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## New Soccer Club Granted Recognition Group Status

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA), a nonprofit incorporated organization formed recently to provide wider opportunities for recreational soccer among youth in Greenbelt and nearby, has been granted Recognition Group (RG) status by the City of Greenbelt. At its meeting on February 28, the Greenbelt City Council discussed and approved the application.

### County Leagues

David Whiteman, GSA president and assistant soccer commissioner with the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, appeared at the council meeting to answer questions. He said GSA had been formed in part as a response to county restrictions on soccer leagues.

The county's exclusivity rule requires all Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club soccer teams to play only in leagues coordinated by the county. He said GSA focuses on recreational soccer in a more relaxed atmosphere providing greater opportunities to participate in a game.

He considers GSA a base upon which league play could

build, not a competition for that league. It would provide a place for children to acquire skills and experience necessary for competitive league play, he said.

Whiteman said there are also concerns about the large size of soccer fields used by younger teams in the county leagues, to which the county had been unresponsive. In addition, the county Boys & Girls Clubs league permits more experienced teams to play against beginner or less-skilled teams.

Whiteman said he also thinks membership dues charged by the county through the Boys & Girls Club are high. He would hope to charge a minimum for membership in GSA. Play would be in Hyattsville in the Prince George's Soccer, Inc. league.

### Staff Concerns

Julie McHale, who now heads the city's Recreation Department told council that although the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had reviewed GSA's application for RG status

See **SOCCER**, page 6

## Council Meets with GEAC To Hear Area Concerns

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council traveled outside the city center on March 3 to meet in a work-session with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC). About a dozen representatives of various condominium and homeowners' associations were represented; Joyce Gladstone is the current president. Council then summarized a number of city-wide issues for GEAC and various GEAC members highlighted issues they wanted assistance on from the city or at least to alert the city of issues.

### Concerns

Various communities represented asked the city for help in a number of areas. Derek Thompson of Windsor Green said he was following up on issues concerning the late Sheldon Goldberg, who had often spoken on GEAC issues. Thompson said Windsor Green had sought help from the city regarding maintenance issues with their homes and the city had stepped in and many issues had been resolved.

It was also mentioned that residents of Windsor Green cannot obtain the required parking permit if their units have unresolved housing violations that the resident is responsible for. Currently about 20 percent of residents do not have such a parking permit.

The homeowners' association, he said, has a very strict parking

enforcement and towing policy with towing occurring in the overnight hours. However, since city-owned streets are nearby, many residents move their cars to the city street each night in lieu of bringing their accounts and residences up to date.

Another quality of life issue, he said, concerns residents who walk their dogs but do not pick up the dog feces. There was some discussion of a very large dog which leaves large piles on city-maintained property.

When Mayor Judith Davis was asked about city laws concerning this matter, she responded: "No idea." It appears the responsible dog owner is known. It was recommended that the problem be documented by the property management with a letter to the owner. If the problem is not resolved, it can then be discussed with the city to determine follow up steps.

It appears that many Greenbelt East homeowner associations have problems with building exterior issues, whether architectural or more mundane, such as grass height. Councilmember Ed Putens said that when the city gets involved, improvements seem to happen faster; he cited a case with Greenbrook Estates where the city stepped in and

See **GEAC**, page 6

## PGCMA Presents Longevity Award To Mayor Davis at Council Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

All seven members of the Greenbelt City Council were on board for their Monday, March 14 regular meeting. Following recognition by the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) of Mayor Judith Davis, agenda items included a report from the city's Board of Elections, a presentation on the Greenbelt West Sector Plan and the Town of Berwyn Heights' request to include within the plan an area for rezoning.

Bowie City Councilmember Dennis Brady, currently president of PGCMA, presented Mayor Davis with a longevity award from the association. He said the plaque was a recognition by her peers throughout the county of her having reached the threshold of 16 years of service, not only to Greenbelt residents but also to PGCMA member municipalities and the Maryland Municipal League.

### Board of Elections Report

Spurred by an incident during the 2009 city council election, council last summer requested an opinion from City Solicitor Robert Manzi on whether the city could adopt legislation prohibiting use of the term "Official Ballot" on campaign literature in city elections. His written opinion had been subsequently referred for review to the city's Board of Elections.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, March 26**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot by Municipal Building

**8:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Earth Hour - Lights Out

**Monday, March 28**

**8 p.m.**, Council Meeting and FY 2012 Budget Presentation, Municipal Building, live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Tuesday, March 29**

**7 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

**Wednesday, March 30**

**7 p.m.**, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center Senior Lounge

**8 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession - Overview, Revenues and General Government, Community Center

**Thursday, March 31**

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board Meeting, Board Room



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

**Dennis Brady, president of the Prince George's County Municipal Association, presents a plaque to Mayor Judith Davis in recognition of her 16 years of service to Greenbelt and to the member municipalities of the association at the March 14 city council meeting.**

Although Manzi believes the city could take action to prohibit distribution of misleading campaign literature, the board recommended against taking ac-

tion at this time. Instead they suggested adding a statement in the instructions in the city's

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

## Greenbelt Police Department Reports on 2010 Statistics

by James Giese

Overall the number of more serious crimes (Class 1) within the City of Greenbelt decreased by 7 percent in 2010 as compared to the previous year. At 1,300 offenses, this is the lowest number reported in the last five years. The peak year was 2008 with 1,475 reported crimes.

Even better news is the significant drop in two of the more serious crimes, robbery and motor vehicle thefts. Both are well below any of the previous five years, included in the Greenbelt Police Department December, 2010 Statistical Report.

Robberies, at 106, were down over 16 percent from the previous year and 32 percent from 2006, the previously reported peak year. Motor vehicle thefts, at 133, were down 20 percent from 2009 and almost 51 percent from 2008.

The number of larcenies (761) also dropped over 7 percent from previous years, making 2011 the second-best year in the five year period.

Offsetting the good news were increases in the remaining categories of crime putting those categories at peak levels. At 66, aggravated assaults were up more than 10 percent for the year and

at a peak for the five-year period. The 11 reported rapes were also higher by three than for the previous year and the highest by one in five years.

The city experienced two reported murders for 2011, the same as in every other year of the five-year period, except for murder-free 2009. Breaking and entering crimes were also higher by 4 percent over 2009, with the 221 incidents more than doubling the 102 incidents in 2006.

As in past years, more than half of all city crimes - 658 - occurred in Greenbelt West. That included all murders, all but two reported rapes, 70 percent of the aggravated assaults and 60 percent of robberies. Greenbelt Center experienced the fewest crimes, 182, while Greenbelt East had 460.

### Accidents

In other good news, traffic accidents were the lowest in five years. However, the nearly 10 percent drop in property damage accidents and 22 percent drop in accidents with injuries were marred by three fatal accidents following at least four years with no fatalities.

See **STATISTICS**, page 10





PHOTO BY CAROLYN HAMMETT

Some of Honora Hammett's cranes for Japan disaster relief.

## Greenbelter Making 1,000 Paper Cranes for Japan

Greenbelt resident (and News Review carrier) Honora Hammett, a nine-year-old fourth grader in the Robert Goddard French Immersion Program, was saddened as she watched videos of the disaster coming out of Japan. As she watched some of the footage with her family she said, "Why are we just sitting around watching videos of what happened instead of doing something to help?" Then and there she decided to do something to help bring some relief to Japan.

Honora wants to make and sell 1,000 paper cranes as a way to raise money for disaster relief in Japan, incorporating the art of origami, the Japanese medium of paper-folding. The crane also has

special meaning to the Japanese, being a symbol of honor, long life, good health and prosperity. It is also a symbol of peace. The legend is that the person who makes 1,000 cranes will be granted a wish. Honora's wish is that Japan be restored to good health and that the people will be safe.

Her parents are asking that people help Honora in her efforts. She has already made 81 paper cranes, with donations amounting thus far to more than \$80. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund-Japan. Those who would like to contribute to this fund are asked to send inquiries to carosyrup1962@yahoo.com.

— Kevin Hammett,  
Honora's father

## 3-Sisters Gardens to Hold Event Sunday, March 27

Sunday, March 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. the 3-Sisters Gardens will hold its Spring Equinox Kick-off, planning meeting and potluck at the Greenbelt West Garden site behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. In the event of rain, the potluck and meeting will move to the conference room in the recreation center.

Start-up work on the Greenbelt West Garden and the planting of four fruit trees at the site is planned first. The potluck and a planning meeting for all three gardens follows the planting. The gardens are Center, behind the Community Center; East, at Schrom Hills Park; and West, Springhill Lake Recreation Center. All are invited to come for spring fun and bring their energy and ideas.

Planning agenda topics include: 1. working on handicapped access for the gardens; 2. creating "nature outdoor classrooms;" 3.

working with area schools and community groups; and 4. creating a resilient Greenbelt local "urban food-shed."

People are asked to bring food to share and their own re-usable plates and utensils, because this is intended to be a trash free event.

The Greenbelt 3-Sisters Demonstration Gardens is a volunteer project of the nonprofit Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society. Start-up funds for the project were provided by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation with continuing non-financial design support by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works. The project is one for which Prince George's County Master Gardeners can receive volunteer work hours credits. Volunteers and crew work leaders are needed for each of the three sites. Email maggie@cheers.org for more information.



PHOTO BY ROBERT CAHALAN

Start up planning is beginning for this year's sites for the 3-Sisters Gardens.



Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Della Domchick, 93, who died March 16, 2011. Mrs. Domchick and her husband of 69 years, Harold, were longtime members of the Greenbelt Community Church. They moved to Bryantown, Md., about eight years ago.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Lilly Mason, age 99. Mrs. Mason had lived in the 6 court of Ridge Road.

### Congratulations to:

— the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), which was among 400 school systems nationally to be placed on the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Achievement List for opening AP classroom doors to a broader pool of students while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning a score of three or higher on AP exams. From 2009 to 2010, PGCPS increased the students participating in AP from 27 to 35 percent, with three or higher scores increasing to 24.6 and 26.3 percent respectively.

— Ben and Jennifer Helwig of Plateau Place, who welcomed their own new little Greenbelter, daughter Holly Geneva, born Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 8:41 p.m.

Two Greenbelt businesses, Comso, Inc. and Presidio Networked Solutions, are among 80 employers nominated in Maryland for the annual Department of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on organizations that go above and beyond the law to support their National Guard and Reserve employees. From a national list of 4,000 nominated employers 15 winners will be announced in September.

Welcome to new part-time Arts Education Specialist Christina Marsh, hired to help coordinate classes at the Community Center. Marsh is an adjunct fine arts faculty member at Maryland Institute College of Art and Baltimore City Community College.

— Kathleen McFarland

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**

**WEEK OF MAR 25**

**The Adjustment Bureau**

(PG-13)

**Friday**

\*5, 7:30, 9:40

**Saturday**

\*2:45, \*5, 7:30, 9:40

**Sunday**

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

**Monday - Thursday**

\*5:15, 7:30

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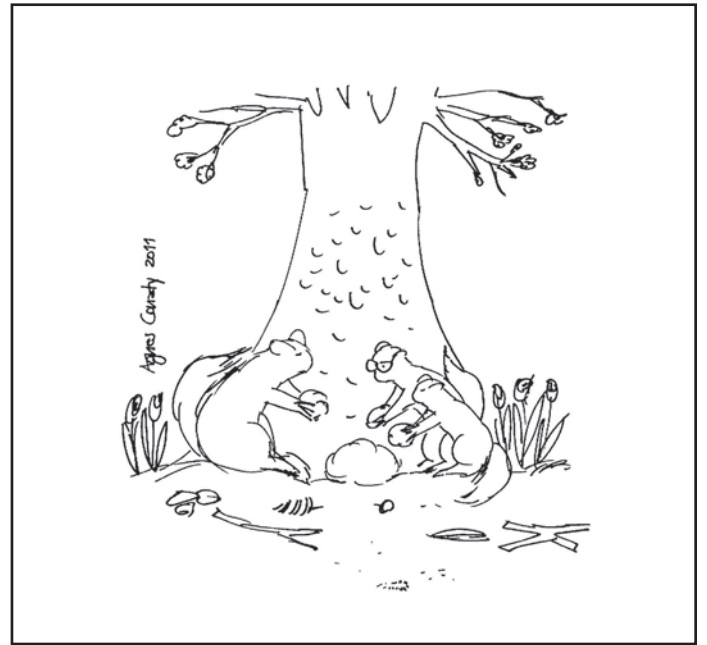
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## Grin Belt



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## On Screen

### Sci-fi Thriller Opens Friday Here

Determinism vs. free will – are we puppets or agents? That is the question posed in *The Adjustment Bureau*, a sci-fi thriller based on a short story by Philip K. Dick coming to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, March 25.

Inside this mind-teasing trope director/writer George Nolfi has tucked some wonderful romantic chemistry between David Morris, aspiring politician (Matt Damon) and Elise Sellas, aspiring ballerina (Emily Blunt). Can they shape their own destinies and find happiness together or will the Bureau's malevolent trio of "adjusters" (John Slattery, Anthony Mackie, Terence Stamp – eyes blue and steely as ever) trump their spirited efforts? I think it was Isaac Bashevis Singer who, when asked if he believed in free will, said "Of course. I have no choice."

Rating: PG-13; running time, 1 hour, 45 minutes. Features: foot chases, magic portals, delicious kisses. — Jim Link

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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# Community Events

## Mamas & Papas Welcome Newcomers

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas group is open to all moms and dads (grandparents and caregivers too) in and around Greenbelt, from all parts of the city – parents and significant adults to kids of all ages who want to stay connected to other local parents.

The Mamas and Papas is an informal parenting group that maintains an active listserv to advertise events and classes; trade information on doctors, schools, dentists, etc.; give away/sell kid stuff; post parenting questions; and more. In addition to the free Wednesday playgroup, they plan field trips to kid-friendly places (and a Mom's Night Out) and hold seasonal clothing swaps at the Greenbelt Farmers Market. Some families also participate in an informal babysitting co-op. There are no dues or fees to join.

The group welcomes parents of all kinds – those who stay at home, those who work or study from home and those who work outside the home. In keeping with Greenbelt's vision of celebrating people of many cultures, faiths and races living together, membership includes many different kinds of moms, dads and grandparents including non-English speakers.

The playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the playground opposite the Greenbelt Public Library on Crescent Road. (The winter and bad weather location is at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multi-Purpose Room.) Those unavailable for playgroup because they work outside the home (the case for many Mamas and Papas) can participate on the listserv and join in other events.

For more information email [jmekc@yahoo.com](mailto:jmekc@yahoo.com). The Greenbelt Mamas & Papas is now on Facebook.

## Co-op to Offer Food Demo, Wine Tasting

Friday, March 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. is the next Co-op Supermarket wine tasting and will feature La Mano, Green Truck and Yealands wines.

The next Seasonal and Savory food demo will be offered on Wednesday, March 30, which is also March's Patron Appreciation Day. From 4 to 6 p.m. Co-op produce department staffers Ellen Siegel and Kim Rush Lynch will prepare and offer samples of a broccoli, fennel and grape salad, along with a sampling of Kysela wines.

Age identification is required for wine tasting.

More  
Community Events see  
pages 2, 4, 10, 11 and 16

## 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 must 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 March 28 to April 1:

Monday – Cranberry juice, sliced ham with fruit sauce, Brussels sprouts, mashed sweet potatoes, chocolate chip cookies.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, broccoli florets, brown rice, pasta salad, fresh orange.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup, stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, corn O'Brien, garden salad, yogurt.

Thursday – Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, pinto beans, turnip greens, fruit cocktail.

Friday – Tomato soup, seafood pasta salad, four-bean salad, garden salad, brownie.

## At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

\*Wednesday, March 30, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

\*Thursday, March 31, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

\*Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

## Astronomical Society Meets at Science Ctr.

The next regular meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be held on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

There will be a presentation about telescope optics and the agenda will include a discussion of the society's plans for the summer.

For further information call society secretary Craig Levin at 301-853-0935.

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## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Monday, March 28, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m., Coffee Social for new members – Board Room

Friday, April 1, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Sunday, April 3, 1 to 3 p.m., Mini Retreat – Board Room

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

## Golden Age Club by Bunny Fitzgerald

Now that St. Patrick's Day is behind us and the leprechauns have returned to their hiding places, the Golden Age Club is ready to move ahead.

On March 30 at 11 a.m. in the Community Center there will be two speakers from the archives at the University of Maryland, who will give us lots of Maryland history and other information. Guests are welcome.

It is time to begin collecting items for the Chinese Auction to be held on April 13. Remember the anniversary luncheon April 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

## Northway Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will hold a free star party Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m. at the end of Northway, at Northway fields.

For further information call society secretary Craig Levin at 301-853-0935.

## GATE Annual Members Meeting on Sunday

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the GATE Studio, Suite 204 at the Greenbelt Community Center. All members are urged to attend and the meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

For more information call GATE 301-507-6581.

## Comm. Foundation Application Deadline

April 15 is the deadline for applications for the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) spring grant cycle.

The Foundation calls for proposals from local organizations twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are generally awarded for projects which can be completed in one year. Submitted proposals will be reviewed by the GCF Proposal Committee, with decisions made by the full GCF Advisory Board in June.

Past grant recipients include Eleanor Roosevelt Wind Ensemble for a trip to China during the Olympics, Greenbelt Association of the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television to create a video, St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity for their food pantry and CampFire USA for a mobile computer center in West Greenbelt/Franklin Park.

Information about GCF and materials related to submitting an application for funding are available at <http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net>. Completed forms should be sent to: Greenbelt Community Foundation, P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

## Correction

In the article on the March 10 GHI board meeting on page 12 last week the recipient of the 3-year uniform contract was mis-identified. The contract was awarded to G&K Services. The News Review regrets the error.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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Adults: \$8.50  
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Children: \$6.00  
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## Week of MAR 25

### FRI. – SAT.

Rango, PG-13

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Battle Los Angeles, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 10:20

Red Riding Hood, PG-13

5:30, 7:50, 10:20

Mars Needs Moms, PG in 3D

No fees at our location

11:20, 1:20, 3:25

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

"Rodrick Rules", PG (!)

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Limitless, PG-13 (!)

11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:35

Sucker Punch, PG-13 (!)

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:40

Paul, R

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The Lincoln Lawyer, R (!)

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**THIS WEEK  
AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!**



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**Coming Soon:**  
Homespun Ceilidh Band - April 8  
The Burial at Thebes - April 29 - May 21

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**Greenbelt Nursery School's  
Tortoise and Hare 5K Run/Walk  
Saturday April 2, 8am, around Greenbelt Lake.**

Packet pickup Friday April 1 from 5-8 pm  
Saturday April 2, 7:00 am at Greenbelt Nursery School

**Advance registration \$25; Race Day registration \$30**  
**Online Registration Ends March 31 at [www.getmeregistered.com](http://www.getmeregistered.com)**



# Obituaries

## Della Domchick

Former long-time resident Della Cora Domchick, 93, of Bryantown, Md., died on March 16, 2011, at Fenwick Landing in Waldorf.



Mrs. Domchick was born November 15, 1917, in Freeland, Pa., the daughter of the late William and Margaret Waldron Oshman.

Mrs. Domchick was a homemaker and a member of Greenbelt Community Church. She was a wife and mother and grandmother to eight grandchildren and great-grandmother to six great-grandchildren.

She was a school volunteer and Sunday school teacher. She loved traveling with her husband, who was a musician and educator. She enjoyed the company of her large family of brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Domchick and her husband were longtime Greenbelters, moving to 23-K Ridge Road from Pennsylvania in 1947 when their children were young and later to 60-G Crescent Road. From 1957 to 1959 they lived in West Point, N.Y. where Mr. Domchick was in the military band. They returned to Greenbelt in 1959 to 11-A Ridge Road, where they lived for 44 years until moving to their daughter Judy's home in Bryantown in 2003.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Harold G. Domchick, Sr.; one son, Harold G. (Nancy) Domchick, Jr., of Greenbelt; two daughters, Judy (Alvin) Hall of Bryantown and Margaret (Robert) Barton of Beltsville; two brothers, Jack Oshman of Lompoc, Cal., and Earl Oshman of Jacobus, Pa.; and one sister, Margaret Bell of Upland, Pa., in addition to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held on March 22 at the Maryland Veteran's Cemetery Chapel in Cheltenham with Rev. Bruce Jones officiating. Arrangements were by Raymond Funeral Service of La Plata.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd, Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852-9813.

## Rhythm and Rhyme Toddler Sessions

Beginning on March 29 there will be a "Rhythm and Rhyme Time" of stories and activities from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for children from newborns to age four with an adult caregiver. A free program, it will be held in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

More volunteer leaders are being sought; those interested should email Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov.

## Jambassadors Sun. At College Park UMC

On Sunday, March 27 there will be a special worship service at 11:30 a.m. and a music jam at 12:30 p.m. by the Archie Edwards Jambassadors at College Park United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend one or both – and to bring instruments to participate in the afternoon jam.

Performers include Rev. Joe Steen, Rev. Kim Capps, Phil Wiggins, Mike Baytop, Willie Leebel and others. Blues 'n' Sunday with the Archie Edwards Jambassadors features Piedmont blues, an integration of ragtime, blues and country dance songs.

College Park UMC is located at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue. For more information call 301-345-1010. More information about the group is available at [www.acousticblues.com](http://www.acousticblues.com).

## Earth Hour Lights Out Sat. Evening

Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. is Earth Hour, with the call to everyone to turn off lights during that one hour.

In Greenbelt there will be a GreenACES candlelight observance at the New Deal Café.

The city will turn off non-essential lights and all are invited to join in this international event that is sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund to send a global message that action on climate change is possible.

## Explorations Covers Personal Safety

The Explorations Unlimited on Friday, April 1 will feature a safety presentation by retired Montgomery County Police Officer Ed Hickey.

Hickey retired as a lieutenant after almost 25 years of service, has completed an M.A. in criminal justice at the University of Maryland and also taught criminal justice courses at Prince George's Community College for almost 10 years.

Explorations participants will describe situations in which they were concerned for their safety. Problems older persons can avoid with a minimum of effort will also be discussed. Hickey will present scenarios and discuss methods to handle them, such as what to do when approached by aggressive people such as panhandlers or worrisome groups.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome. For details call 301-397-2208.

## National Poetry Month Celebrated at Library

The Greenbelt Library has invited families to help celebrate National Poetry Month on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. Featured will be Anne Becker, Takoma Park Poet Laureate and other Maryland poets including Greenbelt poets and writers.

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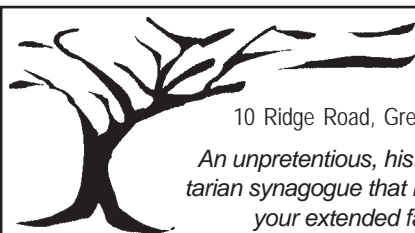
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and recommended approval, recreation staff preferred a trial period of one year in which staff would work with GSA on field permits and then reassess the request for RG status next year.

Staff feared that overuse of city fields, which GSA would use for practices, would increase maintenance for Public Works staff, McHale said. Field permits for extended seasons of play have traditionally been issued only to youth organizations sanctioned by the city, such as the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, Greenbelt Baseball and Greenbelt Babe Ruth. Staff fears that such a "splinter group" could inspire the formation of others, causing an additional burden on fields and maintenance staff.

### Council Concerns

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, saying he liked the idea of more children having the opportunity to play sports, supported RG status for GSA. Other councilmembers concurred.

Councilmember Leta Mach pointed out that since recognition groups must reapply each year to maintain that status, she did not see how withholding recognition would differ from waiting a year to consider doing so.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin explained that with RG status, GSA would share with other groups in use of the fields

according to the number of children served; without RG status, GSA would have less access to use the fields.

Councilmember Edward Putens wanted some assurance that there be verification that most of the children are from Greenbelt. Whiteman told him the adults involved in GSA are from Greenbelt and do not advertise outside the city. The children have not been asked for proof of residency. Currently only a couple of the 15 children are not Greenbelt residents, he said.

Mayor Judith Davis said she was concerned about overuse of the fields. McLaughlin told her the city staff was not opposing the status but wanted a year to look at factors that are uncertain or theoretical at this time, such as field usage, storage requirement and residency of the children involved. He said the main obstacle would be getting the two soccer groups to work together on field use and storage.

Whiteman said since his wife is on the board of the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, he had good liaison with that group. He said that if the focus is on providing opportunities for the kids, the two groups ought to be able to work together.

Roberts' motion to approve Recognition Group status to GSA passed unanimously.

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trash problems cleared up.

Davis summarized: go through your home owners' association process first; document the process; and if not solved, contact the city.

### Money Owed

A general discussion was held on money owed to the various condominium associations by residents who have moved out but not been able to sell their homes, have had the unit taken over by a mortgage company or who live there but are behind in condo fees. These monies are significant and a drain on the associations. One association mentioned they may be owed as much as \$250,000 in delinquent fees.

Another general discussion involved city regulations regarding renting units. In some situations the city wrote the owner regarding violations in a rental unit. In a number of these cases, the unit owner wrote back and said the new occupants were not renters but relatives of the owners, which changes the situation.

Davis and Putens both thought College Park and Berwyn Heights might be more forceful in checking for rental enforcement problems. Follow-up with those localities is proposed.

Homeowners at Hunting Ridge are interested in installing bars on ground floor units and asked if there were city regulations.

There appear to be no such regulations on installation but the bars must be "quick release" for ease of escape in case of fire.

Gladstone had a suggestion to assist with street snow removal following two years of heavy snow. She would like the city to have a snow parking plan allowing cars to pull up on driveways during snow threats even if the cars block the sidewalk, which is actually against the law.

### City Issues

The city council briefed GEAC on a number of issues including the 2011/2012 budget, Greenbelt West development and the Old Greenbelt Theatre remodeling (for which funding is still needed).

Of special interest to GEAC was discovering that the Federal Highway Administration has approved \$1 million to determine the feasibility of adding a third lane both northbound and southbound on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission has initiated the planning process for the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan. This sector includes Greenway Center in Greenbelt East in addition to Beltway Plaza and Franklin Park apartments. GEAC members were encouraged to become informed about these activities.

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candidate information packet prohibiting use of the term on campaign literature.

When the mayor asked about the board's rationale for this recommendation, Board Chair Pamela Gregory said the board thought it likely this was an anomaly in a Greenbelt election and was therefore reluctant to take steps that might be construed as attempting to limit free speech on the basis of an unusual incident.

Mayor Davis suggested that if it were to become more common, however, council should consider action since it is not so much an issue of freedom of speech as misleading to voters. Councilmember Leta Mach found the amendment to the candidate packet instructions to be adequate as a first step.

Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan noted that similar misidentification of ballots in county and state elections, some of them affecting Greenbelt, have become almost endemic. He said he would like to see the issue dealt with at a higher level.

Finally, council voted unanimously to accept the board's recommendation to limit action to amending instructions in the candidate packet.

### Sector Plan Update

On Wednesday, March 2 the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) held a community workshop in Greenbelt to present information and solicit comments on an update to the Greenbelt West Sector plan. The update will expand boundaries of the existing sector plan to include commercial centers in Greenbelt, as well as the commercial corridor of Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights.

The 18-month planning process will include ongoing opportunities for public comment. A detailed report on material presented in this workshop was published in the March 10 News Review.

Chad Williams, M-NCPPC manager for the project, attended the March 14 council meeting to present the material again to a wider audience. This presentation can be viewed on the city's website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Click on "City Council" on the home page, then "On-Demand Library of Meetings," then the video for the March 14 council meeting. The M-NCPPC presentation can be selected as item 4 on the agenda.

Mayor Davis had also placed on the agenda a letter from Berwyn Heights to the County Planning Board asking that the boundary of the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan be further expanded to include the area along Balley and 55th Avenues,

adjacent to the Metro track, currently zoned for Light Industry. The town council believes more flexible zoning could produce development more compatible with the Greenbelt Station South Core development and with Berwyn Heights in general.

Mayor Davis said this is related both to inclusion in the plan of the Berwyn Heights commercial area on Greenbelt Road and also to the view from the Metro train approaching Greenbelt Station. She suggested that Greenbelt support the request.

Councilmember Ed Putens said he thought it would be appropriate in turn for Berwyn Heights to support Greenbelt in requesting a rezoning of the area in the plan that includes Prince George's Scrap Metal. He said he wanted to put this opinion on the record but agreed it was not a condition for supporting Berwyn Heights' request. Nonetheless, when the vote was taken, Putens cast the sole vote against sending a letter of support and, when asked, declined at this time to explain his vote.

### Purchase Approvals

City council approved award of a bid to replace two 15-ton rooftop HVAC units at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to Fresh Air Concepts of Jessup, which had presented the low bid of \$73,234. This bid was reissued in February, following discovery that some specifications had been inadequate in last July's original bid request. Of the total, \$62,251 will be covered by Community Development Block Grant funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Council also agreed to purchase 145 mobile radios on behalf of Prince George's County municipal police agencies that need access to the county's new public safety communications system. Greenbelt and Hyattsville co-authored a proposal for the radios, to be funded through a U.S. Justice Department COPS grant of \$500,000 obtained by Congressman Steny Hoyer. At this time, it is not known how many radios will be allotted to the Greenbelt Police Department.

### Maryland Legislation

Council voted unanimously to send letters in support of four bills pending in the State Assembly. HB1179/SB862 is a bond bill that would establish a \$25,000 state debt for the Greenbelt Arts Center to renovate its restrooms. Although an equal matching fund from the Arts Center would be required, they have already made a good start in fundraising.

SB602/HB1034 would establish a five-cent fee for plastic shopping bags statewide. Stores

could retain one cent for each bag, two cents if they have a "customer bag credit" program. The rest of the fee, less state administrative costs, would go to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

HB831 would establish a committee to advise the state Department of Agriculture on invasive plant regulations. The bill also establishes two tiers of plants: the sale, transfer or importation of Tier 1 plants would be prohibited, while Tier 2 plants could be sold with warnings.

HB905 would enable local governments to use condemnation procedures to acquire street lights from utility companies. The bill has been supported by the Climate Energy and Environmental Policy Committee of the Council of Governments.

### Federal Legislation

Council also addressed two matters related to federal legislation. HR1 is a continuing appropriations resolution funding the federal government for the remainder of its fiscal year.

Rejected in the Senate earlier this month, the bill has received substantial press coverage on its repeal of health care, environmental and other standing federal initiatives, including a significant weakening of the EPA. Council voted to send a letter to the city's Congressional delegation thanking them for opposing HR1 and encouraging their continued support for EPA oversight and regulation.

Mayor Davis had added to the agenda the matter of a cut included in HR1 of \$150 million of federal support for capital funding for Metro. The Council of Governments (COG) has already urged Congress to retain this funding, since if the federal government reneges on its commitment to the federal-state Metro partnership, the funding committed by Maryland, Virginia and the District will also be at risk.

COG member jurisdictions have been asked to add their support at both the federal and state levels. Council voted unanimously to send letters to Greenbelt's Congressional representatives and to Governor O'Malley.

### Advisory Group Changes

The city council accepted the resignation of Sandra Lange from the Advisory Planning Board and appointed Charlene MacAdams to the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee and Roody Rosales to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

Also appointed to new terms were: Laurretta Baugh to the Advisory Committee on Education; John Drage and Mark Gransfors-Hunt to the Arts Advisory Board; and the Rev. Daniel Hamlin, Jamie Krauk and Dea Zuggy to the Community Relations Advisory Board.



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# Earthquake Shakes Up Memories Of Earlier Experiences in Japan

by Virginia Beauchamp



Virginia Walcott, October 31, 1946

Some 14 months after the end of World War II, I arrived in Sendai, epicenter of the recent earthquake in Japan. Sendai was a major railroad hub north of Tokyo and Yokohama. There I would change trains and ride through the mountains and grain fields and rice paddies westward to my destination in Yamagata.

A senior Red Cross official and I had traveled together from Tokyo, where I had spent the past two weeks trying to track down lost luggage from my earlier flight from Manila. She and I shared a two-bunk cubicle on the train – fully clothed as I remember, because the doorway between our room and the next could fall open unexpectedly.

How we got from the train station to the Red Cross billet in Sendai I don't remember – I suppose by an official car sent to pick us up. But I will never forget the breakfast awaiting us – real American waffles – the first I had tasted since more than a year before when I left the States. The home had once been the residence of a missionary family whom the war had displaced but whose cook, and apparently kitchen utensils, now served the new American crew.

### Another Surprise

Nor will I forget my second surprise when residents of the facility joined us for breakfast. To my amazement one of the Red Cross girls (whatever our ages, women were “girls” in those long-ago days) was a friend of mine. We had been colleagues from a year-earlier assignment in southern Luzon and our reunion felt like my first piece of good luck since my arrival in Japan.

For my baggage was still missing – a suitcase and musette bag, the latter packed with all my shoes. I had flown to Tokyo on a military plane and then managed there on borrowed clothes from other Red Cross girls and with a new uniform I bought at a PX.

Shoes were another matter. As I remember, I had to manage with the brown shoes I wore with the khaki work uniform in which I had traveled to Japan.

And now here was my friend



Mountain east of Yamagata, 1946.

Florence, just packing up for home-leave in the United States! She had clothes and shoes to discard. Never mind that the shoes were half a size larger than what I normally wore. Still they were regulation uniform black oxfords.

During that day my companion and I visited the main Red Cross club at the military base for soldiers of the 11th Airborne headquarters units stationed there. And again a surprise!

I remember sitting or standing alone, just looking around, when a young soldier came up to me and addressed me, “Hello, Miss Walcott,” my maiden name. He looked familiar but in this context I could not place him. And, of course, I was surprised by his formality. Normally everyone called us by first names.

Suddenly it all became clear when he said, “I think you were my teacher in Bad Axe.” Bad Axe High School, in faraway Michigan, had been my first teaching job, four years earlier. What a surprise!

### Another Train

After a night in Sendai, I traveled by train, alone, to my new assignment in Yamagata. And for the next two or more weeks I would call regularly to Troup Carrier headquarters in Tokyo, hoping for news about my bags.

Finally, one day, the news was good. The Tokyo soldier in charge of baggage had finally made the trip to Manila himself to check out why my luggage – and other lost baggage – could not be found. And there, sitting in the middle of the waiting room, he saw my suitcase and

musette bag.

To this day, it seems a miracle. The baggage master who found my bags said he would send them by train to Sendai, where I could pick them up.

And so I made another trip to that railroad hub, where I found the items addressed to me. By another miracle, I happened to see my footlocker as well, which had come by ship and then been forwarded on to my new assignment. It would have been loaded on to the cross-country train on which I myself would be traveling back. Now I could take it with me.

Several more times I traveled through the Sendai train station on trips to southern Japan and then, finally, on my trip south to the port city and the troop ship home.

I never saw the port in Sendai nor the cemetery where the missionary sister of my own high school art teacher had been buried. (There had been no way to get there.)

But I mourn with all the world for the triple disaster that has ravaged that city – an earthquake beyond imagining, a devastating tsunami and, now, apparently a potential nuclear meltdown. I pray – as do we all – for their recovery. It will not be soon. Nor can it ever be complete.

But, as I know from my months of living and working in that country, the Japanese are resourceful people. They will astonish us with how they deal with this new disaster, as they did with their earlier national catastrophe at the end of World War II.



Farmhouse with root vegetables drying. Yamagata, 1946



PHOTO BY MEGAN SEARING YOUNG, GREENBELT MUSEUM

Fall 2009 photo in front of Greenbelt Museum is of Japanese visitors Kana Wakabayashi and Yasuhiro Tanaka on one of their visits to Greenbelt from Senri New Town.

## Japanese Visitor Shares Nuclear Power Concerns

by Cindy Henneberger

“The nuclear power plant in Fukushima is under serious situation, as you know. I cannot tell what will happen tomorrow,” reported Kana Wakabayashi. Wakabayashi and Yasuhiro Tanaka have visited Greenbelt several times to exchange information and hear ideas on preserving the history of Senri New Town, Japan’s first planned community.

Although she is worried about the threat posed by the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant crisis, Wakabayashi wrote, “I cannot tell what will happen tomorrow, but I am safe today and I am with my loving family.” Tanaka, his family and Senri New Town are also safe for now, she reported.

“I heartily hope that situation does not get much worse,” she continued. She said the Japanese living near the center of the earthquake “do not have enough foods or goods, especially for babies.” And she is concerned about the hardships of the cold on elderly refugees.

She and other Japanese “sincerely appreciate” the U.S. Army’s Operation Tomodachi, which translates to Operation Friendship. In addition, U.S. news coverage of their crisis as well as their reporting concern for the Japanese people “do cheer us up,” she said.

While visiting Greenbelt in November 2009, Wakabayashi and Tanaka met with Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young and Greenbelt News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson as well as patrons of

the New Deal Café and farmers market.

When I emailed Wakabayashi back to tell her the Japanese were also in the thoughts of Greenbelters that I had talked with, she wrote that I could share her thoughts with Greenbelters and let them know that the American people’s concern has touched the Japanese.

“While I was doing interviews to Greenbelters, I was impressed by the words, ‘Community is life,’ which is said by a man I met at New Deal Café,” she wrote.

Wakabayashi has witnessed this type of community as the Japanese reach out to help each other. She has been particularly touched by the unity among those who were most devastated in northern Japan, which she wrote “historically has strong community and people are so gentle in the area.”

“But I found this ‘community’ is not only for the people living nearby,” she wrote. “All people who are concerned about Japan are member of our ‘community.’”

Wakabayashi feels the Japanese did not have proper knowledge about nuclear power and its dangers, despite the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Now the crisis in Fukushima is making them reconsider the issue.

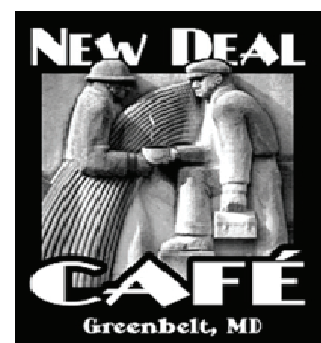
For now, Wakabayashi wrote, “All I can do is to pray. But I want to tell you that Japanese people hold hands and walk together. I believe ‘We shall overcome.’”



A patriarch shown on the day of a parade. Yamagata, 1946

### The Gypsy Jazz Hot Club of DC

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# Welcome to GHI'S NEW GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW PAGE!

## Challenge: Name That Page!

Anna Socrates

Welcome to GHI's new Greenbelt News Review page. We are excited about this new partnership, because GHI can now deliver more timely and frequent news and updates to its members.

You'll find lots of information on this page, but there is one thing you won't find. This page doesn't have a name—yet. (We can't call it the Communicator, because you will still be receiving the home-delivered newsletter quarterly.)

At our last Communicator Task Force meeting, we sat around and brainstormed names, but nothing clicked. (Really, the "GHI Grumble" wasn't quite what we had in mind.) We decided that not only do we need a name, we need a namer. In the 1990s, one of my housemates had a friend, MacKenzie, who lived on the West Coast. MacKenzie had the greatest job. She got to sit around all day and think of names for things—breakfast cereals, software packages, amusement park rides, start-up companies, she named them all. She did quite well as a namer, enough to afford a beach cottage in Santa Monica. Well, we need a name too, and MacKenzie is a little out of our reach. So this is where you come in.

We can't afford to give you a beach cottage, but we are offering a \$50 Greenbelt CO-OP Supermarket gift certificate to whoever comes up with the best name for our new page. (Non-members are eligible, too.) In addition, the winner of "Name that Page" will be recognized at the annual meeting and perhaps profiled in an upcoming Communicator or GNR page. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2011. Send your entries to GHI, 1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 in an envelope marked "Name that Page," or e-mail your submission with the subject line "Name that Page" to jkrob@greenbelthomes.net.

Who knows? This could be the start of a new career and your ticket to Santa Monica!



### We Regret to Announce...

Gretchen Overdurff will be retiring at the end of the year. For over 16 years Gretchen has been an outstanding General Manager for our cooperative. It is hard to imagine why she would prefer spending time with her grandchildren rather than continuing to put in the more than 60 hours a week she has been devoting to GHI. But that's the way it is.

The Board has appointed a transition team to help identify the steps it needs to take to move forward smoothly. You will hear more about this at the Annual Meeting, in the Communicator, and in the Greenbelt News Review.

The good news is that we have Gretchen for nine more months. Let's show her how much we appreciate all she has done, and is doing, to make us proud of GHI.

### Special GHI Board Meeting

A special Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. to determine the insulation and other envelope upgrades for the Community Upgrade Pilot program. Information from the National Association of Home Builders Research Center's Report, the recommendations of the Buildings and Finance Committees, and input received at GHI's Town Hall meeting in January, will be considered by the Board as it makes its decision.

### Be a GHI Ambassador in the Members Get Members Campaign

Irwin Wartell

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The next pre-purchase orientation will be held on Monday, March 28 at 7:15 p.m. in the Administration Building on Hamilton Place.

#### NEW GHI BROCHURES ARE IN!

Is there a rack at your workplace where you could leave a few brochures? Do you have friends that you think would enjoy cooperative living in GHI? Come by the GHI offices, or contact Joan Krob at jkrob@greenbelthomes.net or 301-474-4161 ext 138, to let her know how many brochures you will need and when you could pick them up.

### GHI Annual Meeting May 18th

The GHI Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center gym. Find information about the meeting and this year's elections in the Spring issue of the Communicator. Is this the year you run for office? Go to [www.ghi.coop/n&einfopackage.htm](http://www.ghi.coop/n&einfopackage.htm) for a Nominee Packet and more information.

#### Did You Miss the January 23rd Community Upgrade Town Hall Meeting?

Not to worry. Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) videotaped it. It will be shown on Greenbelt's Public Access Channel on seven different days, starting this Saturday. Tune in to Comcast 77 or Verizon 19, at any of the following times:

Sat 3/26	Sun 3/27	Mon 3/28	Tue 3/29	Wed 3/30	Thu 3/31	Fri 4/1
9am 2 & 7pm	9am 2 & 7pm	10am 3 & 8pm	11am 4 & 9pm	10am 3 & 8pm	11am 4 & 9pm	10am 3 & 8pm

Or, if you don't have cable or the times are not convenient, contact Joan Krob at 301-474-4161 ext 138 to borrow a VHS or DVD, or to make arrangements to watch it.

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### Beautification Inspections Begin May 9th

Mark your garden calendars for May 9—that's when yard inspections begin for the community beautification program. Ask yourself a few questions:

- **Does your hedge impede traffic?** If hedges overhang sidewalks, parking lots, or court entrances, trim them back so they won't block pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- **Is your home's siding clean?** If there is mold growth or grime on your siding, clean it. GHI has a list of affordable contractors, and will loan scrub brushes and extension ladders.
- **Do you have a damaged fence to remove?** GHI offers free removal. Call 301-474-4161, ext. 143.
- **Are you handling your yard waste correctly?** Dumping leaves, branches and other debris in common areas or in the woodlands is prohibited as a fire risk and an eyesore. Put debris in paper leaf bags in the service side yard. Call the city at 301-474-8004 for pickup.
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- **Is your yard and sidewalk clear of all debris?** This includes bags, paper, piles of leaves and other materials.
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Thur	14	7:30	Board Meeting
Fri	15	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	18	7:00	Communicator Task Force
Tue	19	7:30	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	20	1:00	Realtors Dialogue
Wed	20	7:00	Woodlands Committee
Thu	21	7:00	Finance Committee
Wed	27	7:00	Nominations & Elections Committee
Wed	27	7:00	Buildings Committee
Thu	28	7:30	Board Meeting
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## Police Blotter

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### Robberies

March 10, 4 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with strong-armed robbery, second-degree assault and theft under \$100. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 10, 8:52 p.m., Crescent Road, a man was approached by two males, who assaulted him and took his cellphone. There is no definitive information for the suspects.

### Trespass

March 16, 6:33 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Disorderly Conduct

March 11, 9:42 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

March 10, 7:12 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, graffiti was found on a door.

### Burglaries

March 10, 6:26 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way, an attempted

burglary was reported.

March 10, 8:49 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, nothing was reported taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

An attempted theft of a vehicle was reported in the 9100 block Springhill Court.

March 14, 5:20 a.m., Springhill Drive at Springhill Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft over \$10,000, among other charges, after being found in possession of a vehicle which had been reported stolen through Prince George's County Police. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Three other stolen vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt (two) and Prince George's (one) police. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (registration sticker), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (Delaware temporary tag), Beltway Plaza (wallet), 6200 block Springhill Court (personal belongings) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (registration sticker).

A car window was broken in the 8000 block Mandan Road.

## Report Ranks Crime High At Greenbelt Metro Station

by Matt Birchenough

The Greenbelt Metro station ranked third among all Metro stations in total number of crimes last year, according to statistics released by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Metro Transit Police Department's Security Report released in February showed that there were 70 crimes committed at the Greenbelt station in 2010. Only the New Carrollton and Branch Avenue stations had more, with 89 and 86, respectively.

The source of the crime is a subject of debate between the WMATA and the Greenbelt Police Department, which work in partnership to monitor the station's safety.

"Most of that crime is parking lot crime and we have a large parking lot at Greenbelt," said WMATA spokeswoman Cathy Asato.

However, in its December 2010 statistical report, the Greenbelt Police Department reported one robbery and nine larcenies at the Metro site in 2010.

"We just have the parking lot," said police spokeswoman Master Police Officer Kelly Lawson. "So the majority of the problem is inside the kiosk, which is actually handled by

Metro."

Despite the statistics, Greenbelt resident Janice McMillan has not experienced any trouble riding the Metro from Greenbelt, something she said she does every day.

"I have witnessed [crime] at other stations but Greenbelt, in particular, not saying that it doesn't exist or hasn't existed, I've just never heard of any," said McMillan.

McMillan added, however, that it would be reassuring if WMATA installed a camera to monitor the platform like they have done at other stations. The city, however, has taken some steps to enhance station safety.

"We're installing a kiosk towards the entryway of the parking lot off Cherrywood Lane," said Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan. "An emergency call box just to provide a little more security to residents who are kind of walking from [the Metro] over to the Recreation Center or over to Franklin Park."

"It's crucial," said Jordan about maintaining station safety. "It's our lifeline or the direct connection of most commuters to the District of Columbia and to Virginia, so it's essential."

## Register on April 12 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its spring 10-week GED course starting Tuesday, April 12 and continuing through Thursday, June 23. Registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, April 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, April 14.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland.

Questions and enrollment information should be directed to Judge Hering, course instructor, at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or by email to [jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov).

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The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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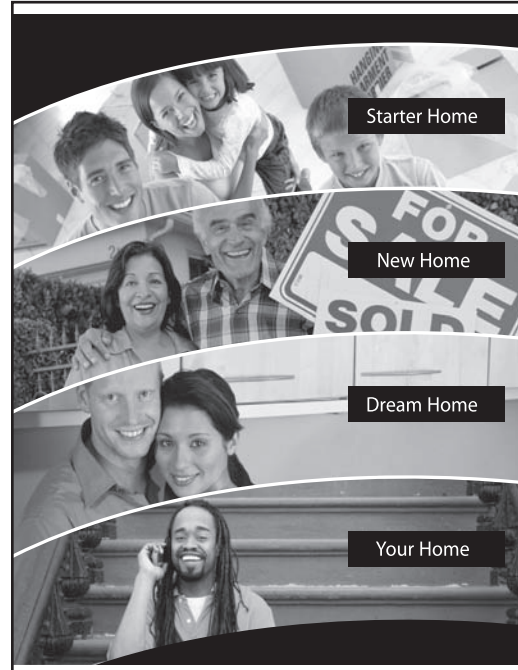
Measures of police activities were generally lower in the past year, many as five-year lows. At 561, adult arrests, warrants and others were the lowest in five years, down 17 percent from 2009 and 25 percent from the 2008 peak year. Juvenile arrests were also down 11 percent for the year.

The number of traffic summons and parking tickets were both at five year lows from the 2009 peak year. Traffic summons were down 9 percent and parking tickets 4.5

percent. On the other hand, warning tickets and equipment repair orders, at 6,834 were up 10 percent over 2009.

Calls for police service were down and police reports made up by less than 1 percent for the year as compared to the peak year of 2009.

At 5,323 hours, foot patrolling was down 19 percent from the previous year, K-9 calls at 106 were down 22 percent and bike patrol at 145 hours was down 66 percent.



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# Greenbelt Cub Pack 202 Celebrates 66th Anniversary

by Ben Clarke

Cub Scout Pack 202 celebrated 66 years in Greenbelt at its annual Blue and Gold Banquet held Sunday, February 27 at the American Legion Post 136. This year's theme was "Nature and the Great Outdoors." Guest speaker Greg Lawler from the U.S. Department of the Interior presented a slide show of Park Service emergency rescues. All participants also enjoyed the Mad Science Program. There were many achievements earned and awards presented to the group and the attending cub scouts. The Pack earned the Centennial Quality Unit Award for 2010.

The following Cub Scouts completed all of the requirements for the Bobcat Rank, the first rank every new Cub Scout must earn: Ben Ehriench, Truman Way and Joshua Buffaloe. Devon Kaelberer completed all requirements to earn the Tiger Cub rank.

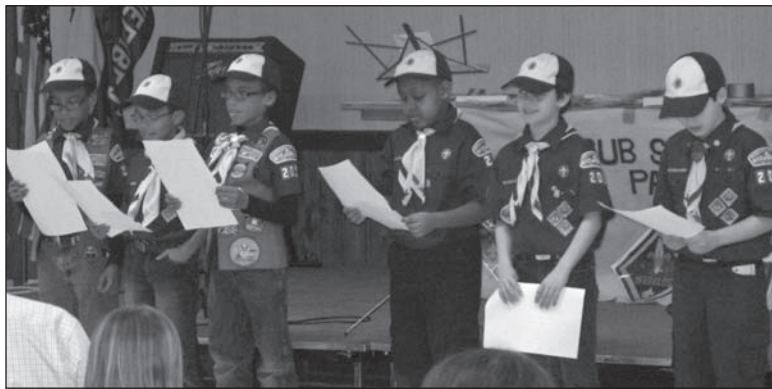
Cub Scouts who completed all requirements for Wolf Rank were Yusef Khan, Will Godfrey, Ibrahim Khan, Elijah Tyler, Truman Way, Ben Ehriench and Devin Zeiders.

Scouts who completed Bear Cub rank requirements are Jason Kalshoven, Tyler Clarke, Alex Marshall, Greg Marshall, Malik Hill and Joshua Buffaloe.

Webelo Scouts Zyed Kahn, Nicholas Mulvery, John Ahalt and Luke Moore each earned their Citizenship Belt Loop and Citizenship Pin.



PHOTOS BY BENJAMIN DIXON



Above, Cub Scout Pack 202 scouts and adult leaders

At left, Cub Scout Pack 202 Bear Den: Alex Marshall, Joshua Buffaloe, Greg Marshall, Malik Hill, Tyler Clarke and Jason Kalshoven sing a Scout song.

The Boy's Life reading patch for submitting a book report for a favorite book read in 2010 went to Malik Hill.

*Ben Clarke is the cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 202.*

## Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Three new artists' exhibits are on display through May 2 – Gina Mai Denn's "A Small Case of the Blues (and Greens and other colors too)" of her favorite ceramic pieces; children's book author and illustrator Marian Williams' watercolors and acrylics titled "Hometown Memories;" and photographer Gary Jimerfield's most recent creations, titled "Examples: Selections from the Vault." Jimerfield specializes in nature and Southwestern landscapes and has branched out into studio work with miniatures and abstracts.

On Thursday, March 24 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. From 7 to 9 is the Songwriters Association of Washington will host its monthly open microphone night with music, prose, poetry, storytelling and comedy welcome.

On Friday, March 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues (every Friday and Saturday). The Lonesome Valley Ramblers with roots, rock and country folk including original Curt Lucas' songs from 7 to 9 p.m., with tips solicited for the benefit of the University Park Elementary School PTA.

Saturday, March 26 classical guitarist Bruce Krittr plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Cypress Trio plays Southwestern Louisiana two-steps and waltzes.

Sunday, March 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Gypsy Jazz Hot Club of DC will host a jazz jam.

### Next Week

Tuesday, March 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. is the Café's inaugural open microphone poetry night. On Wednesday, March 30 the Chapter Three trio plays folk and blues from 7 to 9 p.m. The regular weekly open microphone night for music, prose, poetry, storytelling and comedy will be held Thursday, March 31 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 1 Hard Swimming Fish play their version of the blues from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 2 the TV John Variety Show will showcase Jeff Thorpe and the Second Wind Bandits blues/folk rock/roots. And there will be a Hot Noodles Grateful Dead dance party from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, April 3 the Color School will entertain with alternative/Indie/power pop music from 5 to 8 p.m.

## E-N-T Center Opens At Doctors Hospital

The Center for Ear, Nose and Throat has opened on the Doctors Community Hospital Lanham campus. Its medical director is otolaryngologist Dr. Bryan Ego-Osuala. The facility provides a full range of otolaryngology services for patients age two and up.

The center specializes in managing disorders of the ear, nose and nasal passages, allergy conditions, sinuses, larynx, oral cavity and upper pharynx, as well as cancer of the head and neck.

The E-N-T Center is in Suite 205 at the Professional Office Building, 8116 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

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# Greenbelt CERT Joins Search and Rescue Mission

by Don Comis

On Saturday, March 5 three Greenbelters assisted in a search for remains of a missing person in the woods of a corn farm in Princess Anne, Md., on the Eastern Shore.

Two of us, myself and Melanie Taylor, were with Greenbelt's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The third Greenbelter, Pat McCoy, represented the Park Police Volunteer Association's CERT Chapter.

The three of us were part of a team of 14 members of the Prince George's County CERT team. The Delmarva Search and Rescue Group had asked Calvin Hawkins, chief of Community Affairs and Education for the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), for CERT volunteers to join in assisting the Maryland State Police in the search.

The State Police had divided the woods near the missing man's home into four 70-acre sectors for the search. Teams with cadaver and search dogs led the search, with other teams like our group of 12 following, careful always to stay behind and downwind of the dogs.

Before the search the State Police briefed us at the Somerset County Civic Center in Princess Anne, where we had gathered. An officer told us we would be looking for the remains of an elderly man with dementia, who had left his farm house in 2006 with a very old pistol and had never been seen since. We were told to look for skeletal remains, hair, pieces of clothing, a metal leg brace, the gun and anything unusual.

Our team had been issued two of several metal detectors. We were later told to look for a belt buckle as well. From there we were driven to the different search sites.

## Narrow Search

Our team was one of many that formed the standard search line, trying to stay within five to 10 feet of each other. It helped that most of the team wore high-visibility yellow jackets, because we had to walk through thick groves of pine trees and brambles. We were trying to search an area within 300 yards of a road since his family had said he was too weak to make it any farther into the woods.



PHOTO BY MELANIE TAYLOR

**CERT Search 1: CERT team members from Prince George's County and Laurel regroup after search, for a review from Delmarva Search and Rescue search line anchors (far right). The team included Greenbelters Don Comis (taking notes) and Pat McCoy (center, with cap and glasses).**

After a few hours of searching and traveling about a mile, we walked back to our site's staging area, having found nothing of significance. We had been startled, however, by the rib cage of a deer's skeletal remains that we found right where we began the search. We ended up finding skulls thought to belong to raccoons or opossums and other deer bones as well.

We heard that other teams had found a knife and two shotguns but, as far as I know, the man's remains were never identified. I feel sorry for the family, some of whom came along on this massive search.

The CERT group did its best to help, as attested to by Chief Jim Jackson with Delmarva Search and Rescue. In an email after the search, Chief Jackson said, "You were ready and willing and able to work and were greatly appreciated. We had nothing but compliments on how well you all did and the role you played in the mission. You all drove up from down in Prince George's County and Laurel and got there on time ready to go."

"I hope you all got a good idea yesterday of what we do in search and rescue. It's hard and strenuous work that's not all

that exciting most of the time but a very needed skill set and resource when the call comes. We would have liked for you all to stay a little longer as we got a second mission at 1600 hours for a missing dementia subject outside Salisbury that is still ongoing. We worked all through the night, some up to 24 hours straight.

"What I saw yesterday was a good indication that you are serious about the mission and roles you can play in that mission. I look forward to showing up to the next CERT council meeting and speaking on the search yesterday and the future you all have in those missions."

## Greenbelt Group

Greenbelt CERT is sponsored by the Prince George's OEM, the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Greenbelt police and fire departments. CERT also partners with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Citizen Corps, formed in 2002 in response to 9/11.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Greenbelt CERT was founded in the fall of 2005 with an organizing meeting at the Community Center.

The first training class graduated from CERT training in January 2006 at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park.

All are welcome to join CERT. Greenbelt CERT meets on the third Monday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Senior Classroom, Room 114, at the Greenbelt Community Center.

To give Greenbelt CERT practice in traffic control for emergencies, the team assists in traffic control for the Labor Day parade.

Those receiving CERT training become eligible to participate in searches when CERT teams are invited, as well as in practice exercises and training sessions, including Metro subway training. The Metro training aims to have as many people as possible trained so there may always be someone to help in an emergency evacuation.

Those who would like to become Park Police Volunteers are asked to call 301-429-5623, Ext. 607, to arrange to attend the next meeting. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Park Police Headquarters, 6700 Riverdale Road in Riverdale.

## B-W Parkway Repaving Bids to Go out Soon

The entire Baltimore-Washington Parkway is planned to be resurfaced under the supervision of the Federal Highway Administration according to Fred Cunningham, park manager for Greenbelt Park and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Bidding for the contract is to go out soon for the first phase of the needed work, from U.S. 50 to Md. 193, Greenbelt Road. Pre-construction meetings have already been held. Cunningham provided this information to Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin in an exchange of email correspondence. McLaughlin was relaying resident complaints about the condition of the ramp from Southway to the southbound Parkway.

Cunningham did give some caveats to the work being accomplished. At present there is not funding for the repaving north of Md. 193. Also it is possible that Congress could cut out the monies allocated for the first phase repaving, since the budget for the current fiscal year is still not adopted and governmental operations have been sustained by continuing resolutions.

In the meantime Cunningham said the National Park Service maintenance crew had tried to smooth out the rough surface of the ramp but it did not work. He has asked the maintenance superintendent to take another look to see what can be done temporarily.

## Dinosaur Day Held At Watkins Park

There will be a special Day of the Dinosaur on Saturday, April 2 from noon to 3 p.m. at Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro.

Activities include puppet shows, prehistoric activities and crafts, live animal shows and fossil displays. Wear a dinosaur costume and get a prize. There is a nominal fee for ages 2 and up. Registration is not required. For information call 301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Tennis for Kids

Children ages 5 to 10 can participate in a county Department of Parks & Recreation tennis activity offered Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at Fairmount Heights Park, corner of Addison Road and Sheriff Drive in Fairmount Heights.

There is no fee. For more information call 301-773-6685; TTY 301-218-6768.

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At right, daffodils confirm the arrival of spring – though by way of the weather report, we may still be in for some cold weather.

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## A Review

## Teen Musical Opens in Greenbelt to Sold Out Audience

by Emmanuel Barrow

"We're not much of a drama bunch. We save the drama for the stage," said actor Emily Winner. The School for Super-Heroes Presents Orlando Furioso, The Musical was full of drama. The play has a love triangle that ends with someone going mad; women warriors going head to head with the boys and actually being as good or even better; long-lost siblings re-uniting; and Christians and Muslims who are at war.

The play reminded me of a mix of 300 and One Life to Live. Love and war mix together in the 16th Century in the middle of Christian and Muslim conflicts that are a lot like today's troubles. It's a modern twist that kept the audience engaged throughout the play.

Twenty-six teens from 10 area high schools come together for the world premiere of the musical story about the poem, Orlando Furioso. But that story is the story within another story about a group of reject super hero kids in the middle of a war. They get put together in homeroom because they have something in common – powers that aren't really all that super.

Like Pretty Girl, played by Alma Knutson, whose power is being pretty no matter what happens; even sweat can't make her look bad. Then there's Etiquette Boy, played by Ben Shaw. His power is having good manners that make other people happy.

**Real Power**

Their super powers in some way also reflect their acting parts in the play about Orlando Furioso



The entire ensemble is on stage during one of the musical presentations singing one of Chris Cherry's original songs.

– and seemed to be a real power after all. Like Pretty Girl who was so beautiful that she could make almost any man fall in love with her – and that almost destroyed France by driving one of its greatest fighters mad. And Etiquette Boy's manners didn't seem so lame when he played a knight who refused to use magic to win and tried to protect the woman he loved.

The story had a sense of being who you are and wanting people for who they are, no matter what side they were on or in what religion they believed. You see this when Bradamant, played by Flavia Perrotta, and Ruggiero, also played by Ben Shaw, decide to marry despite being from two nations at war.

In the play, the super heroes didn't realize how they had passed through the whole school year; mostly they remembered being in Orlando Furioso. And outside the story, the play also affects its actors. Emily Winner said being in the play and working with Chris Cherry makes it easier to deal with the pressures of high school. When school stress gets high, she said she feels better when it hits her, "Oh but I have play practice this weekend."

**Director Cherry**

One reason the actors enjoy the play is because of their director, Chris Cherry. "He's definitely the coolest, nicest person I've ever met and one of the best playwrights and songwriters," said Aaron Goldstein, who plays King Charlemagne and Guitar

Boy in the play. "The guy is so amazing; he wrote the entire play and the music and the lyrics," said Carlos Castillo, who plays Mandricardo and Conflict Kid.

"The music he wrote sure sounded professional to me, like Dr. Luke, RedOne and Dr. Dre. The songs were catchy and got stuck in my head. I found myself singing along and wanting more," he said.

Presented by the Recreation Department with the piano played by Stefan Brodd, who also gave Musical Direction, the play is being held in the Greenbelt Community Center auditorium.

Featured vocal soloists include Ben Shaw, Flavia Perrotta, Aaron Solomon, Jill Schneider, Candace Jones, Jonas Ventimiglia, Alma Knutson, Abram Shaw, Olivia Guerrieri, Aaron Goldstein, Car-

los Castillo, Isaac Solomon and Jan Knutson. Most of the cast has also participated in Camp Encore, the Greenbelt Recreation Department's four-week summer day camp for exploring theater arts.

Performances were held Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20. This weekend will be its last with shows on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 26 at both 2 and 7 p.m.

Advance purchases may be made at the Greenbelt Community Center business office, 15 Crescent Road, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Barrow is an 8th grade honors student at Greenbelt Middle School. Freelance reporter, Cindy Henneberger, working with Barrow, contributed to this review.



PHOTOS BY EMMANUEL BARROW

Back row left to right: Carlos Castillo as Mandricardo, Flavia Perrotta as Bradamant, Aaron Solomon as Rinaldo, Candace Jones as Marfisa, Isaac Solomon as Rodomont and Alma Knutson as Angelica. Front row left to right: Jonas Ventimiglia as Atlantos and Olivia Guerrieri as King Agramant.

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