

## Last 2012 Council Meeting Sees WSSC, Forest Preserve Issues

by Kathleen Gallagher

Perhaps because of a sense of time's winged chariot closing in on the end of 2012, the Greenbelt City Council, who were all present, completed its last regular meeting of the year on Monday, December 11 in barely more than an hour and a quarter. An absence of presentations and an otherwise light agenda allowed for an early departure, even though an opportunity was taken by the six councilmembers who attended the annual National League of Cities Congress of Cities earlier this month to share reports on the sessions in which they participated.

This year the activities of the Congress of Cities were organized by three strategies for municipalities: promoting strong local economies, building sustainable communities and strengthening neighborhoods and families. Greenbelt's delegates, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Edward Putens,

Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Silke Pope, deployed themselves to separate conference sessions to cover all the bases.

### Forest Preserve

Ruth Kastner, chair of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), had submitted a written petition to the city council under the "petitions and requests" section of the agenda regarding what she described as a "significant clearing of trees and vegetation" in the Hamilton Place Tract of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Kastner, who was unable to attend the meeting, said there was conflicting information regarding the authority for this clearing and she asked that a statement be made to inform the public on whether or not it was undertaken with the permission of the city. If it was, she asked that information on the reason for the clearing be provided to the board, which has oversight

responsibility for the Forest Preserve.

Because an FPAB meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 13, Roberts asked to add this matter to council's agenda at Monday's meeting. Instead, Davis proposed that council discussion wait until an investigation of the matter had been completed, since she did not think adequate information was available to permit any statement from council tonight. She said Celia Craze, director of planning and community development, and Lesley Riddle, assistant director of public works for parks, would attend the December 13 meeting and share information at that time. Craze also functions as the city's staff liaison to FPAB. Davis added that she believed this action was an error not an intentional violation of the city's legislation protecting the Forest Preserve.

### WSSC Letter

Two letters were approved to be sent from the mayor on behalf of the city. One was in follow-up to a worksession the city council held with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) on December 3, during which WSSC representatives stated they were at a stalemate with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) regarding plans for waterline replacement work.

At issue is what has become a multi-year dispute between WSSC and GHI over WSSC's intention to change the location of water meters in a fashion that would leave GHI responsible, at significant ongoing cost, for the maintenance and eventual replacement of substantial lengths of waterline that are now WSSC's responsibility and for which GHI holds no existing reserves. The city's letter urges WSSC to continue to work with GHI and makes the point that since a tri-party agreement exists among WSSC, GHI and the City of Greenbelt for provision

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### 75th Anniversary

## Speakers at Tree Lighting Look Back to City's Start

by Chris Cherry

Ornaments made by little hands at the Greenbelt Nursery School decked the towering tree, stocking caps decked the resolute figures of the historic Lenore Thomas friezes on the outside of the Community Center and smiles decked the faces of Greenbelters young and old, as they waited for Santa Claus to arrive and light the municipal tree to kick off the city's annual Festival of Lights celebration.

Under the direction of Tom Cherrix, the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir played seasonal selections, setting a festive tone. As they listened to the music, residents sipped hot cocoa and nibbled on cookies provided by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Speakers Rodney Roberts of city council and Lois Rosado of the 75th Anniversary Committee linked the celebration to the city's Depression-era history. Roberts read an article from the December 29, 1937, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, describing Santa's visit to what was then the primary school. The school children had each received an orange, which Roberts pointed out was a luxury item at the time. Rosado read a letter written to Eleanor Roosevelt in 1937 by a young boy, asking for a coat for his mother. The heartbreaking letter is among many collected in a book titled "Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters from

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PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Stocking caps adorn heads and gifts fill the wheelbarrow on the bas relief at the Community Center.

## American Education Week November 12 to 16, 2012

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School. In coming weeks we will focus on Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy. Last week we featured Greenbelt Elementary School.

## Drama Teacher at ERHS Enjoys her Work There

by Cora Enoch

On any given day, students can watch Eleanor Roosevelt's drama teacher Megan Elliot work hard to make the school's drama program a success.

Elliot has taught at Eleanor Roosevelt for six years after teaching and working at Imagination Stage and at Roundhouse Theater. Her favorite part of teaching is working with beginning drama students and after-school student productions.

"With my Drama 1 class," she says, "I get to be the first person (in some cases) to introduce acting to these students. I love seeing them connect with it for the first time, the spark that lights within them."

Elliot earned her undergraduate degree from St. Mary's College in Indiana and a master's



Megan Elliot

degree from the University of Arizona. While studying, she spent much of her time writing

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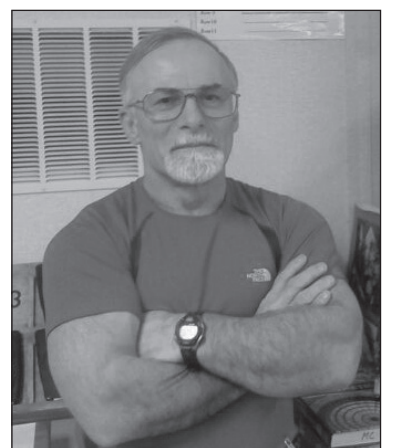
## ERHS Students Enjoy McRae's Math Classes

by Allison Lehman

Many students label math boring and impossible to understand. But this common opinion is not the case for those in Michael McRae's Algebra II and geometry classes. For his students math is taught in an understandable way, then broken down and analyzed until the concepts have been grasped by each student – all of this and more from McRae, the well-known math teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS).

McRae, born and raised in Hamilton, Mass., graduated from Springfield College with a degree in physical education with minors in math and coaching. McRae then joined the Peace Corps and taught in the Philippines. It was there he got his certification for teaching math.

After moving back to the U.S. and teaching at DeMatha High School for a few years, McRae was applying for jobs to teach high school math. At the same time, his oldest daughter was in 8th grade and had been accepted into the science and technology program at ERHS, which, coincidentally, was a school trying to hire him as a math teacher. On



Michael McRae

visiting, he decided ERHS was not only the place for his daughter but for himself as well. He has now been teaching there for 17 years.

His lessons are famous for being taught complete with a "McRae Way" which, according to many students, is the most understandable way a lesson can be taught. Normally after one of his lessons, there is a symphony of voices saying "Oh!" and "I get it!"

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### What Goes On

- Sunday, December 16**  
**3 p.m.**, Closing Ceremony of 75th Anniversary and Holiday Lights Concert, Community Center
- Wednesday, December 19**  
**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with Capital Office Park, Community Center
- Thursday, December 20**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Board Room

**Editorial****Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings**

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

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

In the past there has been confusion and possibly also some instances of wrongdoing by non-carriers misusing old donation envelopes. Another confusion may occur to people who receive more than one paper. To resolve the problem, we now include the current year on the envelopes – make sure the envelope has 2012 on it for your News Review carrier and is printed in green.

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

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

**Letters to the Editor****Pepco Pillages City's Trees**

With the leaves off the trees, it is a little harder to see just how much appalling slash and grind Pepco is doing to keep the lights on in Old Greenbelt. Pepco crews are cutting huge "L"-shaped gouts out of mature trees which will look sadly ridiculous and ugly come spring. And guess what, Pepco! Trees grow and you'll just be doing it all over again.

Almost every foot of power line in Greenbelt is within the falling range of multiple trees. Merely cutting the branches that cup the lines is a futile gesture that might stop 10 percent of the impact of falling trees and branches.

I'm sure Pepco has statistics proving something of the sort. But the fact is, trees will fall in high winds. Some of them will fall on the power lines. It's a gravity and wind pressure sort of problem inevitable when a power line is within 100 or so feet of a tree! Unless Pepco takes out every tree that is within falling distance of the power lines, some will still get downed.

The real solution, the lasting solution, the solution that doesn't desecrate trees and make our community laughable is to bury the power lines. As it is now, the huge poles and the big cans on them sprouting wires make Greenbelt look like it has been tipped end-over-end from Kansas and may blow away at any second. We filter these warts from our vision because we're used to them. But look – really look – and it's only the fact that these blights on the landscape are hidden by the trees (though not so much anymore) that saves us from looking like the community where Frankenstein's creator got loose in a substation.

So, please – let's stop Pepco's ludicrous and ineffectual desecra-

tion of our environment and do something about burying these wires. Issue bonds, raise the tax rate, forge an agreement with Pepco – get some political will behind it. Our community would have more value and, what's more, the lights might stay on when the wind blows.

*Cathie Meetre*

**GES Grandparents Day**

Where can you find classrooms filled with actively engaged, well-behaved students in bright, spacious, well-equipped learning environments?

I found them at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) on Grandparents Day last Friday. After a lovely breakfast, these grandparents observed our first- and fourth-grade students' classes. As former teachers we checked everything out with a critical eye. We saw teachers who were well prepared, actively using Smart Boards and engaging students using excellent motivational techniques. Bulletin boards were neatly arranged with student work and additional activities to perform. Having been a science department chair in suburban N.Y., I was pleased to note the spacious table areas and the organized packages of materials on those tables ready for student use.

When my daughter moved to Greenbelt there seemed to be a lot of concern about the schools and they looked into several private schools. But the decision to attend GES was a good one – we were impressed with the students and staff and we see that our grandchildren are getting a good education. Old Greenbelt residents considering other schools for their children should make an opportunity to observe all the good work going on in their neighborhood school.

*Angela and Peter Buckley,  
Yorktown Heights, N.Y.*

**Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes**

**Last Issue before Christmas**  
– Dated Thursday, December 20  
Regular Advertising and Copy  
Deadline: Tuesday, December 18

**Christmas Week Issue** – Dated Thursday, December 27  
Advertising and Copy Deadline:  
SUNDAY 12/23

**New Year's Week Issue** – Dated Thursday, January 3  
Advertising and Copy Deadline:  
SUNDAY 12/30

**Holiday Office Hours:**  
Sunday 12/23 – 2 to 4 p.m.; 8  
to 10 p.m.

(Monday 12/24 – Saturday  
12/29 – CLOSED)

Sunday 12/30 – 2 to 4 p.m., 8  
to 10 p.m.

(Monday 12/31 – Sunday 1/6  
– CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Sunday at 10 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Please call us at 301-474-4131 if there are any questions. Happy Holidays to All!

**National Wildlife Center Hosts December Artist**

In December the Patuxent National Visitor Center in Laurel receives a real holiday gift. The founder of Bohemian Photoworks of Rockville will offer visitors his "first major nature exhibit." Joseph Giitter is a certified professional photographer who has been awarded numerous honors locally and regionally. He has also published several books and is preparing one that documents the vanishing islands of the Chesapeake. His subjects have been parks and refuges all over the country, including Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and Zion National Park. Giitter writes that his work reflects his training and experience in engineering and in shooting with cameras of varying formats. He cites Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and Wright Morris as influences on his work.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC 14****Anna Karenina (R)****FRIDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

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**MONDAY – THURSDAY**

\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.50

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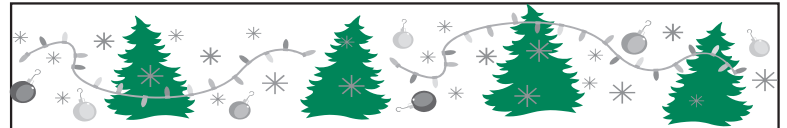
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**Send Your Holiday Greetings**

The News Review will publish Holiday Greetings in the December 20 issue of this paper.

The ad desk is open on Mondays 2 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals 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 December 17 to 21 are:

Monday – Grape juice, Parmesan chicken, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, seasonal fruit.

Tuesday – Fruit punch, vegetarian chili, brown rice, glazed carrots, seasonal fruit.

Wednesday – Apple juice, Dijon pork patty, whipped potatoes, Italian vegetables, seasonal fruit.

Thursday – Apple juice, beef pot roast, mashed spiced yams, green beans, pineapple upside down cake (Christmas lunch).

Friday – Apple juice, turkey with dumplings, green beans, diced beets, seasonal fruit.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 14, Office closes at noon for employee holiday party

Monday, December 17, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m. Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Tuesday, December 18, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – New Deal Café

Wednesday, December 19, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Thursday, December 20, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 21, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

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

## At the Library

### Read to Rover

Saturday, December 15, 2 p.m., children ages 6 to 11 build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child reads 15 minutes. Registration is required; call 301-345-5800.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info).

## Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday

A Kid's Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, December 16 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdr@yahoo.com).

## Holiday Market Sun. Has Music, Caroling

The Greenbelt Farmers Market will host live music and caroling at its second annual holiday market this Sunday, December 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. (This is a later start time than regular Farmers Markets during the season.)

There will be performances by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Clarinet Choir and a group of neighbors will perform traditional holiday carols. In addition about 15 local vendors are expected to attend with fresh produce, meat, fish, eggs, baked goods, coffee, vegan prepared food, personal care products and locally made ice cream in special holiday flavors.

For a list of vendors and offerings expected, visit [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org).

## Toastmasters Club To Meet Dec. 19

The Greenbelt Toastmasters club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19 at the Greenbelt Community Church. The group meets in the smaller education building located behind the church. Visitors are welcome at the meetings, which are held every two weeks on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Whether a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters' purpose is to improve skills in communication and leadership, the two tracks of the Toastmasters International program. Members learn to lose their fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build skills for success.

For details visit [www.meetup.com/Greenbelt-Toastmasters](http://www.meetup.com/Greenbelt-Toastmasters).

## CARES Offers Free Babysitting Class

Greenbelt CARES will hold a free babysitting course on Saturday, December 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Students who have completed grades 5 to 8 are eligible to attend. They will learn responsibility and safety procedures when working with children, as well as information on poison control and fire prevention.

To register call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016.

## Co-op Wine Tasting, Food Demo Events

Wine tasting for Boordy vineyard's wines will be held at the Co-op Supermarket on Friday, December 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Other December tasting events will be held on Wednesday, December 19 and on Friday, December 28 for sparkling wines to celebrate the New Year.

Next Wednesday, December 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. is the monthly seasonal and savory food demo, featuring Hopping John, pomegranates and spiced poached pears.

The Co-op has mailed patronage refunds to members. Those who do not receive that refund should check the "missing member" list at Co-op and assure the store has updated contact information and an email address.

## Holiday Shopping Bike Ride Is Sat.

There will be a holiday bike ride from Proteus Bike Shop in North College Park to Eastern Market in downtown D.C. on Saturday, December 15.

Greenbelt riders can meet at the New Deal Café at 9:30 a.m. to head over to leave from Proteus. Return will be at 3 p.m. Riders should bring farecards in case the group decides to return by Metro.

For details call Proteus at 301-441-2928.

More Community Events on pages 5, 7 and 11.

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club invites you to its

**Meeting on Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

Holiday Party, Installation of 2013 Officers

David Sloan, Executive Director,  
Maryland Democratic Party

Greenbriar Terrace Room  
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Bring Light Refreshments

For information please call 301-220-1025 or visit <http://Roosevelt.pgdemocrats.com> for details.

**Hilarity Returning This Year**

**A (Comic) Christmas Carol**

**December 14, 15, 21, 22**  
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**December 16 and 23**  
**at 2:00 PM.**

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For information & reservations,  
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**FRIDAY, DEC. 14**  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 15**  
**TUESDAY, DEC. 18**

The Hobbit in 2D, PG-13  
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The Hobbit in 3D, PG-13  
12:30, 4:30, 8

Rise of the Guardians in 2D, PG  
11:30, 1:40, 7

Rise of the Guardians in 3D, PG  
4:10, 9:20

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn 2,  
PG-13 (!)  
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15  
Skyfall, R (!)  
11:50, 3:40, 6:55, 9:55  
Lincoln, PG-13  
11:45, 3:25, 6:50, 9:55  
Life of Pi, PG  
11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10  
Playing for Keeps, PG-13  
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**MONDAY, DEC. 17**

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Monsters, Inc. in 3D, G  
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Playing for Keeps, PG-13  
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**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**  
*PRELIMINARY AGENDA*  
**GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- Waste Disposal Contract for 2013-2015

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Job Classification and Salary Survey for GHI Employees
- Review Comments from Members Regarding Proposed Rules' Revision on Staff Permit Review
- Request for Access to GHI Woodlands By Ancestral Knowledge
- Woodlands' Committee Report to the Board on FCMA Renewal
- Request for Contribution to the City Emergency Relief Fund
- Request for Contribution from the Greenbelt Community Foundation
- Development of a Policy for Capital Contributions
- Proposed Renewal of Lease Agreement for Postage Machine
- Waste Disposal Contract for 2013-2015
- Business Owners' Insurance Policy Renewal, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Repairs: 8F Plateau Place, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Varney

Elizabeth D. Varney, 91, (Betty) died on December 6, 2012, at Doctors Community Hospital.

She had been the crossing guard at Greenbelt Elementary School for several years. She was at the intersection of Ridge and Laurel Hill Roads in the mornings and at the crosswalk in front of the school in the afternoons.

She was preceded in death by son Robert F. Varney, Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Robert F. Varney; daughters Ann Elizabeth (Michael) Hadro, Mary E. (Paul) Dallavalle, and Catherine (Thomas) Russo and son Gerard Steven Varney; sisters Noreen Painter and Virginia Dameron; 16 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on December 12, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring.

Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville.

## Cheryl Parkes-Ray

Cheryl Parkes-Ray, former resident of Parkway, died on December 10, 2012.

She is survived by her husband Frank J. Ray; father Patrick Benedict Parkes and stepmother Ruthann Pendergast-Parkes; sisters Patricia Elizabeth Parkes-Mullins, Melissa Irene Padgett and brother Michael Ryan Padgett; stepchildren Thomas John Ray, Tammy Marie Ray-Mullins and Jeffery Frank Ray.

She was predeceased by her mother Virgie Jean Harris Parkes and her son Jamie Warren Robertson.

Visitation will be on Monday, December 17 at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Hugh of Grenoble, Greenbelt, Tuesday, December 18 at 10 a.m., followed by private interment.

Donations in Mrs. Parkes-Ray's memory may be made to The Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins.

## Gwen S. Turnbull

Gwen Smyth Turnbull, 86, died December 10, 2012, after nearly 25 years of battling breast cancer, at home in Greenbelt with her husband and three children.

Mrs. Turnbull was born on July 2, 1926, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to parents Harold and Gladys (Current) Smyth. She married Alan J. Turnbull, Jr. on August 29, 1952, in Arlington, Va. A sister, Barbara, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Turnbull was married for over 60 years to Alan Turnbull, Jr., with whom she had three children: Beth Green (Dan) of Westcliffe, Co.; Judy Guerrieri (Mike)

of Bowie, Md.; and Alan Turnbull, III (Wendy) of Burlington, Vt. She was proud of grandchildren Danielle (Green) Pedersen, Matthew Green, Olivia Guerrieri, Sara Guerrieri, Barbara Turnbull and Kathryn Turnbull. She leaves behind a host of other relatives and devoted friends.

The Turnbells lived in Bowie for over 40 years before moving to Greenbelt in 2002 to enjoy its many activities and to live next-door to Alan, Wendy, Barbara and Kathryn. She participated in the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and GHI meetings, loved attending Reel and Meal events at the New Deal Café and never missed a Creative Kids' Camp production. She enjoyed fitting new Greenbelt-centered activities and groups into her calendar and often commented that her only regret about Greenbelt was that she waited so long to move here.

Mrs. Turnbull was a graduate of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and her varied work roles included teacher, legal secretary and registrar at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She was an activist for women's rights, public education, family planning and open and good government. She served organizations that supported these causes, principally the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and The League of Women Voters. She loved literature, the arts and music and encouraged others to create as well as experience art in all forms.

A celebration of Mrs. Turnbull's life will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 1 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi.

Donations in Mrs. Turnbull's memory may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake and the AAUW.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Rev. Diane Teichert

See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Open sanctuary on Fridays for meditation 6-7 p.m.



## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

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Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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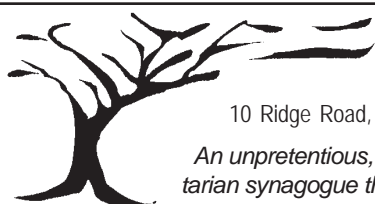


Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing,  
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## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
Opportunity for leadership development.  
Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*

## Send Your Holiday Greetings

### We Still Call It Christmas! And You Can Too!

We invite you to join us for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

December 24th - 12:15 p.m. Simple Communion Service  
9:00 p.m. Festive Candlelight Communion Service

December 25th - 9:30 a.m. Simple Communion Service

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd. Phone: 301-345-5111

email: [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net) • website: [www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org)

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



The light of men is Justice.  
Quench it not with the contrary  
winds of oppression and  
tyranny. The purpose of justice  
is the appearance of unity among men.  
(Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



## Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

*Sunday, December 16th.*

*The Choir will present the  
Christmas Cantata  
5 p.m.*

*Monday, December 24th:*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service  
7 p.m.*



Worship Service 11:00am

Sermon Series: The Christmas Story

**December 16th**

"Angels and Shepherds"  
Luke 2:8-14

**December 23rd**

"Jesus"  
Luke 2:22-51

**December 30th**

"Does Life Have a Point?"  
Ecclesiastes



**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.



Condolences to the family and friends of Alan J. Turnbull, Jr., on the death of his wife Gwen Smythe Turnbull, 86, at their Ridge Road home on December 10, 2012. She was an active participant in many of Greenbelt's organizations.

Greenbelt Elementary School children were saddened to learn of the sudden death of their school crossing guard Elizabeth ("Betty") Varney, 91, of Boxwood on Thursday, December 6, 2012. One parent said that Mrs. Varney knew the name of every child, and that her greeting every day was a "bright spot" for both children and their parents. Our sympathy to all the Varney family and friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of former Parkway resident Cheryl Parkes-Ray, who died on Monday, December 10, 2012.

Congratulations to Air National Guard Airman First Class Yaovi V. Togbe, cousin of Koffi Fiti of Springhill Court on his graduation from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.



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 (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

### Reel & Meal to Show Mayan Prophecy Film

Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. the free monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal will screen "2012 The Mayan Word." Held the third Monday of the month, it explores environmental, animal rights and social justice issues and is sponsored by the Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. A vegan buffet is available for purchase preceding the film at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayan Word is a message of hope and call to action featuring testimonies from contemporary Mayans throughout Mesoamerica - spiritual guides, activists, community leaders, farmers, artists, teachers and children. The Melissa Gunasen film gives voice to the Mayan people sharing their perspectives on the prophecies of their ancestors and their fight to defend the earth and their culture from destruction. The discussion afterward focuses on who is listening to the Mayan people.

This month's Reel and Meal is collecting donations for animals impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

### GCAN Speaker Tells of Evolver Gift Circles

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center. The speaker will be Robin Gunkel, Evolve Baltimore regional coordinator, who will discuss gift circles in the Evolver network.

The Evolver Network bridges visionary idealism and life experience to encourage people worldwide to explore areas outside mainstream culture, learn new skills and collaborate,

acting locally while honoring nature and the planet globally. Gunkel is a writer with an MFA from the Jack Kerouac School and works as an academic advisor at the University of Baltimore. Gunkel also will talk about the works of writer Charles Eisenstein on changing economic dialogues to include the "gift" and the wider Evolver perspective on the Maya prophecy. The group will discuss Baltimore green currency (called B-notes) and time bank.

### Mid-Week Bird Walk Planned at Artemesia

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a free guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia on Thursday, December 20 starting at 3 p.m. The Luther Goldman Birding Trail loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Beginners, experts and everyone in between are welcome. Binoculars are suggested. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

### National Gallery Hosts Holiday Caroling

The National Gallery of Art invites the public to join in holiday caroling. Singing carols in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda is a favorite activity at the Gallery. Guest choirs lead afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on December 15, 16, 22 and 23. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.



# City Information

#### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17-21

Monday, December 17 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, December 19 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with Capital Office Park, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

#### 75th ANNIVERSARY CLOSING CEREMONY AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Sunday, December 16, 3:00  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.



Say goodbye to the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary year while enjoying an afternoon of holiday music presented by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Birthday cake and refreshment!

#### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

#### TWELVE DAYS OF CAT CHRISTMAS!

Everyone that adopts a kitty this holiday season will get a free stocking filled with kitty treats and supplies!



Give the gift of life and adopt a kitty this holiday season, we will waive the adoption fee for qualified adopters looking to add to their home before 2013!

Give us a call  
301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. See all our pets on Facebook!

#### CARES Free Babysitting Course

Saturday, December 15, 2012

1:00 - 4:00

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse  
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Students will learn about the rights and responsibilities of watching children.

The course is free, targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention.

Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES' ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

**For additional information and enrollment, call 345-6660, ext. 2016.**

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

**For information call 301-474-8000.**

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(4) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a matter regarding a proposal for a business to locate in the area.

Cindy Murray CMC  
City Clerk

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**Organizational Assessment of City Operations**  
Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 2:30 p.m.

The City of Greenbelt (the "City") is seeking a provider to undertake an Organizational Assessment of City operations. To conduct a management and operations study that will identify the strengths and opportunities of the organization; assess the allocation of personnel, monetary and equipment resources; and make recommendations that will improve the organizational effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of City services.

The full RFP is available on the City's website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Proposals must be received by January 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

#### LION'S CLUB TOY DRIVE

The Greenbelt Lions Club and Greenbelt Community Center have teamed up to collect new, unwrapped toys.

The Lions Club will distribute the toys to local families during the holidays. Toys will be accepted at the Community Center Main Lobby, 15 Crescent Road until December 22nd. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Hurry, time is running out!  
**75th Anniversary**  
Commemorative items can be purchased at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway thruout the week and at the Greenbelt Museum gift shop, 10-B Crescent Road on Sundays from 1-5pm. These items make great holiday gifts! Get them while you still can!

#### Help Greenbelt win a FREE website make-over!

Take a short survey at <http://civicplus.checkboxonline.com/Digital-Citizen-Engagement-Survey.aspx> Links to the survey are also available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) Every Survey they receive is a vote for Greenbelt!

## Smell Gas?

(Sulfur or rotten eggs)

**Call Washington Gas Light**

**800-752-7520 or 911**

# Where's Greenbelt's Zip Car?

by Peter Gray

Green Ridge House lost a dear friend on November 18. For roughly 10 years, a Zipcar has sat outside the Green Ridge senior living community, available for use by residents and nonresidents alike. Now due to low usage, the faithful Zipcar has moved on to greener pastures or at least to pastures outside of Greenbelt.

In 2002 council approved an agreement between Zipcar, Inc. and Greenbelt to station a Zipcar outside Green Ridge House as part of its parking management program. Additionally, another Zipcar would replace the Municipal Building car. With this agreement Greenbelt became the first community in Maryland to provide a car-sharing program.

A year later, according to the News Review, the Green Ridge Zipcar was considered successful. Fourteen Green Ridge members had signed up and two of them had even sold their personal cars. At that point, users complained only of extraneous reservations. Many members would reserve the car for far longer than their actual use of the vehicle, limiting other members' potential use.

The Municipal Building Zipcar experienced similar problems, yet when discussing coping strategies, councilmembers had stressed there was no interest in cutting the Zipcar (then slated in the city budget at \$10,000 dollars).

Nevertheless, in the next few years the Municipal Building's Zipcar disappeared and now, a decade later, so goes its Green Ridge sister. What went wrong?

## Apparent Problem

The problem doesn't appear to be the Zipcar itself. By making reservations online or by phone, Zipcar users can rent a car by the hour. The single-digit hourly rate includes insurance and gas, and drivers simply return the car to its designated parking spot when finished with it.

A magnetic Zipcard unlocks thousands of cars around the world and in the past few years, this cost-effective, ecologically friendly transportation option has surged.

Currently Zipcar boasts 700,000 members and over 9,000 vehicles in North America and Europe. Each Zipcar vehicle generates roughly \$63 a day. Sales have made double-digit percentage gains in each quarter since the company went public in April 2011.

In the past few quarters, revenue and membership have both grown at more than 20 percent and most recently Zipcar launched its 20th major metro market in Miami. Even economists with a gloomier view of Zipcar's lasting power have cited growing competition (Car2GO, etc.) as their main concern.

Car-sharing, they agree, is sweeping the nation and will continue to do so. With the young company's current market domination and eye to the future, Zipcar, Inc. promises to flourish in the coming decades. (Zipcar

places particular value in hiring product users, known as Zipsters, to keep its staff sympathetic and relevant.)

With the company's eye on the future, the Zipcar is designed and marketed for a younger generation. Such 18- to 34-year-olds (or millennials, as the company dubs them) make up more than half of Zipcar's members.

## Challenges to Seniors

Senior citizens looking to use a Zipcar face an enormous challenge. Most have been dependent on cars for 50 years. The words "fossil fuel" and "global warming" were not bandied about in their adolescence. To rely on a Zipcar means changing beliefs, shifting priorities and abandoning a system that has worked well for 50 years.

Can it be done? Certainly. One particularly innovative member of the Green Ridge community championed the Zipcar at every opportunity. With his death six months ago, however, the statistical truth cannot be ignored: change is hard. Change in transportation is downright excruciating.

Zipcar targets millennials in their ad campaigns because millennials must change nothing in adjusting to Zipcar life. The ownership of a car, once considered an indispensable teenage milestone, is now merely a luxury. With audacious parking prices, sometimes it's even an inconvenience.

Zipcar CEO Scott Griffith contends that millennials would rather have a Smartphone than a car if given the choice. With recent breakthroughs in technology, this is hardly surprising. One need not leave home to see friends when Skype and Facebook beckon. Top brands no longer include car brands in the eyes of millennials.

Capitalizing on a generation of less than car-crazy teenagers, Zipcar currently runs programs on 300 college campuses. The University of Maryland, for example, allows current students to join Zipcar, listing an annual fee of \$15. Faculty, staff and alumni also get discounts.

University users note that Zipcars reduce parking pressures and allow the less affluent more license to roam. Zipcar hopes the Zipcard tucked away in a student's wallet will serve as a reminder when she next needs a car, whether it is 10 days or 20 years from now.

Young, malleable users are the bread and butter of Zipcar's industry. With this youthful bent, Zipcar unsurprisingly never took off with Green Ridge's senior community.

But the Green Ridge Zipcar was not available just to community residents.

## Are We Too Old?

Are Greenbelters in general also too old to benefit from a nearby Zipcar?

Not at all. According to recent Census data, Greenbelt's median resident age is 33.7. (Maryland's is 41.7.) Greenbelt's median age fits neatly into

Zipcar's target millennial criteria. Furthermore, Greenbelt's most common occupation is computer specialist (11 percent vs. Maryland's 5 percent).

Surely computer specialists could handle, even delight in, a car dashboard that looks "like an iPhone with apps that they can add and throw away," such as the one CEO Griffith envisions for future Zipcars. Median age and occupation aside, Greenbelt has always prided itself on its environmental consciousness and cooperative living community. The Zipcar seems a natural fit.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin thought so 10 years ago when he helped bring the Zipcar installation deal into being. He's been involved with the Greenbelt Zipcars from the start and was sad to see the Green Ridge car go. "Green Ridge was actually breaking new ground for Zipcar and, in my view, helped lead them to marketing the vehicles to universities," McLaughlin observed.

He expressed his belief that Greenbelt ought to be a receptive market for Zipcars. So, once again, why wasn't it?

"I suspect there are many reasons," McLaughlin said noting that some Green Ridge residents no longer drive and other prefer the convenience of their own car, so they know it is available whenever they need it. "Technology may have had something to do with it," he added.

The Green Ridge car is gone; no one can argue that. But if economists and Zipsters are right, this won't be the last time something Zips in Greenbelt.

## COUNCIL

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of water service to GHI, WSSC cannot unilaterally change the terms of the agreement.

Also approved on the consent agenda was a letter to the members of the city's Congressional delegation urging the enactment of legislation to avoid the sequestration required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

## Legislation

Two pieces of legislation were reviewed. An ordinance was unanimously adopted to amend Chapter 14, "Planning and Development," of the Greenbelt City Code. The State of Maryland delegates enforcement authority to Greenbelt for enforcing sediment and erosion control regulation within the city. The code revision was required to bring it into compliance with the state's current regulations on sediment and erosion control.

A resolution was introduced for first reading to authorize purchase of a used aerial lift truck. The city's existing bucket truck was more than 23 years old and failed its last state inspection. The Department of Public works has been renting a 2007 Ford truck with an aerial unit. Most of the rental fees will be applied to the purchase, leaving a balance of \$34,595. The City of College Park will pay 20 percent of the cost of the bucket truck since their staff will use it to hang banners. This resolution will appear for final adoption at the first 2013 regular city council meeting on January 14.

## Happy Hanukkah



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY MOIEN

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, is being celebrated from December 8 through 16.

## Lions' Breakfast with Santa Brings Joy to One and All



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

At the Greenbelt Lions Club breakfast with Santa on December 1 at the American Legion, from left, Corita, Kai and Maeve Waters and John Henry Jones pose with Santa.



Greenbelt Lions Club members volunteering at the breakfast, from left, Laurie Hortie, Harvey Hauptman, Ron Wells, Dennis Boles, Rowland Hoke, Jack Maffay, Tim Edwards, Lynda Varda and Rick Jones.



*The Board of Directors  
and Staff of GHI  
Would Like to Wish  
All our Members and Friends  
in the Greenbelt Community  
Happy Holidays!  
May Your Homes and Hearts  
be Filled with Peace, Hope and  
Joy this Season and in  
the New Year.*

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in schools.  
“All of my summer jobs always dealt with teaching, theater and music and I really enjoyed it. To me I didn’t consider it teaching,” said Elliot. She explained she became a teacher because she realized during her senior year of college that not everyone can teach. She decided to apply to graduate school and get qualified to teach what she loved most, drama.

### Preparing for “Grease”

During the time of this interview, Elliot was preparing for the upcoming school musical, “Grease.” In one area of the theater people were at work with costumes and props, making each detail perfect.

On the stage, students worked vigorously to finish last-minute stage set fixes. The pit musicians were practicing their pieces and actors were practicing their lines and doing warm-up activities together. The auditorium was filled with excitement and anticipation for the pending performance.

Everyone, in fact, seemed to know exactly what to do without direction. But there was the occasional question, “Ms. Elliot . . .” this and “Ms. Elliot . . .” that. Otherwise she sat back, watching, listening and interjecting comments only when she felt it necessary.

*Cora Enoch and Allison Lehman are journalism students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.*

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Over the years McRae has perfected his lessons with his “all-time favorite ever” warm-ups and stories to go along with what he’s teaching. These lessons are unique and the concepts stick with students years after they have left his classroom.

McRae’s favorites about teaching are the students themselves and “the day-to-day challenges” that come with being an educator. He loves to “fool around and tell stories; it makes all the difference,” he says. “And then seeing their faces when they apply concepts and finally understand something. It’s priceless.”

McRae not only jokes and tells stories in class to make it fun; he does it to teach math in a way that everyone will understand and also have fun in solving problems.

“The one thing I will never like about teaching is the paperwork,” he says.

McRae makes up for the stresses of paperwork with all his hobbies. He takes great pride in the improvements he has made on his house. Recently he remodeled his kitchen and likes to show pictures to anyone who will stop and look.

He is also the coach of the wrestling team at ERHS, where his wrestlers in training are always raving about his patience and positive attitude. Of course the wrestling coach has to stay in shape, which he does by running and kayaking.

## Roosevelt Dems Meet, Hold Holiday Social

Friday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. is the monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Democratic Club at the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway (see ad on page 3).

The invited speaker is David Sloan, executive director of the Maryland Democratic Party, who is to install the club’s 2013 officers after his talk.

Officers for the year are President Emmett V. Jordan, Vice Presidents Konrad Herling, Katy Pape, Jane Ross and Michael Wilkins. Other officers are Secretary Keith Bare, Treasurer Austin Henry and Sergeants-at-Arms Daryl Pennington, Rosemary Bell and John Lloyd. Non-elected officers are Historian J Davis, Membership Bob Doyle, Corresponding Secretary Lyn Doyle, Senior Correspondent John Lloyd, Publicity Ed Terry and Hospitality Mary Jane Coolen. Next year there will be changes in the duties of the vice presidents – stay tuned for more on that in the News Review.

On January 21 the club will go to Annapolis at the invitation of the three Delegates of the House and State Senator Pinsky. A bus will leave from Greenbelt; there will be a fee per person. RSVP now by calling Kim or Ian (301-858-3155 or 410-841-3155).

It is renewal time for 2013. Open to all, the fee is very modest and reduced for seniors. To vote, one must be a dues-paid member. Dues can be paid at the December meeting or mailed to: Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, PO Box 824, Greenbelt, MD 20770-0824.

## Winter Survival Skills For Kids 8 to 10

At the National Wildlife Visitor Center program Staying Warm in Winter is offered for children ages 8 to 10 on Sunday, December 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Kids learn how heat moves, ways to trap it and ways it is lost. Discover strategies people and wildlife use to keep warm in winter including winter survival skills. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



## GUTTER CLEANING

Petria Inc. & Greenbelt Builders Inc. are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on all GHI Homes starting the week of November 19, 2012, weather permitting.

The project will take approximately one month to complete. During that time, workers will appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

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

These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!

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Gusto Spiral Sliced Half Ham <b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Sweet Large Clementines 5 lb box <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	Land-O-Lakes Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.. <b>\$3<sup>00</sup></b>	Bird's Eye Assorted Vegetables 10-16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Fresh Salmon Fillets <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	California Premium Crisp Celery stalk <b>98¢</b>	Dannon Assorted Yogurts 6 oz. <b>60¢</b>	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	Sea Best Frozen Tilapia Fillets <b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast <b>\$3<sup>79</sup></b> lb.	Florida Red Grapefruit each <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Breakstone's Assorted Sour Cream 16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>	Stouffer's French Bread Pizza Assorted 10-12.5 oz. <b>3/\$8<sup>00</sup></b>	Frozen Snow Crab Leg Clusters <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b> lb.

Grocery Bargains			Grocery Bargains	
Stove Top Stuffing Mix Assorted 5-6 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Domino Granulated Sugar 4 lb. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>		Shurfine Flour All Purpose/Unbleached 5 lb. <b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b>	Swanson Soup Broth Assorted 14.5 oz. <b>75¢</b>
Furmanos Tomatoes Whole/Stewed/Diced 28 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Betty Crocker Assorted Potato Sidedishes 4.6-6.6 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	San Giorgio Pasta Spaghetti/Macaroni 12-16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Nestle Assorted Chocolate Morsels 10-12 oz. <b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b>	

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## Police Blotter

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

### Robbery

December 4, 10:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two men approached another man and searched his pockets for property. Finding nothing, they fled in a gray older model vehicle. One man was described as in his 20s, black, 5'9" tall with a thin build, short hair, and wearing a green shirt. The other man, also black, was described as 6'2" tall with a medium to heavy build, dreadlocks and a beard and wearing a red shirt.

### Auto Theft

November 29, 11:08 p.m., Beltway Plaza parking lot. A 19-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft over \$1000, among other charges, after he was found operating a red 1999 Dodge Durango that had been reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Drug Arrest

November 29, 8:35 p.m., CVS Drug Store. A 55-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with counterfeiting a prescription to obtain hydrocodone. She was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Trespassing

December 1, 10:00 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 46-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on posted property. He was released on a citation pending trial.

December 2, 12:09 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. A 34-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released on a citation pending trial.

### Burglary

December 2, 7:55 a.m., 2 Court Northway. A homeowner saw a man take two duffel bags

from her yard. He is described as a black male, 5'7" to 6' tall with a medium build, wearing a blue patterned hooded sweatshirt and dark colored jeans.

December 4, 2:00 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

### Vandalism

December 2, 2:50 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was found on a set of steps near Schrom Hills Park.

### Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen, a green 2000 Lexus with Md. tags taken after it was left running and unattended in the 6800 block Green Crescent Court, a blue and silver 2008 Velocity motor scooter taken from 6 Court Hillside Road and a tan 2003 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Attempts were made to steal six autos: 7500 block Mandan Road, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 7700 block Hanover Parkway (two vehicles), 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Eleven reports of thefts from autos were received: 5500 block Cherrywood Lane (windshield washer assembly), 7900 block Mandan Road (change), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, two incidents (GPS units), 7200 block Hanover Drive (laptop, purses and clothing), 100 block Westway (catalytic converter), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (radio system), 6200 block Breezewood Court (catalytic converter), 9100 block Edmonston Court (catalytic converter), Edmonston Road at Springhill Drive (attempted theft), 9100 block Edmonston Road (children's toys), 6100 Breezewood Drive (currency).

### Vandalism

Two reports of vandalism were received: 7900 block Mandan Road (car window was broken) and 7300 block Wintergreen Court (brakes lines were damaged, possibly by someone known to the car owner).

*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.*

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### Audubon Leads Free Half-Day Bird Walk

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road, Bowie, on Saturday, December 15 to seek resident and migrating woodland and field birds, as well as waterfowl. There is also a good chance to spot raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Beginners and experts are welcome. Binoculars and waterproof footwear are suggested. Participants will meet at the parking lot at 7:30 a.m.

Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

### Women's Non-Fiction Book Club Meets

People are invited to join a discussion of literary nonfiction by women at the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House.

The book to be discussed on December 14 is "Passionate Nomad: The Life of Freya Stark" by Jane Fletcher Geniesse.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.



PHOTOS BY CINDY PERRY

**Bishop Martin Holley, Father Walter Tappe and many of the Sodalists. Pictured from left to right are Sally Bersbach, Bridget McDermott, Barbara Osborne, Kelly Pollins, Jonathan Schnurr, Cindy Perry, Beverly Udegbe, Veronica Penick, Mary Wade, JoAnn McCarthy, Deacon Desi Vikor, Betty Triplett, Margaret Zanin, Bishop Holley, Ruth Morris, Kathleen McFarland, Marguerite Kincius, Father Tappe, Solange Hess, Barbara Ford (hidden), Franca Onunkwo, Mary Moien, Rita Radich, Magdalene Fuchs, JoEllen Sarff, Martha Loutsch, Suzanne Lomax, Beth Osborne, Ellen Hanyok, Marlene Vikor and Marti Galvin.**

## St. Hugh's Sodality of Our Lady Celebrates 65th Anniversary

by Kathleen McFarland and Mary Moien

St. Hugh's Sodality of Our Lady celebrated its 65th anniversary with a Mass and reception on November 7, exactly 65 years after founding pastor of St. Hugh, Rev. Victor Dowgiallo, inducted almost all the Catholic women of Greenbelt into the organization.

Margaret Zanin, an original Sodalist still active in the group, remembers receiving her manual and Miraculous Medal from Father Dowgiallo on the stage of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, which in 1947 was where the Catholic Mass was held. St. Hugh's School was built in 1949, with services held in the school auditorium until the church was built in 1962.

The Sodality is an international organization of devotion to the Blessed Mother, founded in the 16th century by a Belgian Jesuit priest. The word "sodality" means "fellowship," and at St. Hugh's the Sodality has traditionally been an organization of women who band together for religious and charitable purposes to meet the needs of the parish community. The current Sodality is flourishing, with many new members, including even a few men, as in the original 16th century concept. In addition to activities in the parish, St. Hugh's Sodality participates in programs of the Sodality Union, a federation of many parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington.

The special 65th anniversary Mass was concelebrated by the Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, and St. Hugh's pastor Rev. Walter Tappe. At the reception that followed, Sodalists had the opportunity to view many pictures and other mementos of the early days of the organization. There were pictures of early retreats, annual dinners and fashion shows with Sodality mothers and daughters, as well as religious articles from the early days," such as older

prayer books and organizational letters.

The Sodality's 65th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Mary Wade, met all year to organize special events, such as publishing a brochure listing all Marian feast days and scheduling a rosary marathon on October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Committee members interviewed older Sodalists and collected materials for the exhibit and attempted to find names of all former prefects (presidents) of the organization, which were printed in the program. The 65th anniversary Mass was the culmination of their efforts.



**Margaret Zanin, an original member and past prefect, and JoEllen Sarff, current prefect, with Bishop Martin Holley and Kathleen McFarland, a longtime member.**



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# Indian Springs Dedicated

by Miriam G. Johnson

Indian Springs historical Revolutionary War burial site, known to Greenbelters as a picnic cove near Greenbelt Lake, will be dedicated to Greenbelt in the near future. This landmark, as well as the lake and surrounding picnic area, will be made a legal part of Greenbelt prior to the city's sale by the Federal Government. This should insure post-purchase residents fine recreational facilities for a bit of "roughing it."

The three springs have long been known as Indian Springs because local tribes held conclaves in its sheltered recess. Warlike Seneca and Sinnehanna Indian tribes were among the last to live in this area.

Following the Indians in the latter 1700s were settler Isaac Walker and his family who also appreciated the drinking water and the shade. Isaac Walker, then 35 years old, received a patent of land for 200 acres of the southwestern portion of what is known today as Greenbelt, in the year 1756. One of the five Lords Baltimore then living presented it to him as a result of his past loyalty to the Stuart kings. Mrs. Lucy Walker Lester, Isaac's great granddaughter (long-lived family) sold this property to the Government when Greenbelt was a twinkle in the eyes of Rexford Tugwell. She had been living in the third house on the same site, not far from the American Legion building on Greenbelt Road, which is still there. The second structure, which had much in it of historical significance, burned to the ground in 1900.

The name of the first house, as well as the original grant of land, was "Toapping Castle, after Isaac Walker's family castle in Scotland which had been confiscated at the time "Bonnie Prince Charlie" (Charles Edward Louis Stuart), pretender to the throne, lost the Battle of Culloden Field in Scotland, April 16, 1745. At that time Walker, a Highlander and Stuart supporter, had a price put on his head and he had to leave family, property and fortune, escaping via Holland to America. Lord Baltimore, also having been devoted to the Stuarts, inclined to present him with the sheepskin parchment which designated him as owner of the "patent" of land.

The enterprising Scottish émi-gré turned his cleared land into a profitable tobacco farm. He was finally able to send passage money to his wife and child whom he had been forced to leave in his desperate haste. He met them at the port of Alexandria on the Potomac River (water travel was used whenever possible, since horses had to be so frequently changed) and after a week of travel they were all together at Toapping Castle on land that is now a part of Greenbelt.

The Revolutionary War brought political troubles to him in a different form. He became a lieutenant and his youngest son Nathan a private. Two sons were killed and buried on battleground. The graves on top of the Indian Springs hill are those of Isaac who died in 1807 and Nathan who died in 1842, as well as their wives and several of the children of Isaac and Elizabeth who died in infancy. There are sixteen graves in all, but the Daughters of the American Revolution

monument erected there in 1938 is dedicated to the two Revolutionary War fighters. A rustic fence surrounds the burial area.

The three Indian Springs flowing from this hill were enclosed in stone at the time the monument was placed there. The refreshing drinking water flows approximately 150 feet into a ravine below, easily accessible to picnickers enjoying the barbecue pit and picnic table facilities, a far cry from the secret Indian conclaves held there a couple of hundred years ago. According to Mrs. Elizabeth Singer who supplied much of this historical information, however, until recent years arrowheads could often be picked up in the woods.

— Greenbelt Cooperator, June 1, 1950.

## Picnic Area Action

The road to Indian Springs picnic area has been blocked by a locked gate, it was disclosed by City Manager Charles T. McDonald. Complaints about the area's abuse caused the city to take this action. Necking parties and general nuisance incidents that caused near-riots were mentioned as contributing factors. The path to the picnic grounds from the lake has been cleared and picnickers are urged to use this method of entering the grounds. A general cleanup of the area has been made.

— July 13, 1950

## City Notes

Public Works and Planning staff met with GHI and PEPCO regarding Phase II of the infrastructure improvements.

Facilities/Building Maintenance crew installed a new rooftop exhaust fan at the Municipal Building.

Now on view at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery is "Shifting Bloom: Sculpture by Stephanie Marie Santos," which will be displayed through January 4.

## CARES

The first ACE science club meeting was held at Magnolia Elementary School in November. The activity — "The Perfect Raincoat" — challenged students to determine which materials are suitable for keeping objects dry.



## NAMI Support Group Meets

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its New Carrollton Area Support Group at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, December 17 from 10 to noon.

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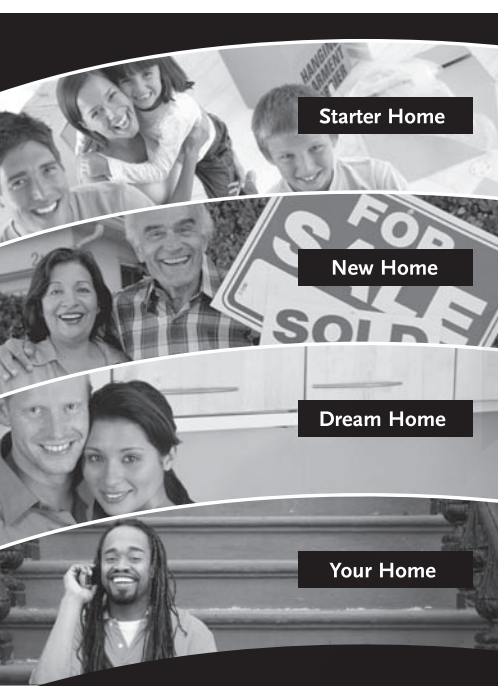
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### Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Friday, December 14 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Joy Bodycomb Band plays blues, rock and country from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 15 starts with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with the U-Liners musically celebrating Woody Guthrie's centennial anniversary and Greenbelt's 75th anniversary from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 16 the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the monthly kid's open microphone session is from 1:30 to 2:30 for the whole family. From 5 to 7 p.m. Darkuba Dawg Hafla brings live Middle Eastern music with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

#### Next Week

Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. is the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal, showing "2012 The Mayan Word." The film, preceded by the availability of a vegan buffet for purchase at 6:30 p.m., explores the Mayan Prophecies of 2012 and human connection to the planet and the cosmos. On Tuesday, December 18 the monthly Poetry Open Microphone session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, December 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Jonah Knight performs an evening of Creepy Christmas songs, paranormal modern folk and supernatu-

ral steam punk. On Thursday, December 20 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m. is an open microphone session with Mike Hummel. On Friday, December 21 Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Cold Hard Cash plays a tribute to Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, December 22 schedule begins with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by John Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Hot Club of DC returns with gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, December 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. Highway 66 plays Americana music.

### National Gallery Offers Free Concert

On Sunday, December 16 the National Gallery of Art will be the site of a free concert by the Empire Brass and soprano Elizabeth von Trappe. Music by Rodgers and others will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court.

### Two Violins Play At National Gallery

Music for two violins will be performed by Marcolivia at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19 at the national Gallery of Art. This free concert will be held in the West Building Lecture Hall.

### CPAE Photography Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs may want to participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE). Meetings are held Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

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**Labor Day Festival****Bas Relief Characters Came to Life at Festival**

by Tom Jones

“What better way could we honor Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary than to bring some of its most recognizable figures to life?” said Frank DeBernardo, Greenbelt Homes board member and member of the city’s 75th Anniversary Committee.

DeBernardo was part of the all-volunteer Greenbelt Society for the Preamble Friezes of History as a Foundation for the Future (GSPFHFF) which won “Best in Parade” at the 2012 Labor Day Festival. The team reenacted Lenore Thomas’ bas relief Indiana limestone friezes from the Greenbelt Community Center.

DeBernardo (“Man in Overalls”) and Greenbelt pioneer descendant Tom Jones (“Man in Hat”) portrayed the “Insure Domestic Tranquility” tableau – a conversation between a farmer and a factory hand – also featured in the New Deal Café logo.

The team, dressed in light brown clothes that mimicked the Indiana limestone of the original sculptures, moved from one still-life image to another to display eight themes from the Preamble. Three men, two women and a boy smoothly traded props and places, while a red-white-and-blue hostess (Martha Heil) rolled out a series of title banners.

The team also had to anticipate what Thomas might have sculpted for the Preamble’s two closing phrases.

For “Secure the Blessings of Liberty,” a new scene was created in which Luisa Robles held her



Tom Jones as the farmer, left, mans a make-believe wheelbarrow in the Insure Domestic Tranquility tableau; Frank DeBernardo, carpenter; Stephen Duda, age 8, holding flowers; and Luisa Robles.

hand raised in a solemn ceremony as Alan Duda and Tom Jones stood before her. Another couple watched with a child bearing flowers. “We were glad Lenore left one phrase for the future and think she would have been proud to see our performance,” said Duda.

“Reenacting ‘Ourselves and Our Posterity’ was easy: the ‘Mother and Child’ sculpture from Roosevelt Center,” said Johanna Goderre Jones, who played the role of “Mother.” Duda’s eight-year-old son Stephen enjoyed his role of “Child” in the “Mother and Child” reenactment saying, “It was a lot of work but I’d do it again!”

At the end, a banner suggesting Greenbelt’s original signature

house stripes also wished the city a happy 75th as the statues came to life and shouted, “Happy birthday, Greenbelt!”

A video of their performance is available at <http://spril.com/Preamble>. The society was formed to march in the parade with a creative theme but holds no regular meetings. Several team members were part of last year’s Greenbelt Recycling and Sustainability Society, 2010’s Get My Drift Society, 2009’s Greenbelt Sun-Dried Garmenture Society Drill Team and 2008’s Greenbelt Reel Lawnmower Society Precision Drill Team.

Sean Eustis and Joe Wall supplied musical support and Karen Wallace was photographer.

**CPAE Has Kids’ Arts Drop-Ins**

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Drop-In programs for children led by Aaron Springer from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16. The Saturday drop-in is held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. These free creative arts workshops for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult accompaniment) will focus on holiday paper printing.

To learn more about after-school Arts Drop-in with Ann Potter near Hollywood Elementary, call 240-487-3550. Baby Arts Group offers a rotation of arts teachers for the smallest children on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. at the Old Parish House. Donations are encouraged.

For details email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

**Free Winter Concert Held at St. Andrew’s**

The College Park Arts Exchange will offer a community winter concert on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church with Chris Fominaya directing the Youth and Vocetti Choirs.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is at 4512 College Avenue in College Park. The concert is free and open to the public.

**FESTIVAL continued from page 1**

Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s a cappella group the Pearls sings Christmas carols in the Greenbriar Community Building at Greenbelt East annual tree lighting ceremony on December 2. From left are Kristen Lair, Amanda Hastings, Teresa Johnson and Tobi Aderotoye.

Children of the Great Depression,” edited by Robert Cohen.

Just as had occurred in 1937, Santa arrived this year to the sound of “Jingle Bells.” The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department provided transport for Santa on a fire truck, so that his reindeer could rest up for December 24. Upon reaching the platform, Santa was assured by the master of ceremonies that Greenbelt was home to well-behaved boys and girls. After a rousing countdown, the tree was lit and Santa and his elves distributed candy canes to everyone.

**75th Year**

Councilmember Roberts said, “This is Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary year. Santa Claus has been visiting Greenbelt every December since the town was founded in 1937.

“It took place only a few feet away, inside the auditorium of this beautiful New Deal building, which we know today as the Greenbelt Community Center. In 1937 it was Greenbelt’s primary school and this is what the Coop-

erator tells us happened that first December in Greenbelt:

“On Thursday evening, December 20, a crowd gathered at the school auditorium to herald the arrival of that grand old man from the North Pole. To the tune of ‘Jingle Bells,’ Santa Claus was presented and some 300 children literally broke loose. Each child was presented with a box of candy and an orange.

“Now many of the kids in tonight’s audience might be thinking that the box of candy was the best gift, but during the Great Depression, it was a big treat to get a fresh orange all the way from Florida or California. Many things that we take for granted today were luxury items in 1937.

“As we celebrate this festival of lights during Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary year, I hope that we’ll all take time to remember Greenbelt’s roots in the Great Depression and to give thanks for what we call the simple things, like the orange in the toe of your stocking.”



Charlene Adams (left) and Terry Benedik serve hot chocolate with Cool Whip after the tree lighting ceremony at Greenbriar.

**High Point HS Graduates Celebrate Class Reunion**

by Judy Bell

The 1956 and 1957 classes of High Point High School, which in those days was attended by most Greenbelt teens, celebrated graduation anniversaries together on September 22, a beautiful Saturday afternoon. About 100 mostly gray-haired people gathered at Meadow Fox Farm, a large estate in the countryside of Leesburg, Va.

The event was hosted by estate owners, classmate Sheila Graham Heider and her husband Albert. A tent was erected, complete with tables, chairs and appetizers. The occasion was informal, which provided the opportunity to mingle freely without any loud background noise to distract from the conversation.

Several of us – Joan Rexrode Welsh, Esther Stedman Bond from San Diego, Judy Kasko Myrick and this reporter – carpooled down to the party together, chatting all the way, making the trek an adventure in itself. Quite a few attendees came from long distances such as Arizona, South Carolina, Texas, Michigan and Florida. One person said he was persuaded by another classmate to come because this could be the last reunion for our group.

A number of classmates who grew up in Greenbelt attended, including the aforementioned Judy Kasko Myrick, Terry Wiram, Bob “Chotch” Cherry, Ellen Crofford Kosireski and Pete

Boggs. It was a pleasure to see one of our teachers there, 89-year-old Frankie McMillan, escorted by her husband.

The Class of 1956 was the first to graduate from the newly built school in Beltsville. Most of the students in this class had spent their sophomore year at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville and were transferred to High Point as juniors; there was no graduating class in 1955.

Delicious pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, lemonade and beer were on the menu, along with a cake and many yummy pies to gobble up. A three-piece string band played quietly in the background while we indulged our appetites.

We whiled away the lovely fall afternoon connecting with old friends and classmates. While it was wonderful to catch up on each other’s lives, I was struck by the sad fact that more than a quarter of my 1956 classmates have died; 52 by my count. There were 51 gone in the 1955 class. The old axiom, “Make every day count because you never know which one will be your last,” really hit home for me that afternoon.

Our classes have had several reunions together and for this reporter this last one was the best. Here’s to another.



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