

GREENBELT

# News Review

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Eunice Coxon displays Medal of Merit presented to her by the Lions Club. Lion Dervey Lomax, 1st vice president, is on right. Lion Emory Harman, president, observes from the rear.

- photo Courtesy Greenbelt Lion's Club

## Eunice Coxon Receives Lions' Medal of Merit

by Emory Harman

It was a tremendous surprise to her when the Greenbelt Lions Club presented the prestigious Lions International Medal of Merit award to long-time local activist Eunice Coxon. The ceremony took place at their annual Christmas party on Monday night, December 9 at E.J.'s Landing in the Best Western Motel in College Park.

The Lions "Medal of Merit" award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual outside of Lionism. It is an award for meritorious and exceptional service to the community.

Coxon's contributions to the community are many and varied — two terms as president of Citizens for Greenbelt, work on five committees for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and efforts to secure voting machines for GHI's annual meetings.

She also served as a Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Talent Show judge, on the City Board of Appeals and has been the recipient of numerous nominations for outstanding citizen of Greenbelt.

In the rest of the county, Coxon is known for her service on the Prince George's County Advisory Committee on Aging, in the Prince George's County Federation, in the League of Women Voters, and on the Writing Board to draft the charter for Prince George's County. She also received a nomination for the Prince George's Women's Hall of Fame.

For all these efforts in the county, Coxon was recognized and awarded the Prince George's County Civic Federation Award on September 14, 1995.

Her philosophy is to "reach out and touch someone" and she has touched and made an impression on and difference for many people and organizations in Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Although Coxon is not always on the winning side, she is always a tenacious battler for what she thinks is right.

Coxon says that she will never forget the evening of her award for the rest of her life. She remarked that she really appreciates and realizes the good works of the Lions Clubs.

She remembers the Lions during her childhood in New England when the club of Lawrence presented an exquisite little metal lion to her father. She became attached to this lion, and kept it in her household, bringing it to the meeting so that the gathering could recognize its beauty.

According to Autumn Kuei in her article in the Greenbelt News Review on Coxon's receiving the County Civic Federation Award, "So what's next for this lobbyist, activist, and supporter of the rights of women and senior citizens? She's showing no signs of retiring yet, even though, as someone has noted, she was born in the year the Titanic went down."



Sara and Sant

-photo by Justin P. Steele

## First Community New Year's Eve Party Set

by Eileen Peterson

As 1996 slips away in the darkness of next Tuesday's evening, Greenbelt's Community Center will glow with the lights of many events and echo the sounds of bands, laughter, dancing feet, Double Dutch jump roping and an African dance and drums troupe — all part of the Greenbelt New Year '97 party from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Discount Tickets Through Friday

After Friday, tickets to the New Year's Eve gathering will rise by a few dollars but will still be incredibly low — thanks to seed funds from the city to help offset entertainment costs.

Tickets are available every day at the Community Center and that night at the door.

### Dance and Food

Dancing to Fiddlestyx, partygoers will be led through reels, jigs, waltzes, polkas and every kind of country dancing — first from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in a dance "clinic" and then throughout the night as dancers move from one style to another.

### Kids and Others

Face painting, children's Bingo, mask- and hat-making, and celebrations on the hour of New Year's Midnight in countries around the globe are among offerings for the young. Additional entertainment is planned up to the midnight count-down.

Upstairs, three rock bands will play for the beat-lovers, and the New Deal Cafe will serve food all evening and feature first Bridges to Bliss (6 - 8 p.m.), children's and family music, and then two sessions of the Chromatics, a cappella songs, with varied music from 8 to 9 p.m. as a break between the main acts.

Weather permitting, there will be ice-sculpting on the front lawn and star-gazing through telescopes.

Dancing after midnight will close out the festivities by 1 a.m.

## Top Stories of 1996

### Lake Drowning

Pleasant summer outing turns tragic when overloaded jonboat capsizes and sinks in Greenbelt Lake July 11. Three of four people on board escape, however, 23-year old counselor for group home for homeless teenagers drowns in accident. Tragedy raises questions about adequacy of equipment maintenance at boathouse, as boat appears to have been patched with duct tape.

### New City Manager

Five years after appointment, City Manager Daniel Hobbs surprises council by resigning to take job in Michigan. Deputy City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin appointed acting manager. On September 11, after council receives many expressions of support from citizens for McLaughlin, he is offered position. McLaughlin accepts and is formally appointed October 7.

### Community Center

After setbacks slowing renovation of old school building, new Community Center opens officially on March 16 to gala ribbon-cutting and reception. Program is culmination of ten years of planning and preparation. New Deal Cafe, Co-op Nursery School and Kindergarten, and Greenbelt Adult Care Center downstairs opened earlier. Exhibit of paintings and sculptures by Lenore Thomas, who created original friezes on building; art and pottery classes for adults and children; new office for News Review; space for senior activities and hot lunches; dance and athletic programs; artists' studios; space for Greenbelt Museum — all hum with activity. Project cost city \$5.4 million but at end of year predicted revenues for use had been exceeded.

### USDA Headquarters Building at BARC

Shocked on learning of USDA plans to construct administration building on BARC land off Sunnyside, city council asks for help from Congressman Steny Hoyer. Claiming violation of wetlands regulations, adverse impact on traffic, and potential danger from disturbance of parasite research area, council also engages consultant who sets up meeting with Army Corps of Engineers, where city presents concerns about piecemeal development of USDA site. At year's end building is still rising.

### Overcrowded Schools

Students and teachers cope with full or overflowing schools—particularly Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake Elementary. ERHS grounds are cluttered with 20 portable classrooms, allowing over 3,000 students at school designed for 2,400. Overcrowding at high school unlikely to be resolved until completion of new Ardmore High School around the turn of the century. At Springhill Lake Elementary, overcrowding forces the addition of two more temporary classrooms, bringing total to 10 as 810 students squeeze into facility built for 500. Other schools attended by Greenbelt youth—Magnolia and Greenbelt Elementaries and Greenbelt Middle School are near or over capacity, but not faced with the severe overcrowding experienced at other two schools.

### Cherrywood Lane Striped for Bikes

Advisory Planning Board and Bicycle Task Force endorse Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition's proposal for bicycle lanes on Cherrywood Lane. County highway officials, property owners along Cherrywood Lane including District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. and Metro officials, and others express reservations and opposition. Council orders restriping on July 29 to narrow roadway to single traffic lane plus a bicycle lane in either direction, and add median strip between Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road. Parking is to be eliminated except on side adjacent to Springhill Lake apartments. Instead of unaffordable landscaped median strip, council chooses painting and bollards. Pedestrian landings to be provided at bus stops. In late fall County restripes bridge to provide single lanes either way in center and keep all traffic off sides due to unexplained cracks developing in bridge structure. In December, city has county crew install long stripes for median and bicycle lanes on Cherrywood as council instructed, shifting traffic lanes closer to bridge's sides. Cross-hatching and other detailed markings to be done if break in weather or next spring.

### Springhill Lake Fire

Fire damages apartment building in Springhill Lake, displacing all residents and requiring major interior reconstruction. Second and third floor inferno takes 70 firefighters from five area companies 20 minutes to bring under control. Residents relocated to other SHL units. Community reaches out with donations to help those most affected by the fire. At year's end investigation of possible arson is still underway. Completely refurbished building expected to re-open by early March, meeting current fire code.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Be a Rotarian

The Greenbelt Rotary Club has been serving the Greenbelt community for over eight years. One of over 26,000 Rotary International clubs around the world, we have over 30 members - business and professional men and women - whose motto is "Service Above Self." We offer an invitation to professional and business leaders to come and meet us to see if Rotary is for you. Rotary extends membership to the widest possible range of professions.

What do we do for Greenbelt? Quite a bit. We give scholarships to deserving high school students. We select and honor the Greenbelt Business Person of the Year. The Greenbelt Police established its Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program with one of our grants and we help to fund the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. We visit nursing homes, plant trees, help the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and respond to individual needs throughout the year.

And what's more, we have fun doing it. Our fund-raising activities may range from bell ringing for the Salvation Army to organizing a tennis tournament, but in between there's always time for a mystery dinner, carol singing, or a tailgate party.

Not everyone has the commitment to be a Rotarian. One must be ready to commit time to help the community. Regular weekly attendance is a must. The Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. Members who cannot attend are expected to make up the meeting at another Rotary club.

Each week the program features a guest speaker or a special event. Whatever the program, we try to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Those who would appreciate being invited to join should call 301-982-5525 for a warm welcome and an invitation to put Service Above Self.

Edward F. McGehrin  
President, Greenbelt  
Rotary Club

### Babysitting Course Offered by CARES

Greenbelt CARES will offer the winter session of the free babysitting course on Monday afternoon, December 30, from 1 - 4 in the conference room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The course is held the week following Christmas, during the winter vacation.

The course is free. Each student will receive a packet of materials to bring home. The course is targeted to teach students who have completed grades 5 - 8 the safety and responsibility issues of babysitting.

Parents and students wanting additional information and enrollment should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, 301-345-6660.



### 770 Issues Missed

I am enclosing a holiday donation for the Greenbelt News Review. Regrettably, I cannot give it to a carrier.

I am in my 30th year as a Greenbelt resident and a Springhill Lake resident. For those not in the know, Yes, Springhill Lake is part of Greenbelt. Every single Friday night I travel to some other part of Greenbelt to pick up a News Review. I kept track of the number of News Reviews I received for a period of years, but finally gave up. I think in a period of 15 years I received 9 or 10 weekly editions of the News Review in my building. Wouldn't residents in old Greenbelt have received about 780 copies in that same time period? I don't know how other Springhill Lakers feel, but I am part of the city.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year to the great staff and writers of one of my favorite newspapers and also best wishes to my friends, neighbors and colleagues in the best little city in the country.

Joyce Chestnut

*Editor's Note: At management's request we distribute only a limited number of papers to each building entrance.*

### Winter Hikes

Greenbelt Park will conduct a winter woodland hike Saturday December 28. Discover the sights, sounds, and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Happy  
New Year

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION POINTS

City of Greenbelt  
Public Works Department

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas beginning December 30, 1996 ending February 7, 1997.

- GHI** 73 Court Ridge Road — Playground opposite Plateau Place & Ridge Road — Corner on playground side  
Research Road & Hillside Road — Corner  
Eastway Road & Crescent Road — Corner  
21 Court Ridge Road — Across from Green Ridge House  
Crescent Road & Ridge Road — Playground at junction  
Parkway Road — Corner across from Community Church  
Corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road  
7 Court Southway Road — Playground at Little League Field  
11 Court & 13 Court Ridge Road — Park area between courts
- BOXWOOD** Ivy and Lastner Lane — Playground
- LAKEWOOD** Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)
- CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE & CHARLESTOWNE NORTH** Adjacent to Attick Park
- UNIVERSITY SQUARE** Front of swimming pool
- LAKESIDE NORTH** Near swimming pool
- SPRINGHILL LAKE** Community Building
- GREENBRIAR** Between buildings 7708 & 7710 Hanover Parkway  
Between buildings 7728 & 7730 Hanover Parkway  
Between buildings 7826 & 7828 Hanover Parkway  
Between buildings 8003 & 8009 Mandan Road
- GLEN OAKS** Between buildings 7903 & 7905 Mandan Road  
Between buildings 7509 & 7511 Mandan Road
- HUNTING RIDGE** Between buildings 6936 & 6978 Hanover Parkway
- WINDSOR GREEN** Court entrances (Picked up by Windsor Green Staff)
- GREENBROOK VILLAGE & ESTATES**  
Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive  
Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive  
In front of barricade at Mandan Road & Mathew Street
- GREENWOOD VILLAGE** Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace  
Opposite 7646 Mandan Road  
Opposite 7648 Mandan Road
- GREENSPRING** Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road  
Park area between 7926 & 8006 Greenbury Drive  
Corner of Spring Manor Dr. and Springshire Way.  
Open area between 6519 & 6515 Springcrest Dr.

## TOP STORIES

(Continued from page 1)

### Budget and Taxes

In June, council adopts record \$13.1 million budget that raises city tax rate by 4.5 cents as three citizens watch. Increase due to full year operation of new community center, inflation and slow revenue growth. In November, county voters strongly reject effort to repeal limit on county tax rate (TRIM) and vote to impose a referendum requirement to approve most county tax and fee increases. City voters also vote for TRIM and referendum, but support TRIM by a much narrower margin.

### Roosevelt Center

Defining problems besetting Roosevelt Center is easier than finding solutions. Deterioration of mother-child statue, Greenbelt landmark, continues; and dangers from Bradford pear trees, nearing life expectancy, are unabated, though one tree is cut down. Sharon Bradley-Papp, landscape architect hired by city, presents three proposals for Center renovation, ranked by degrees of complexity and change. All three are revisions responding to citizen objections to earlier plans. Council, however, has yet to act.

### Recycling

City changes recycling contractor mid-year and experiences problems with both contractors. Council mulls over possible changes as to how the city picks up refuse and recyclables. Possibilities include cutback to once a week trash pick-up, city crews picking up recycling, increased fees.

Recycling regulations are changed to make it illegal to take recyclables from bins placed out for pick-up.

### Dog Park

A park for dogs is established on Hanover Parkway for a one-year trial. Dog owners can buy a permit to use the fenced-in park and are subject to park rules. Council increases fines for violations of animal control laws.

## Del. Pitkin a Leader In Cancer Programs

Delegate Joan B. Pitkin, 23rd District, Prince George's County, recently received an appointment by Governor Parris N. Glendening to the State Council on Cancer Control. The program is designed to find ways to reduce the incidence of cancer in Maryland, a state with one of the highest cancer rates in the United States.

Delegate Pitkin will also serve on the Maryland Department of Health and Hygiene's Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Advisory Committee, a program providing funding for breast and cervical diagnostic and treatment services for uninsured or underinsured Maryland women. To date more than 41,000 women have been screened in this way and hundreds of cases diagnosed for further cancer treatment.

Delegate Pitkin was the first legislator honored in Maryland by the American Cancer Society for her legislative efforts in cancer prevention. Her legislative efforts include mammography screening programs, improved health insurance coverage for mammography screening and reconstructive breast surgery. These programs also provide full disclosure of breast cancer surgical options and the effects of breast implants.

### Got Any Great Greenbelt Photos From 1987 to 1997?

We are searching for possible photos to use in updating the Greenbelt pictorial history. The city will be reprinting the book which has been sold out.

We are writing a chapter covering the last 10 years and will need several pages of great photos to document those years. Please call Mary Lou Williamson 441-2662 or drop by the News Review office in the Community Center when we're open to show us what you have.

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 2-4 p.m., 8-10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

### 10 & 20 Mile Races To Be Run Dec. 28

The annual 10 and 20 mile Running Races in Greenbelt will be held on Saturday, December 28. One of the oldest distance races in the Washington area, the 10 and 20-mile races are held at the same time over a certified course. The course extends through the streets of Greenbelt and the adjacent Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The race starts at 10 a.m. with sign up from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call 703-241-0395.

### A Delicious Meeting

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will start the New Year with "The Pampered Chef" on Thursday, January 9. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Elementary School Library.

After all the holiday cooking, be a pampered guest. See wonderful kitchen tools, learn timesaving cooking techniques, and sample great recipes. Bring a friend but be sure to make a reservation. Call Barbara Tanen at 301-345-8584.

### Breast Cancer Patient Services

"Look Good ... Feel Better," a cosmetic and hair care service for female patients will be held on Thursday, January 2, at the Greenbelt Cancer Center. The seminar is sponsored by the American Cancer Society in cooperation with the CTFD Foundation and the National Cosmetology Association. For registration information call 301-933-9350.

### Gospel Singers Bring Holiday Spirit

by Konrad Herling  
One of the area's best known gospel groups, the Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers will perform a gospel concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center, Saturday, January 4, at 8 p.m. The Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers, who have been performing for 47 years, provided the first live performance in the Arts Center's current theater space in January 1994. The concert was attended by about 55 brave souls who came out in the midst of that winter's ice storms. Most, if not all, received, the performance with great interest and enthusiasm. The program emphasized the cultural and historical aspects of the music, with particular emphasis on the music as it affected the religion and culture of Prince George's County. Tickets can be reserved by calling 301-441-8770.

# Community Events

### Students Learn About High Schools

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and School Advisory Board at St. Hugh's School recently held a high school panel discussion for its junior high students and parents. The event was held to prepare parents and students with information that will be useful as they prepare for high school attendance in the near future.

Ted Elsasser, PTA president at St. Hugh's, was the moderator. A board of St. Hugh's alumni fielded questions from parents, students and the moderator. The alumni included the following students: Dematha High School: Greg Mangum (junior), John Poole (senior), and Justin Poole (freshman); Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Rorie Marionni (senior); Elizabeth Seton High School: Anne Berard (senior); and St. Vincent Pallotti High School: Karla Smith (junior) and Andy Bender (junior).

Each alumni student provided opinions and descriptions of things they encountered in preparing for and attending high school. The alumni student board was chosen to represent a cross section of both public and private high schools in the area that St. Hugh's students normally attend.

St. Hugh's Principal Harrian Walker addressed the attendees and highlighted those things being done from both an academic and organizational point of view to prepare students for the rigors of high school. The program ended with refreshments and a small social gathering for all in attendance. St. Hugh's PTA intends to sponsor this event annually as a service to the school community.

### Audio Loop Available

The Greenbelt Community Center has a portable audio loop available that can be set up in any of the city's classrooms or meeting rooms upon request. This loop is designed for individuals who are hard of hearing. Anyone with a hearing aid that has a "T" switch will be able to benefit from this loop. Also, for those who do not have "T" switches, there are three receivers with head sets that will aid those who are hard of hearing.

Anyone planning to attend a city meeting or class who would like to use this system should call the Community Center at 301-397-2208 and request to have the loop set up. There is no charge to use this system.

### Seed Craft Seminar

Interested in new ways to make crafts? Then drop by the Rangers Station at Greenbelt Park at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, and learn about the seeds and how to make various crafts from them.

For more information, call 301-344-3944.

### At the Library

Poetry Plus, a poetry discussion program for adults on Saturday, January 4, at 10:30.

Drop-In Storytime for ages three to five at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 2.

For more information, call the library at 301-345-5800.

### GHI Notes

The Board of Directors meetings for January will be held on January 9 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board room.

GHI office will be closed on January 1, 1997. GHI wishes all its members a happy and safe New Year. For emergency maintenance that day, call 301-474-6011.

Members are reminded to bag leaves and place them in their service side yard, then call 301-474-8004 for pick-up service.



### Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn  
301-474-5285

Congratulations to Lorraine Krebs of Mandan Road upon her graduation from the Department of Nursing at Prince George's Community College on December 18.

Sarah King, 15, was selected for the 1996 All-county High School orchestra (Anne Arundel County), which performed December 14. Sarah plays violin and is the daughter of Patricia and Chris King of Severn, MD and the granddaughter of Shirley Clute of Lynbrook Court. Congratulations!

Air Force Airman Christopher M. McIver II has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 1995 graduate of Suitland High School, McIver is the son of Renee McIver of Lorton, VA, and Christopher M. McIver of Hanover Parkway.

### Six Mile Hike

Before heading for Greenbelt Park on December 29, put on hiking boots and kick off the winter trekking season with a park ranger and fellow hiking enthusiasts. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

### Greenbelt Recreation Dept. Holiday Facility Hours

Greenbelt Recreation facilities will be open the following hours during the holiday season:

	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHL
Tue. Dec. 31	9 - 10	6 - 6	noon - 5
Wed. Jan. 1	noon - 5	noon - 8	noon - 10

GCC - Greenbelt Community Center  
GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center  
YC - Youth Center  
SHL - Springhill Lake Recreation Center



**New Deal Cafe**  
**OPEN**  
**New Year's Eve**  
5 pm - 1 am  
Bridges to Bliss kids show  
6 - 8 pm  
Chromatics acapella group  
9 - midnight  
dinner menu, drinks and snacks  
Greenbelt Community Center



"It has been my goal to educate and move an audience to empathize with what life was like at the places and times depicted. But I sincerely hope to entertain while doing so." Daniel Ray Young, playwright and director of "MARYLAND SPECIAL PROJECT #1: THE GREENBELT STORY" COMING TO THE GREENBELT

**You're invited to celebrate with Anwar the Grand Opening of the**

### Greenbelt Barber and Stylist Shop

located at 151A Centerway (behind Domino's in Roosevelt Center)

**Friday, January 3, 11 a.m.**

- Ribbon cutting by Mayor Bram
- Refreshments served
- Door prize drawing

Hours of operation - 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon. - Sat.



**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
474-9744

WEEK OF DECEMBER 27  
All Seats \$5.00

The English Patient (R)

Fri, Sat. & Sun:

(4:45 All seats \$3.00)

7:45

Mon: (All seats \$3.00)

4:45 & 7:45

Tue-Wed:

(4:45 All seats \$3.00)

7:45

Thurs: 7:45

### The Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to Post Office)

presents

an evening of gospel music featuring

### The Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers

Saturday, January 4, 1997 8 P.M.

AND LATER IN JANUARY

The Greenbelt Arts Center

&

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Invite you to be part of history in 1997

**Greenbelt isn't just another suburb; It's Part of our Nation's History**

Get a Ticket & See  
Maryland Special Project No. 1:  
**THE GREENBELT STORY**



An Original Play about an Original Town  
Written & Directed by Daniel Young  
Funded by Gilbert & Jaylee Mead Family Foundation

- Weekends, January 10-February 1st
- Friday & Saturday evenings, 8pm •Sunday Matinees, 2pm (January 19 & 26)
- \$8/\$6 seniors, students •Group rates available

For more information: call 441-8770

**In Memoriam**

Your write-up for George Jones in the December 19 issue shows us how much he accomplished. My own acquaintance with George was limited to several years in the Catholic Community of Greenbelt and I always appreciated him. His sense of humor, combined with wide knowledge, and reasoning ability, made him an excellent participant in our dialogue homilies, and discussions. Later, when George knew how serious his illness had become, he faced death in the best possible way. He was a realist. But he did not fear it. He even made a filmed interview late in his life (and let all of us view it). We discussed death, and the work of the Holy Spirit. His entire attitude toward his impending death was an example well worth copying. The rest of us will be doing quite well if we can go out ahead with the attitude of George.

We can feel definite sympathy for George's wife, other relatives, and close friends. He was special, and they will definitely miss him. But we can salute George for his positive outlook, and rejoice with him that his uncertainty, inconvenience, and pain are all now over. A good man, indeed.

Christopher K. Scherer

**Diabetes Class Held At Laurel Hospital**

A four-session program to teach diabetics self-care will be offered once a month at Laurel Regional Hospital, in Laurel. The January program will begin on January 4. Pre-registration is necessary.

The Diabetes Management Program offers 1 1/2 hours of instruction on self-care, including management through diet and monitoring of blood sugar. The program also addresses related physical, emotional and social issues. Costs are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and some third-party insurance.

For more information and to pre-register, call 301-497-7983 or 410-792-2270, ext. 7983.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

Actively Seeking and Including All People.

**St. George's Episcopal Church**

Sundays  
9 am Folk Service  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Sung Service

Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds.  
Just South of MD 193, Glenn Dale  
262-3285

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**  
Sunday Mass, 10:00 A.M.  
Municipal Building

Serve Breakfast at S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, December 29 (Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 A.M.)

*Fifty Years Ago*

**Holidays Celebrated in Greenbelt**

by James Giese

Although there was no Festival of Lights 50 years ago, the Greenbelt Cooperator gave recognition to the "feast of Lights" in a December 13 editorial about Hanukkah. Noting that the decimated remains of world Jewry was still caught in the ancient vice of oppression, the paper expected Greenbelt Jews to observe the holiday with a renewed sense of dedication. "And all fighters for freedom, both Jew and Gentile alike, will rejoice as the [Hanukkah] candles again are lit in Europe and all over the world," the paper concluded.

There was a lighted city Christmas tree. However, it was not formally lighted until 4:30 p.m. Christmas eve. There was music from the town band, and Mayor George Bauer, gave a few remarks which the paper failed to record for posterity.

The center of the front page of the December 20 paper prominently displayed a Christmas Message by the pastor of Community Church, the Reverend Eric T. Braund. He reminded Greenbelters that while the term Christmas conjured up wreaths of holly, sprigs of mistletoe, parties, packages, and Santa Claus, the basic fact was that the holiday commemorates the birth of the baby Jesus. "Christmas ought to remind us that divinity is attendant at the birth of all children," he said. "Wise men, 'Magi,' everywhere, will bow in awe before the miracle of life newly made."

**Candy Run**

Santa came to town and interviewed 1,500 tykes at the Variety Store on Dec. 7. Another 1,200 came on Dec. 14. Each child received two shiny pennies. There

was a run on candy at the Tobacco Shop, it was reported. One youngster asked Santa for a baby sister, flustering the hovering attendant mother.

The librarian's desk at Center School featured a sugar plum tree. The tree was a fragment of thorn bush whitened with flour paste and stuck with gum drops and marshmallows. A marshmallow Santa Claus roosted in the top most branch to provide Christmas cheer.

**Ethnic Celebrations**

An article by Geraldine Backstrom told how Greenbelters of various nationalities celebrated Christmas. The favorite Christmas dish of the Dutch, according to Mrs. Fred DeJager of 58-L Crescent is an almond cake served with fruit punch. The Vernon Backstroms of 73 Ridge celebrate the Swedish way by feasting on Lutefisk (a poached white fish served with a cream gravy) on Christmas Eve. The Charles Easts of 56 Crescent Road will celebrate the Norwegian tradition of opening presents on Christmas Eve.

The Michael Julianos of 1-G Northway will have a Christmas dinner that begins with a special soup prepared from chicken broth with small meat balls added. This is followed by ravioli, turkey and vegetables. The desert features various kinds of small cakes: ribbon fry cakes, cottage cheese cake, and a special almond cake similar to that served at Italian weddings.

**Parties**

There were many holiday parties and celebrations fifty years ago. The Hebrew Sunday School held a children's Hanukkah party at Center School on December

22. The Greenbelt Child Care Center had its party on December 23 where children exchanged ten-cent gifts. The classic Christmas pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," was presented by Community Church in the Center School auditorium on December 22.

The Greenbelt Theater group held its party at 1-D Research Road on December 20. The next day the Square Dance group held its party at Center School in the social room. The Adult Hanukkah party was held the same night in the home economics room. The Lutheran Church Christmas program was in the Center School auditorium on Tuesday, December 24.

On Saturday, December 28, the American Legion Auxiliary held its annual holiday dance at Center School where Clay and his all Veteran Orchestra played from 9 to 1.

**Back Home in Peace**

Calling 1946 a long year filled with many events, good and bad, the Cooperator in its New Year's editorial concluded, "But the thing that made it outstanding was that our husbands and sons and friends were out of uniform—and there was peace all year."



Magda Pasztaleniec

**Meet Magda**

Magda Pasztaleniec is an 18 year old exchange student from Poland. She loves to do anything new or different. This fall she helped with the Labor Day Festival, swam laps for the American Cancer Society's Swimathon and helped with the Greenbelt Museum's Yard Sale.

Magda loved Halloween and she and her American Mom, Linda Curtis, did haunted house. Now she is busy decorating for Christmas.

A senior at ERHS, Magda will graduate in June and would love to attend college in the USA.

Magda would like to meet other Greenbelters. Those interested should call her at (301) 474-5905.

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Greenbelt Carolers at City Hall Christmas Tree

-photo by Keith Zevallos

## Carolers Brave Cold, Warm Holiday Hearts

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson  
A stalwart band of Carolers braved the cold to bring Christmas cheer to Greenbelters on December 20.

Undeterred by the twenty-degree weather or by the difficulty of keeping a tune in such a small choir, nine Carolers set out from Roosevelt Center on Friday evening. As they struggled to keep their candles lit — or at least to keep their flames from burning the styrofoam cups which were catching the hot wax — the Carolers made their way along the dark sidewalks of Old Greenbelt.

"Merry Christmas!" cried a passerby.

"Merry Christmas!" called back Cindy Donn of the Recreation Department, who was leading the group. "What's your favorite song?"

It was an exchange which would be heard several times during the evening. The first stop — and, as it turned out, practically the last — was Green Ridge House, where the Carolers sang "Joy to the World" while a plastic rooftop Santa waved at them.

There had been no plans to enter Green Ridge, but when one of the Carolers revealed that she had a grandmother living there, there was spontaneous agreement among the Carolers that it would be nice to sing indoors. Perhaps it had something to do with the cold. The grandmother, in turn, offered to take the Carolers on a tour of the senior citizen building.

The doors along each hallway were decorated with crocheted trees, personalized stockings, woody wreaths, and even magazine cutouts of evergreen trees. Now and then a door would cautiously open, and as time went on, the Carolers began to grow in number, joined by Green Ridge residents who wanted to join the fun.

One resident carried her dog into the hallway in order to listen to the visitors. "Yea!" she said at the end of a song. "Clap your hands, baby!" The last remark was addressed to the dog.

By the time the Carolers finished at Green Ridge, they were overdue for cookies and hot chocolate at the Youth Center. They trudged back through the dusting of snow, shyly exchanging seasonal information: "Do you know what the twelve days of Christmas are supposed to be? I read it on the Internet. . ."

One final stop was made in

front of the Municipal Building's holiday tree. As the Carolers hastily collaborated in an attempt to remember the tune of "Good King Wenceslas," cars slowed down to listen. Then: "Let's do 'We Wish

You a Merry Christmas' one last time," suggested Donn, and the Carolers sang their way past the swimming pool to food and warmth. Only half the styrofoam cups had burned.

**GREENBELT CONNECTION**  
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Because of the New Year's Holiday, the city's dial-a-ride service, The Greenbelt Connection, will not operate on Wednesday, January 1, 1997.

## Festival of Lights

**Greenbelt Recreation Department**  
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Tuesday, December 31-Wednesday, January 1  
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From Dr. Zebrowski's Dental office:

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Skinless Chicken Drums or Thighs	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> lb.	Boneless Pork Country-Style Ribs	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Ground Turkey	<b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> lb.	Mama Lucia Italian Meatballs	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> 15 oz. pkg.
Smithfield Bacon All Varieties	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> lb. pkg.	Weaver Hot Buffalo Wings	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> 18 oz. pkg.

### DAIRY

Minute Maid Fruit Punch All Varieties	<b>97¢</b> 1/2 Gal.
Uncle B's Bagels All Varieties	<b>89¢</b> 14 oz.
Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese Original-Less Fat	<b>99¢</b> 8 oz. brick
Best Yet Shredded Cheddar -or- Mozzarella	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> 12 oz.
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Wilson Honey Ham	<b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b> lb.
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Dura Kleen Shower Curtain Liner	<b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b> Each
Secret Anti-Perspirant -or- Deodorant	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 1.7 oz.

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General Mills Corn Muffin Mix	<b>19¢</b> 7 oz.	<b>OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE 8 am 'Til 7pm</b>	
Betty Crocker Brownie Mix Original-Sweet Rewards	<b>97¢</b> 20-1/2 oz.	<b>CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	
Gold Medal Flour All Purpose-Unbleached	<b>97¢</b> 5 lb.	Betty Crocker Specialty Potatoes Scallop-AuGratin-Asstd.	<b>97¢</b> 4-1/2 oz. min.
Bugs Corn Snacks	<b>97¢</b> 5 oz. min.	Furman's Kidney Beans	<b>3/97¢</b> 15 1/2 oz.
Contadina Tomato Paste	<b>3/97¢</b> 6 oz.	Bumble Bee Chunk Light Tuna	<b>69¢</b> 6 oz.
Mardi Gras Paper Towels	<b>59¢</b> 85 Sheet Rolls	Soft 'N' Gentle Bathroom Tissue	<b>79¢</b> 4 pk.
Nescafe Mountain Blend Instant Coffee	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> 7 oz.	Chase & Sanborn All Purpose Ground Coffee	<b>\$1<sup>69</sup></b> 11-1/2 oz.
Betty Crocker Fruit Roll Ups	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> 4 oz.	Kleenex Facial Tissues	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> 250 pk.
		Ralston Chex Cereal Corn-Rice-Wheat	<b>\$2<sup>39</sup></b> 12 oz.
		Best Yet Peanut Butter	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> 18 oz.
		Healthy Choice Vegetable Soups Country-Garden-Tomato-Minestrone	<b>99¢</b> 15 oz.
		Equal Low Calorie Sweetener	<b>\$2<sup>89</sup></b> 100 pk.
		Solo Plastic Party Cups	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b> 50 pk.-9 oz.
		Old El Paso Salsa Mild-Medium	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 24 oz.
		Dinty Moore Beef Stew	<b>\$1<sup>79</sup></b> 24 oz.
		Best Yet Blackeye Peas	<b>49¢</b> 16 oz.
		Welch's Non-Alcohol Sparkling Grape Juice - White-Red	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> 25 oz.
		Lucky Leaf Apple Sauce	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> 46 oz. min.
		Coffee Mate Powdered Creamer	<b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> 16 oz.
		Furman's Whole Tomatoes	<b>39¢</b> 14-1/2 oz.
		Contadina Tomato Sauce	<b>19¢</b> 8 oz.
		Hunts Spaghetti Sauce All Varieties	<b>97¢</b> 26 oz. min.
		Reynolds Plastic Food Wrap	<b>97¢</b> 50 ft.
		Eastwind Fruit Cocktail	<b>97¢</b> 29 oz.
		Friskies Buffet Cat Foods	<b>5/97¢</b> 5-1/2 oz.
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		Ocean Spray Grapefruit Juice	<b>\$2<sup>29</sup></b> 1.7 gal.



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New York Garlic Bread	<b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> 16 oz.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A 30 year-old resident woman was arrested, charged with assault on Saturday, December 14 around 1 a.m. The woman struck her boyfriend in the face during a domestic argument in a residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. The woman appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

Two men described as white, in their 30's, 5'10", one with a thin build and blond hair, and the other with a heavy build and black hair, are sought in connection with a home repair scam. The two men approached a Greenway Place resident on December 11 and asked if she needed her driveway sealed and repaved. After agreeing on the price of \$25, the men began spreading sand. The men asked for money, stating the agreed upon price was \$2,500. The men asked the resident how much she could afford to pay. The woman gave the men \$150. The men left the scene, stating they would return in April to complete the job.

A 16 year-old nonresident youth was arrested on Thursday, December 19 around noon. The School Resource Officer at Eleanor Roosevelt High School observed the youth, along with another juvenile, walking through the parking lot in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Upon spotting the officer, the youth ducked behind a van and crouched down near the rear wheel well. The youth emerged a few seconds later and became nervous when the officer asked why he was leaving school. The officer checked the rear wheel well and found a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana. The youth was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of a CDS with intent to distribute, and possession of a CDS. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Two incidents involving firearms were reported. In the first, a 13 year-old resident youth was charged with discharging a firearm within city limits. Officers responding to a residence in the 44 Court of Ridge Road, observed the youth firing what turned out to be a pellet rifle out of an upstairs window. The youth was released into the custody of a parent pending trial.

The second incident resulted from a vehicle being stopped for a traffic violation on Wednesday, December 18, around 2 a.m. A computer check on the driver revealed the driver had an open arrest warrant with Prince George's Sheriff's Department. The driver was arrested and the vehicle searched. A loaded 32 caliber handgun was located in the vehicle. The man was charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle and appeared before a District Court Commissioner. The man was released pending trial into the

custody of Prince George's Sheriff's Department for service on the warrant.

A 35 year-old man was arrested on Tuesday, December 17, in connection to a burglary of a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. The man was still inside the residence when officers responded to the call. The man, who used to

## Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 301-474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, can we get perm change to 301-474-5454.

live in the residence, but no longer had permission to be in the house, had broken a window next to the front door. The man was charged with malicious destruction and released on citation pending trial.

Another burglary in progress was reported in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road on Thursday, December 19. A witness saw a man, wearing a "puffy" type jacket break out a living room window and enter the apartment. The man took a purse.

Other thefts reported include: a flute from Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road, on Monday evening, December 16; an unattended purse from an office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive on Tuesday afternoon, December 17; a computer and monitor from an office in the 6400 block of Golden Triangle Drive on Tuesday morning, December 17; and a TV and stereo from a residence in the 13 Court of Laurel Hill Road on Wednesday evening, December 18.

A beige 1985 Plymouth four-door station wagon, South Carolina tags EANGEL, was reported stolen from the Beltway Plaza on Saturday, December 14, around 12:30 p.m.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Breezewood Court, Breezewood Drive, Centerway, Cherrywood Terrace, Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway, Springhill Drive, Springhill Lane, and Springhill Terrace.

## New Metrobus Stop Added at Goddard

The Metro bus line which services the Goddard Space Flight Center has added a stop outside Gate 5 (near building 17) on Explorer Road. This stop will be of particular benefit to employees on the East Campus. The bus also will make a stop at the Visitor's Center during Visitor Center open hours, then proceed through the Center to the main gate for pick-up/drop-off at the current stop.

In addition, the buses that service Goddard (T-15, T-16, and T-17) also can be taken from the Greenbelt and New Carrollton Subway Stations.



Greenbelt Police officers, looking like jailbirds, help raise money at the Muscular Dystrophy "Lock up." From left are Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32 of Greenbelt members Maria Parker (recording secretary), John Rogers (president), Craig Rich (state trustee).

## MDA Hosts Annual "Prison" Fund Raiser

by Daniel J. Sernovitz

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of the greater Washington area hosted its annual "Lock Up" fund raiser on December 4 at the Holiday Inn at College Park.

The fund raiser was designed to encourage participation from the community, and successfully raised \$11,500 from the event. Although a great many individuals participated, it received generous support from many Greenbelt area businesses and individuals.

The fund raiser was in the form of a prison, in which individuals were "picked up" and forced, at their own request, to spend an hour at the Moose Creek Steakhouse in the Holiday Inn in College Park, where they were to raise as much money from donations and pledges from friends and acquaintances as they could to donate to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32 of Greenbelt also got into the spirit of giving. During the Muscular Dystrophy Association lock up on December 5 the tables were turned and some of the Greenbelt officers were locked up! Their bail to be released was determined by the amount of pledges collected for

the MDA within a one hour period. Lodge President John Rogers said, "It's rewarding to the officers to give a small part back to the community." The Greenbelt Chapter raised \$837 in pledges for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on that day.

Individuals from the American Legion, Post 136, raised \$1,200 for the cause. Another individual, from the Shaolin Wu-Shu - Dennis Brown Martial Arts Academy raised about \$1,000. Funds were also raised from many other Greenbelt individuals and businesses.

The participants were picked up wearing special uniforms, and were provided phones at the Holiday Inn, in addition to sending out donation sheets prior to the event. The fund raiser was sponsored by CellCom, Cellular One, Koon's College Park Ford, Kappa Alpha, Channel 20, and the Greater Washington Area Muscular Dystrophy Association.

## GHI Members To Get Energy-saving Bulbs

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## String Trio Concert

On Sunday January 12, at 4 p.m. the Cezanne Trio will present their Washington area debut performance at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. This recently formed piano trio is composed of local professional musicians Mayumi Pawel, violin; Douglas Wolters, cello; and Carl Banner, piano. The group has been coached by Michael Tree of the Guameri Quartet.

The Cezanne Trio will perform two masterpieces of the trio literature, the "Archduke" Trio, Op. 97 of Beethoven, and the B major, Trio Op. 8 of Brahms. Ample parking is available. Donations are requested. For further information please call 301-937-3666.

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## GEAC Residents Should Put Antennas in Attics

by Dennis Jelalian

The Telecommunications Act, lighting for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School field, Greenbelt voting problems, street lighting, a guardrail at ERHS, the Commerce Center III and the city handbill ordinance were issues discussed at the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting December 5 at Windsor Green.

GEAC Chairman Sheldon Goldberg said that residents should be encouraged to install dishes and antennas in attics so as not to mar the looks of buildings. Residents are requested to contact their homeowners associations before installing outside dishes or antennas.

Dr. Gerald Boarman, principal of ERHS, replied to Goldberg's letter to say that no decision has been made about possible lights for the ERHS field. Boarman promised to keep the community informed of developments.

The number of Greenbelters voting is dwindling. Greenbelt needs to get more voters out to maintain its credibility with the county and the state, commented Mayor Pro Tem Judith "J" Davis.

GEAC Vice President Candace Culhane was appalled at the long lines and the antiquated voting machines. Davis will investigate getting newer voting machines.

## Christmas Bird Count in Bowie

Interested in birds? Everyone is invited to participate in the annual Bowie Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 29. No experience is necessary. Interested persons can spend a few hours in the field, or all day; work alone or join a team; or watch their backyard feeders from inside the comfort of their own homes for as little as one hour. Intrepid souls can even go out in the wee hours before dawn to try to locate owls. There is always a chance to see winter finches such as Pine Siskins, Evening Grosbeaks, and Crossbills; waterfowl and raptors; or rarities out of season. At the end of the day, a Tally Rally will be held from 5:15 - 8 p.m. for refreshments and to compare stories and results.

The Christmas Bird Counts are an opportunity for both beginning and advanced birders to enjoy the compan-

ionship of other birders while contributing to a worthwhile enterprise. Because of their long history, the counts have considerable scientific value. The results are published in the National Audubon Society's Field Notes. Professional scientists use statistics of changes in bird populations to study climate, habitat and other environmental issues.

Anyone interested in the Bowie Count should call Fred Fallon at 301-249-1518. There is no fee for feeder watchers. A fee is required by the National Audubon Society for other participants.

The city will purchase banners to encourage voters. GEAC was asked to recommend locations for the banners for next year's election. A street light at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway has been removed by the State Highway Administration. It will be replaced by March, 1997. An agreement was executed over a year ago for the installation of a guardrail along Greenbelt Road at ERHS. Charlie K. Watkins, district engineer for the State Highway Administration, reported that this item had been dropped by the state. He promised to put it back in. The Covenants for Commerce Center III (Smith-Ewing lot 2), originally planned for a 140-144 unit corporate suite hotel, have been changed to authorize only a 106,000 square foot office building.

Violations to the city's handbill ordinance continue. Some offenders have been fined. Goldberg suggested that the city should revise the ordinance to include distributors of handbills as well as sponsoring organizations.

GEAC officers will be elected at the next meeting, January 9, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar.

## Nature Hike At Patuxent

There will be a "Nature's Detectives Hike" at the Patuxent Research Refuge on January 5, 1 - 3 p.m. for ages 8 and older with a parent. Participants will learn to be better observers of the natural world. Advance registration required. Call 410-674-3304. Other information on Patuxent programs is available at <http://www.pwrc.nbs.gov> on the Internet.

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Clayton Sr. graduated from the University of Maryland in 1952 and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1956. He then joined his brother and father in dental practice in Greenbelt. Beginning in 1980, he welcomed his daughter Sally, his sons Clayton Jr., and Jay, and his nephew David into the dental practice.

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Conductor G. Thomas Cherrix leads the Greenbelt Concert Band in its Holiday Concert at the Community Center.

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Soloists Alice Lynch, Maureen Lynch, James Moore and Walter Osborne join the Greenbelt Concert Band in performing Christmas carols.

- photo by Rita Woodell

## Stirring Concerts Raise Audiences' Yuletide Spirit

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

Residents who dislike holiday music were forced to go into hiding on December 15 when Greenbelt was treated to two holiday concerts, one by the Greenbelt Concert Band and one by the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Both concerts offered their audiences holiday music ranging from cheery carols to stirring hymns.

The Concert Band, which played at the Community Center, also offered its audience candy canes, which were distributed by children at the beginning of the program. After this cheery start, conductor Thomas Cherrix arrived on the stage dressed in a red hat, bow tie, and cummerbund. Ronald Culpepper provided introductions to the music, which included concert pieces such as Bizet's "L'Arlesienne" and recent holiday favorites such as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The heart of every holiday concert, though, is its traditional Christmas carols. The Greenbelt Concert Band played several medleys of carols in its program, such as "A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite" and "Overture to a Winter Festival." The band even added one more medley at the end. "This was the first time in 35 years that we weren't going to do 'Christ-

mas Festival,'" Culpepper announced. "We decided to do it anyway."

Perhaps because of technical problems with the microphones, the sound of the instruments overwhelmed the sound of the band's four singers, Alice Lynch, Maureen Lynch, James Moore, and Walter Osborne. Only during the quieter passages was the audience able to appreciate fully the singers' presentations of French and English carols and of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

"Sprightly" is perhaps the best way to describe the band's performance of carols. This resulted in an oddly jolly rendition of the pious carol "Good King Wenceslas," but the band's liveliness did encourage many audience members to tap their feet along with the music. The band was at its best with cheerful numbers such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and its medley of Chanukah songs was also warmly received.

### Combined Choir

The Greenbelt Combined Choir also gave an energetic performance later that day at the Greenbelt Community Church. The performance was so well attended that some visitors sought seats in the gallery, and the selections were roundly applauded by those present.

The evening began on a note of unintentional humor as the audience joined the choir in singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Unwary visitors did not notice that the text provided a revised version of the carol, with the result that half the audience sang of "meek souls," while the other half sang of the more modern "yearning souls."

Like the Greenbelt Concert Band, the Combined Choir presented several medleys of old favorites, but it also enlivened the program by singing some lesser known carols: African-

American spirituals such as "Mary Had a Baby" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain," as well as "The Huron Indian Carol," accompanied by drum.

The choir was nicely accompanied on piano by Muriel Balzer, and director Jean Cook sang a strong rendition of "O Holy Night." The star of the concert, though, was surely Courtney Hardman. Even her brief solo in "Joy to the World" was stirring, while her powerful performance of the spiritual "A Little Light was Born" was the highlight of the evening.

The concert was supposed to

end with everyone singing "Silent Night," but the satisfied audience was not prepared to let go of the festivities that quickly. As organ music ushered the visitors out, several audience members began singing, "Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night"—a pleasant tribute to the Greenbelt Combined Choir.



## Greenbelt Senior Center

**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 30:** Mail-in registration is now accepted. In-Person registration is required, at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

**MAIL IN REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING:**

**WALK-IN REGISTRATION LOCATIONS**

Residents/Non-Residents December 30  
Walk-In (for all) January 6

Greenbelt Youth Center - Mon-Fri, 9 am-4:30 pm  
Greenbelt Com. Center - Mon-Sat 9 am-9:30 pm

A "DROP BOX" is located at the Community Center and the Youth Center, where registrations may be "DROPPED" at any time during the registration period. For mail-in registration, mail with payment to: *Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770.* MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/VS), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the *City of Greenbelt*.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:** Except where noted, all classes will begin the week of January 13, 1997. Saturday classes will begin January 18, 1997. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is canceled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. PLEASE NOTE: All classes have a limited enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!!

### Monthly Movies

Enjoy popular movies at the Senior Center the third Thursday of the month. Movies begin at 1 pm in the Sr. Classroom. Following is the tentative movie schedule:

Jan. 16—*The World According to Garp*  
Feb. 20—*Elmer Gantry*  
March 20—*The Manchurian Candidate*  
April 24—*Dead Men's Society*

### Telling Your Story Through Dance

An AFTA Expressive Arts Workshop. Come dance together, express yourself, find your voice and get a great dance workout at the same time. Nancy Havlik returns to our Dance Studio on the following Thursdays at 1:00 pm: Jan. 16 & 30 and Feb. 13 & 27 to help you tell your story through dance. Wear loose comfortable clothing for dancing.

### Senior Globetrotting

Activity#	Trip	Date/Time	Cost	Description
178201-1	Walter's Art/Flag Museum/Haussners	T/FEB. 11; 9:30am-3pm	\$13	No Lunch. Visit the Walter's Art Museum, the Flag Museum and enjoy lunch at Haussner's.
178202-1	Botanical Gardens and Design Center	Th/March 13; 10am-4pm	\$10	Tour the Design Center (interior decorating) and The Botanical Gardens. Lunch is on your own.
278201-1	<i>King and I</i>	Th/April 17; 12:45-5:30pm	\$45	No Lunch. Classic story of an English school teacher and the King of Siam. (Kennedy Center)
278202-1	<i>Sunday in the Park with George</i>	W/April 30; 11am-3:30pm	\$23	No Lunch. In 1884, on a Parisian Island, the artist Georges Seurat feverishly tries to create harmony out of chaos while his groundbreaking Impressionist masterpiece comes to life. A Pulitzer Prize-Winning Musical Journey of the Imagination. (Arena Stage)
278205-1	<i>Oklahoma</i>	Th/June 19; 9am-6:30pm	\$32	Classic Musical (The Three Little Bakers)

### P.G. Community College Classes

A \$50/semester fee is assessed for PGCC classes. Once this fee is paid, students may take as many continuing ed classes as they like. Participants MUST pre-register. To register, or for more information, call PGCC at 322-0998.

Name/Ref#	Day/Time/Location	Instructor
Coping With Life Changes (#3905)	T/1-3pm/CC-Sr. Classroom/10 sessions: 2/11 to 4/15	Nancy Shaffer
Estates, Trusts, Wills & Taxes (#3885)	W/2-4pm/CC-Sr. Classroom/7 sessions: 2/12 to 4/2	Joseph Kennedy
Health, Exercise & Fitness (#3807)	T&TH/9-11am/CC-Gym/30 session: 1/7 to 4/24	Myra Effenbein & Nancy Shaffer
Health, Exercise & Fitness (#3810)	M&W/9-11am/SHLRG-Gym/30 session: 1/6 to 4/30	Jackie Bartemus
Line Dancing (#3824)	T/11:15-12:45pm/CC-Gym/15 sessions: 2/11 to 5/20	TBA
Drawing I (#4020)	M/1-3pm/CC/Adult Art Room/14 sessions: 2/10 to 5/19	Linda Uphoff
Painting I (Watercolor) (#3782)	Th/1-3pm/CC/Adult Art Room/14 session: 2/13 to 5/22	Linda Uphoff
Exploring Values thru Literature (#3906 & #3908)	M/9:30-11:30am/CC-Sr. Classrm/15 sessions: 2/10 to 5/19	Dr. Bill Fry

### Senior Classes (R=Resident Rates - NR=NonResident Rates)

Activity#	Name	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Instructor	Description
177210-1	Current Issue	F/10-12pm/CC-Sr. Classrm 16-2 hr. sessions/FREE	Irving Siegel	Lively discussion on current issues
162222-1	Tap Dancing	W/12:30-1:30pm/CC-Rehearsal Rm; 8-1hr Sessions/Res: \$30, NR \$35	James Mullens	Learn the basics of tap dancing
N/A	Pottery	W/1:15pm-3:15; pm/CC/Ceramics Studio	Jessica Gittlis	Call 441-3859 for information



Best wishes and a prosperous New Year from the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors, Commissioners, Coaches and High School Volunteers to all Parents, Friends and Participants of the Boys & Girls Club.

Basketball and Cheerleading registration is on-going. Season begins January 10, 1997.

Mel Scites - Club Registrar 441-8689

Ava Ramey - Basketball Commissioner 220-0942

Marion Holland - Cheerleading Commissioner 345-0231

Board meetings are held once a month. All parents are urged to attend, join and participate. BE PART OF THE SOLUTION! Next board meeting is January 7, 1997 at 7:30 PM.