on Hillside, including Jay Coleman and Leigh Dorsey.

Peggy and Art were high school sweethearts who married in the summer of Art's junior year. We all said, "It'll never work; they won't last two years; they're too young!" Here they were some 45 years later, showing us all how it was done. As Linda McBride said, "You never said their names separately, it was always "Peggy and Art or Art and Peggy."

Peggy would attend some of the performances of various bands I was a part of over the years, especially the "Good Guys," with whom I play today. We have a picture of her standing with us in green top hats at a St. Patrick's Day event. We never looked so good!

"Pops" Oliver, a family friend, made some remarks at the end of the funeral service. He said he met Peggy some 15 years ago and that after she gave him a hug, he "knew he was going to love this woman." He related that she came to be like a daughter to him, even though he already had four. They would go to lunch on Fridays and he was proud to have this "eye candy" on his arm, she was so beautiful. He said "She had a heart as big as the world." Jay Remenick read some comments the family had prepared. He also noted that as soon as Peg got to know you a little bit, "You were going to get a kiss from her every time you saw her."

I remember Peg's wonderful sense of humor which included a bit of wry cynicism. We would talk about something somebody had done and laugh at what we surmised was the real, hidden reason they had done it. In these days of working mothers, it's almost become unusual for a woman not to want a great, successful

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Obituaries

Elinor M. Rimar

Elinor Mae Souder Rimar, 85, died of renal disease and complications on Saturday December 12, 2009.

Mrs. Rimar was born in Washington, D.C., on July 9, 1924, the first of four children. Known to family and friends as "Ellie," she was raised on Evert Street, N.E. in the District of Columbia.

Ellie married Joseph V. Rimar, her husband of 63 years, on September 11, 1943. They moved to Greenbelt in November 1947. Ellie, her husband Joe and their two sons, Joe and Andy, lived for 20 years on Laurel Hill Road. In 1967 Ellie and Joe, with son Andy, moved to Hillside Road, where the couple remained until Joe's death in December 2006. In 2008 Ellie moved to Ridge Road.

In Ellie's early years she worked as a Hot Shoppes roller-skate server, bookkeeper and ad-

ministrative assistant. She retired from 25 years of government service in September 1984, having spent most of that time at the National Security Agency.

In retirement Ellie enjoyed life as the "people-person" she was. She was active in American Legion Ladies Auxillary, Golden Age Club, church and charity ministries, golfing, service as "Ellie the Clown," club bus trips to nearly everywhere and frequent visits and trips with grandchildren . . . the love of her life.

Ellie is survived by her eldest son Joe, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was son Andy in 2004 and husband Joe in 2006.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the Donald V. Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville (phone 301-937-1707).



Ellie and Joe Rimar at left in 1944 when they married and above in 2004 on their 60th anniversary.



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"Reunion of the Generations" by Donald Mitchell and Erin Washburn, Worship Associate

We continue our tradition of welcoming back friends and family, reuniting with college students home for winter break and adult children and grandchildren uniting for the holidays.

Please bring food to share at our pot-luck brunch following the service.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt swimmer Michael Stevens, who not only broke a meet record in the 50 yard Backstroke event at the December 12 Sport Fair Winter Classic at George Mason University and was officially ranked #1 in the 50-yard backstroke event for 11-12 year-old boys in the entire country that day. He will compete in the junior Olympics in March.

– Greenbelter Joseph Baker, a student in the Suitland High School Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, who has been selected as a YoungArts finalist

in Voice, one of nine Maryland finalists to compete in Young Arts Week in Miami January 11 through 16. In addition to \$1,000 to \$3,000 awards in their discipline, Gold and Silver winners in Miami receive \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively and progress to competition in New York in the spring with the possibility to become a Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

Happy 90th birthday to long-time Greenbelter Lorraine Moroney, who reached that milestone on December 23. A big celebration including five generations of the Moroney family was held at the Lakewood home of her daughter Mary McGraw. Lorraine still enjoys walking her dog "Kaytie" every day.

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



Holiday Greetings
To all our Greenbelt friends and former neighbors, May this holiday season be filled with the joy of family and friends and the New Year filled with peace and fulfillment.
Bernie and Jim Giese

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Young rail fans between the ages of 2 and 10 are invited to a special railroad holiday morning at the Bowie Railroad Museum on December 30 from 10:30 to noon. Kringle Kaboose will feature free special holiday activities and stories celebrating a Railroad

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To: Loki, Hallo, Gatsby, Precious, Tinker Bell, Max, Crystal and Misty. May your New Year be full of molts and volts and turkey and warm catnaps.

Mr. Stripes



Yuletide Greetings
Wishing joy and fulfillment in 2010 to all our friends and neighbors in Greenbelt

Sylvia and Robert Lewis

City of Greenbelt Information



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not operate on these days. There will be no APPLIANCE OR YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS on these days.

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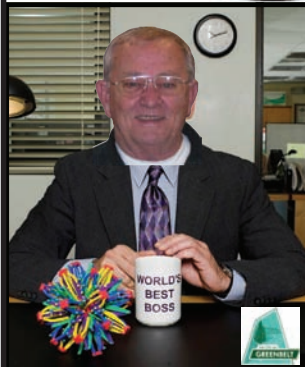
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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were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

Robberies

December 12, 7:51 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two males approximately 14 to 18 years of age approached some people, produced a knife and demanded their property. No further descriptions are available.

December 12, 10:37 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A person was approached by three males, 16 to 18 years old, who produced a handgun and took the person's money. No further descriptions are available.

Burglaries

December 16, 4:06 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (TV was taken).

December 17, 11:38 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive (stereo system and DVD player were taken).

Vandalism

December 14, 8:00 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive (window was broken).

Vehicle Crimes

Seven vehicles were reported stolen. 6900 block Hanover Parkway (gray 1995 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags), 6200 block Springhill Court (gold 1994 Honda Accord with VA tags), 7500 block Mandan Road (tan 1990 Honda Accord with MD tags), Beltway Plaza Mall, two vehicles (white 1996 Honda Accord and gray 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, both with MD tags), 8100 block Lakecrest Drive (gray 2000 Dodge Stratus with MI tags), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (green 2002 Dodge Caravan with MD tags).

Four stolen vehicles were recovered. A gray 2001 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags stolen from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway was recovered in the 8900 block Snow Acres Drive in Laurel with no arrests made. A gray 1995 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags stolen from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway was recovered in the 1600 block Oakview Drive in Silver Spring with no arrests made. A gold 1994 Honda Accord with VA tags stolen from the 6200 block Springhill Court was recovered in the 6300 block Ivy Lane with no arrests made. A tan 1992 Nissan Maxima with MD tags both stolen from and recovered in the 9100 block Springhill Lane led to the arrest of a juvenile resident who was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services after being petitioned for theft over \$1,000. There was an attempt to steal a vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Several thefts from auto were reported. 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (MD tag), 6100 block Greenbelt Road (laptop), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (GPS unit), 8000 block Mandan Road (money), 6200 block Springhill Drive (iPod), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (radio and headlights), 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (bag). There was an attempted theft from auto in the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Vandalism was reported in four locations. Car windows were broken in 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Car tires were cut in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

MVA Announces Holiday Closings

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) full service and express offices and all Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will be closed from Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24 until Monday, December 28 and from New Year's Eve Thursday, December 31 until Monday, January 4. In addition to the holidays, these closings are to comply with the statewide budget reduction plan. Those with pressing business are reminded that the days before and after a holiday are especially busy and are encouraged to plan accordingly and/or use MVA online options if possible to complete their transactions.

Visit www.mva.maryland.gov and click "Online Services" for more information. Electronic transactions can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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.



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Abandoned by its owner at the Center, a bicycle waits for a thaw while a single pedestrian braves the biggest December snow storm in area history.

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Judith "J" Davis



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Heavy equipment was needed to clear massive piles of snow in order to restore some degree of normalcy to the community. Greenbelters are fortunate to have a Public Works staff that was on the snow removal job early. Several areas of the county are still waiting for plows to clear their streets.

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*Ed Putens
 Greenbelt City Council*

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arrests for possession and five for possession with intent to distribute controlled substances.

There are fewer contacts with the school resource officers at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). There were 61 complaints at the school that officers responded to and 143 student contacts. There were no truancy issues as it is much harder to leave GMS undetected. At ERHS, students are often leaving for work release, special classes, etc., making it more difficult to detect truants.

Special Projects

Parker showed slides of many of their special projects and the children who participated. Probably their oldest project is DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education. DARE activities are presented by the officers in grades 1, 3 and 5 at Springhill Lake (SHL) and Greenbelt Elementary (GES) Schools. At SHL, there was an essay contest and Parker showed smiling winners at a bowling alley, bowling and eating pizza.

In the 6th grade at GMS and GES, the officers are working on GREAT – Gang Resistance Education and Training. There are currently 100 students enrolled in GREAT and their motto is “No Violence is GREAT.” Parker commented that they are the only group in the area with a gang resistance project.

Four students from GES and GMS were able to attend the AAA Safety Patrol Camp in Thurmont, thanks in part to funds from the GES PTA. Walk to School Day is now held annually; he mentioned specifically the PTA involvement at SHL and GES.

At ERHS last spring, the officers were involved with the Students Against Destructive Decisions. Parker specifically commended the group’s sponsor, Joanne Read, for the time she devotes to this activity. There is a mock car crash with the wrecked car sitting outside as a reminder. There is also a Grim Ghost Day where the officers read fake obituaries for students to show how students could get killed in car crashes and through other destructive activities.

Accompanying students on their trip to Camp Schmitt is one of many times when the students get to see the officers as friends and mentors. The two officers have a very busy schedule during the school year.

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career. Peggy drove a school bus for 20 years and ruined her back sitting in those hard, upright drivers’ seats. But I think Peg always just wanted to be a wife and a mother. And she was a great one. She later became a truly devoted grandmother who bequeathed her toughness and determination as a model for them to follow. Her children and her grandchildren did her proud, as they say, and certainly she will live through them for many years.

Nice job, Peg. We will miss your smile, your kisses and your love.

– Rick Ransom

Kids’ Mexican New Year Party Dec. 30



The Laurel Museum invites kids to welcome the New Year with a Mexican flavor in Feliz Año Nuevo! from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30 at the Laurel Museum. Learn about traditional New Year’s foods, make colorful crafts and noise makers just in time for New Year’s Eve. There is a small fee per child.

For additional information go to www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org or call 301-725-7975.

The Laurel Museum is located at 817 Main Street in Laurel.

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cooperation, the Yorks of 27 Court Ridge along with their neighbors Jeremy in 23 Court and Peter and Jill from 19 Court, spent much of Sunday digging each others’ vehicles buried under seven-foot drifts.

Kudos to Larry Weizel of 21 Court for clearing the walk of his next-door neighbor, Sharon Lefkowitz, who is recovering from pneumonia.

The neighbors at 19 and 20

Court Hillside were out in force Sunday, shoveling community sidewalks, digging out each others’ cars and spreading rock salt on walkways. Conversation was as brisk as the clean cold air, with families and dogwalkers taking to the streets literally to avoid wet boots and knee-deep snow.

Snow stories compiled by Peter H. Curtis, Mary Clarke, Renata York and Marat Moore.



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To learn more about participating in the bird count email David Holmes at musicbndr@verizon.net or Jo Solem of the Howard County Bird Club.

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