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## Council Defers Forest Preserve Bill for Task Force Creation

by Barbara Hopkins

The forest preserve created by the previous Greenbelt City Council at its last meeting on October 27 again sparked a lively, if somewhat brief, debate at the first regular meeting of the newly-elected council on November 24.

Presented for second reading and adoption was an ordinance to include in the forest preserve a parcel near the Boxwood neighborhood. The parcel in question, 8.81 acres, is located north of Crescent Road, west of Lastner Lane, south of Ivy Lane and east of Ridge Road and excludes an existing basketball court, playground and picnic area.

New Councilmember Leta Mach made a motion that the bill be deferred until the forest preserve task force, yet to be created but also on the agenda, had achieved the goal of assessing the city's remaining wooded areas and its needs for parks and recreation areas.

New Councilmember Konrad Herling seconded Mach's motion but Councilmember Rodney Roberts spoke in favor of moving ahead with the ordinance. He advocated placing the burden on those who later may feel that there is a better use for the land

to prove their case. Removing land from the forest preserve would require an affirmative vote from at least four councilmembers and then the approval of the city's voters.

Herling said he agreed with Roberts but wanted to involve the appropriate advisory boards before designating any more land as forest preserve. Citizen Keith Chernikoff, who lives in Boxwood, pointed out that there had not been public discussion on the Boxwood parcel as there had on the other two parcels already placed in forest preserve status.

Brian Almquist, also of Boxwood, supported adoption of the ordinance. He described the neighborhood as feeling "very urban" and subject to noise from nearby busy roadways. He said it helps to have an area that is at least visually appealing to reduce the stress created by the noise. He also said more study was not needed, nor were more playgrounds or ballfields in that area.

Another citizen, Susan Smithers, also spoke in support of Roberts' opinion, saying Greenbelt's woodlands are what make it unique. She noted that the 800-some acres that once

surrounded the city has now dwindled to 200-some.

Mayor Judith Davis wanted the Boxwood Civic Association to have a chance to express an opinion on the subject. She assured Roberts that the area would stay as it is until the Forest Preserve Task Force has completed its mission. With the discussion waning, the motion was called to a vote and it passed four to one with Roberts the lone dissenter.

Immediately following on the agenda was presentation of a second, nearly identical, ordinance to create a Belle Point forest preserve of the area commonly known as parcel 15. This was also deferred, with Roberts again casting the sole dissenting vote, until the Forest Preserve Task Force is able to report to council with its recommendations.

City staff had recommended council defer both ordinances adding to the forest preserve, saying public information and debate had been limited on both parcels. The News Review, in an editorial in its November 20 edition, voiced a position similar

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## Renahan Heads to Iraq To Help Build Democracy

by Sandra A. Lange

At age 62, Tom Renahan, a resident of Greenbelt East, views his trip to Iraq as the pinnacle of his public service career. Renahan will leave for Iraq on Sunday, December 7 as part of a team working to create a democratic government. If successful, "It will be the most significant accomplishment of my career," he stated confidently.

His interest in going to Iraq was sparked after reading an article in The Washington Post several months ago describing the need to establish local democratic institutions. He immediately knew he wanted to be one of the people working to create democratic councils at the local level. "I want to see if the democratic system will work . . . to be one small part of the national effort to create a democratic country," he exclaimed. Renahan contacted the International City Managers Association (ICMA) to see how he could become involved in the project.

He will be part of a diverse team of Americans and Europeans, some who have been to Iraq pre-



Tom Renahan

viously. Initially he will arrive in Baghdad and then be sent to Al Amarah about 100 miles northwest of Basra near the Iranian border. He expects to be back in Greenbelt for a two-week break in the spring.

While he knows a few words of Arabic ("I got some language books at Borders," he says), he is more familiar with the history of the country.

"Iraq is a very modern and urbanized country," he stated, "with a high literacy rate. There are a

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## New City Council Meets With COG & MML Reps

by Rachel A. Freedenberg

When it comes to running one of the larger jurisdictions in the state, the Greenbelt City Council is not alone.

At the orientation meeting for new councilmembers, held November 17 in the Municipal Building, representatives from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) outlined for those newcomers what roles they take in assisting regional governments and the benefits that come from partnering with other city councils across the region.

All new and returning councilmembers were present at the meeting: Mayor Judith "J" Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens and new councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling.

David Robertson, executive director of COG, presented a

slide show which explained how COG works within the Washington metropolitan area, and explained what the organization is currently doing for Greenbelt and its surrounding jurisdictions.

Founded in 1957, COG is an association of local governments, representing over 250 elected officials and over four million constituents. Other COG members include Bowie, College Park, Fairfax, Takoma Park, Rockville and the District of Columbia.

The organization's main goal is to help local governments create a solid infrastructure and provide them with opportunities to network and create relationships with other local governments. One key aspect of COG's assistance is in creating programs to pool resources and

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### Part Two

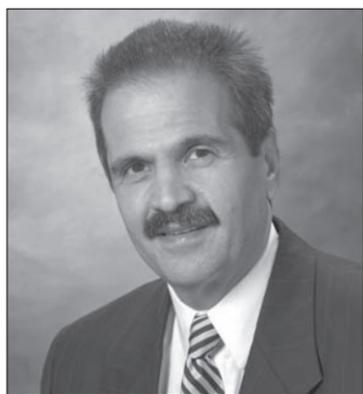
## Centennial of Powered Flight To Be Celebrated Locally

by Austin and Agnes Conaty

This is the second in a series of articles highlighting the 100th anniversary of powered flight and the Wright brothers' achievement. Part One, which appeared in the News Review on November 20, focused on the Wright brothers' connection with the College Park airport and on the special events scheduled at the Aviation Museum in College Park and at the University of Maryland's Department of Aerospace Engineering.

The Centennial of Powered Flight will of course be celebrated by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, where the "out-of-this world" flights that are everyday projects would astound the Wright Brothers.

Goddard Director Al Diaz noted, "The philosophy to test, test and test again is today's approach to develop and prepare instruments and spacecraft as it was for the Wright brothers and Robert Goddard. These pioneers gave us a model to follow that we do to this day. The tools that are used in the testing procedures, however, are extremely advanced and sophisticated. That's the difference.



Al Diaz, director NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

"What we do with the data from spacecraft has also changed over the decades. What was a period of outperforming records and setting new ones with flying machines and rockets has shifted into an era of using data to learn about the universe and the Earth, to gain insight on how we might impact the planet by our actions and by creating reliable models that tell us what to expect from phenomena in either interstellar gas or in the oceans and atmosphere."

Members of the Goddard Flying Club in collaboration with the National Park Service are providing replica wing sections of the Wright Flyer for display during and after the commemoration events on December 17 at the First Flight Centennial Celebration at Kitty Hawk, N.C. in two buildings that are replicas of the ones that housed the Wright brothers and their flying machines.

According to an article in Goddard News, "This volunteer effort, which was dubbed the 'Wright Wing Project,' involved numerous hours of detailed work. Wood had to be shaped, sanded and varnished to exacting standards before being assembled to make the wing sections. Cloth had to be procured, measured and then sewn over each wing section."

Diaz says, "I am very fortunate to be the Director of the Goddard Space Flight Center, where I get to see daily how sometimes routine events can become inspiring. The employees at Goddard are dedicated to reach

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### What Goes On

#### Friday, December 5

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center Front Lawn

#### Saturday, December 6

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

#### Sunday, December 7

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

#### Monday, December 8

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## A Good Deal

This year as usual the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Band is raising money for its program by selling Florida citrus fruit. Kids at ERHS benefit from this great musical training and experience and so do listeners at their performances. Band expenses must be met.

In December the ERHS band will sell navel oranges, pink grapefruit and Christmas tangerines. Your orders must be placed for any or all of these by December 8. Delivery will be on December 18.

In January the band will feature the wonderful honeybell tangelos, my favorite citrus. It looks like an orange but isn't. It is a cross between grapefruit and tangerine, sweet and very juicy. Honeybells are a short season item, just January, but are good keepers in your refrigerator.

I get a good order and eat them ravenously; by late February they are gone. I do not buy the December offerings because I don't go for those fruits but I know from the quality of the honeybells that the band delivers a very good product. And I do know that their pricing policy is very good for us consumers. I receive catalogs in the mail from two Florida groves and I must tell you that both charge more and also charge for shipping. I dealt with these two groves before I discovered the ERHS operation; they were good groves to deal with, though very pricey. ERHS band beats them all by a good margin and has no shipping charge.

You go pick up your fruit at ERHS on the appointed date, or if you don't have the means of transporting them, they will try to find a student or parent to deliver them to you free. That's what they have done for me in the past three years. To find out and order what they are offering this December and January, phone them at 301-345-5393. Do it by December 8 for the December fruit and by January 5 for the honeybells. January 15 is the delivery date for the honeybells. You will thank me for telling you about it, by the sound of music.

Mat Amberg



## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Dec. 5

Mystic River (R)

Friday

\*4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Saturday

\*4:30, 7:15, 9:50

FREE SHOW at Noon  
"The Hunchback of  
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Sunday

\*1:45, \*4:30, 7:15

Monday - Thursday

\*4:45, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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## Hurts to Core

It just hurts to the core that one of my neighbors, Mary Alice Carroll, was missed in that horrible fire that happened in Greenbriar. Since Mary Alice was one of the board members and well known to all of us, everyone was asking about her. Rumors had it that she had gotten out and some people had seen her but in the end it all turned out to be untrue. What is even more amazing is that she was able to get to her balcony yet was missed again.

I hope that this never ever happens again to anyone else in Greenbriar. I also hope that whoever was the reason for this fire can be charged with this crime.

Maha Fadli

## Council's Wisdom Commended

I stand in agreement with the many Greenbelt citizens who want our woodlands to be pre-

served.

The recent City Council action regarding these woodlands appears balanced and fair. It protects our last remaining forests while allowing for the possibility of modifying the land use plan in the future - if the citizens so choose. The plan's provisions are designed to assure that the citizenry is truly in agreement before developing the land in any way. In my view the council is to be commended for its wisdom.

Once woodlands are developed, there is no going back. All subsequent generations of Greenbelters would lose the opportunity to have those woodlands to enjoy. That is why some level of protection is needed.

I have read Mr. Giese's articles as well as the editorials with sadness. I do not understand why there is such alarmist, threatening language. I hope the News Review will consider adopting a more balanced and independent posture on this issue in the future.

Rick Meetre

## CORRECTIONS

In the article on the policeman of the year award which appeared in the October 30 issue of this newspaper, we failed to mention the American Legion. For almost 15 years, the Legion has sponsored this award in conjunction with the Greenbelt Police Department. The honoree is then treated to a banquet and ceremony at the Legion.

In our anniversary story last week we should have included Dorothy Sucher with those staff members who were on board 40 years ago.



## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS GUTTER CLEANING & LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAMS

The Gutter Cleaning Program for GHI homes will begin on December 8 and should be completed by December 12, weather permitting.

The contact supervisor for this program is Paul Hill. He can be reached on 301-474-4161 ext. 122.



## ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the largest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members, and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, December 6, 2003 11 a.m.  
Monday, December 15, 2003 7:15 p.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

GREENBELT HOMES, INC.  
Hamilton Place  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



## Greenbriar Fire Update

Greenbelters who would like to assist the residents of 7806 Hanover Parkway, who were affected by the November 21 fire, may bring monetary donations to the Greenbriar management office. Checks should be made out to Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II with Fire Relief written on the memo line. Contributions may also be mailed to Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Suite 101, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

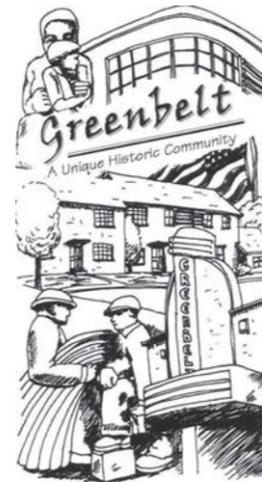
At this time people are asked to refrain from making donations of clothing, household furnishings and other material items.



PHOTO BY THELMA DE MOLA

This orange and white cat is one of three cats rescued from the fire at Greenbriar Condominiums. There was also a puppy found afterward, reportedly saved by crawling into a dryer.

## Museum Gift Shop



Unique Greenbelt items available for your holiday purchase including a new afghan design featuring historic Greenbelt locations; new Cat's Meow and Ornament of the Greenbelt Theatre and many items such as books, statue, T-shirts, mugs, toys under \$10. Items available for purchase at following locations:

Community Center  
December 6 - 10 to 5  
December 7 - 11 to 4

Greenbelt Museum Gift Shop  
December 7 - 1 to 5  
December 14 - 1 to 5  
December 20 - 1 to 5

Co-op Grocery Store  
December 13 - 10 to 2  
December 14 - 10 to 2  
December 20 - 10 to 2

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# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for two-year-olds with caregiver.

4 p.m. BookKids for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Theme: Potpourri.

## New Deal Café Art Show

Attention Greenbelt artists. During December the New Deal Café will hang a group show open to all Greenbelt artists. Each artist may contribute one piece, suitable for hanging and no larger than 16" by 20." The work should be for sale. Work should be brought to the café on Sunday, December 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. and will be hung that evening. Artists will be asked to fill out a registration form when dropping off work. Call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192 for further information.

## Art and Craft Fair December 6

As part of the Festival of Lights, a juried Art and Craft Fair will take place at the Community Center on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Handcrafted gifts will be available directly from the artisans. Food will be available from concessions provided by the Greenbelt Arts Center.

A Kids' Craft Room will be open with free, supervised activities for children ages 6-10.

The fair will continue on Sunday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A wreath-making workshop will be offered on Sunday, December 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. The workshop is free.

## Poetry Plus Meets

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand, will meet on Saturday, December 13 at the Greenbelt Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested topic is "Potpourri" - as people please. The group is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring 5 to 10 copies of poems for the group to read.

## Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

The Greenbelt East Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. Entertainment will be provided by Eleanor Roosevelt High School with a reception afterward. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 for information.

## Student Animation Program Dec. 7

The Third Annual Student Animation Showcase will take place on Sunday, December 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. This is a free program of films suitable for all ages. Included will be "The Next Generation: Finalists from the Kalamazoo Animation Festival International 2003" and recent works by students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, among other selections. "Green Concrete," the GAVA/GATE summer 2003 short about "invasive species" in Greenbelt will have its premiere.

This event is presented by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. and is made possible by funding from the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts, the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County. The GAVA/GATE Animation Program produces classes in animation in the Greenbelt Community Center. The winter session of classes will begin in January. For more information, call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

## Photo Club Holds Sale

This year the Greenbelt Photography Club will participate in the Greenbelt Festival of Lights Arts and Crafts Fair for the first time on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7. Members of the club will offer photographic artwork for sale including handmade note cards, enlargements ready for framing and framed photographs. The subject matter of the photographs includes Greenbelt scenes, architecture, flowers, fruits and vegetables, birds and animals. Both professional and amateur photographers will be present at the Photo Club table to share their experiences of photography and the photo club.

## Food Collection At Lake Park

Non-perishable food items will be collected at Greenbelt Park until Thursday, December 11 to help the Capital Area Food Bank. Collection boxes will be at the Greenbelt Park headquarters, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station, open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 301-344-1948.

## New Year 2004 Seeks Volunteers

The Greenbelt New Year's Eve Committee is finalizing plans for this year's New Year celebration. New Year's Eve is less than a month away. There will be music, magic, dancing, "get-involved" activities, a puppet show, a goofy hair salon and more.

The committee seeks more volunteer participation that night. Work for one or two hours and for the rest of the evening enjoy the festivities. Volunteers direct traffic, supervise activities and generally ensure everyone is having a good time. Free admission and a free "Event Staff" T-shirt will be given to volunteers. Call Dan Hamlin, 301-982-0048 or Jim Marley, 301-552-1288 for more information.

## Bring Canned Food To New Deal Show

On Friday December 12, local female folk faves, Michelle Swan and Rachel Cross, will present "Singing for Supper II" at the New Deal Café. Last month's "Singing for Supper" concert yielded 244 pounds of food for the Capitol Area Food Bank. They hope to collect even more non-perishable food items this month. Suggested items to bring are: canned meats/fish/poultry, peanut butter, canned fruits/vegetables/soup and dry pasta.

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest public, nonprofit food and nutrition education resource in the metro area. Through their network of more than 750 member feeding programs, each year they distribute millions of pounds of food to the community and educate thousands of local residents on hunger, poverty and nutrition issues.

## "Win Your Bin" Awards



Council presents Win with Your Bin awards. From left, front row: Cindy Murray, Public Works; Neal Barnett, REAC chair; winners Judy Wilson and Ruth Morris; REAC member Brian Gibbons. Back row: Councilmembers Leta Mach, Edward Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. Several other winners were not present.

## Writers Group Holds Holiday Party

The Greenbelt Writers Group is holding its annual holiday party on Sunday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Last year's party was sold out so members are encouraged to sign

up now. Reservations must be made by December 7. Holiday readings are also encouraged.

To reserve a spot contact Amy Hansen at 301-441-8312 or by email at amy.hansen@nasw.org.

## Senior Holiday Lunch at Greenbriar

Greenbriar Condominiums invites Greenbriar residents and a guest to celebrate the holidays with a luncheon in the Terrace Room at noon on Tuesday, December 16. Following lunch seniors will engage in a game of holiday bingo. People who plan to attend the luncheon must reserve a seat by Thursday, December 11. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 to make a reservation.

## Chronic Pain Group Meets

On December 10, 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., the monthly meeting of Pain Connection will address "Dealing with the Impact that Chronic Pain Has on Your Daily Functioning." Meet at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., ground floor conference room - park in the back. Call 301-309-2444 or visit website www.painconnection.org. Bring pillows, mats, ice or hot packs to be comfortable.

## PUPPET SHOW AT 7:00PM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Columbia Baptist Fellowship Puppet Troupe will be putting on another fantastic Christmas puppet show that you will want to see. Stay afterward for Christmas activities - cards, cookies, and crafts. Geared toward preschool and elementary kids, but all are welcome. A free-will offering will be collected for the puppet troupe.

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**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**  
Wednesday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm



**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

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**The Chromatics**  
A Little Bit of Rock!

**When:** This Saturday! December 6, 8:00 PM

**Where:** Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

**Tickets:** \$10 per person; \$8 for seniors and students

**Reservations:** 301-441-8770

Get in the mood with a festive mix of classic, neo-classic and downright oddball holiday songs and Chromie originals!

*Anybody Seen Rudolph?*

Come find out with the Chromatics, Greenbelt's own homegrown a cappella rockers.

# Obituaries

## Nancy Bagster-Collins

Longtime Greenbelter Nancy Bagster-Collins, 68, died Sunday, November 22, 2003, as a result of complications following a hip fracture.



Born Annunziata Bongiorno in Waltham, Mass., on May 30, 1935, she attended Attleboro High School and graduated in 1953. In 1956 she received a nursing degree from Simmons College.

She was married to Richard Bagster-Collins in Attleboro, Mass., on September 13, 1958.

The Bagster-Collins moved to Greenbelt in 1965. Mrs. Bagster-Collins was a private duty nurse for over 20 years at the Washington Hospital Center. She was a compassionate nurse and was truly loved by all her patients.

Mrs. Bagster-Collins' many acts of kindness touched all who knew her. For many years she was an active member of St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity and once served as its president. She was instrumental in founding the House of Ruth, a refuge for battered women and children.

She took great pleasure in the planning and maintaining of her gorgeous gardens. But her true love was opera and some of her happiest times were planning for trips to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Mrs. Bagster-Collins is survived by husband Dr. Richard Bagster-Collins of Greenbelt; daughters Melissa Bagster-Collins (Kim), Alexandria, Va.; Heather Ward (Kevin), Galena, Ill.; Jonathan Bagster-Collins (April), Baltimore, Md.; and grandchildren Matthew, Brian, Allison, Alexander and Maxwell. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 29 at Borgwardt Funeral Home. Contributions in her memory may be made to Heifer International, 1-888-548-6437.

## Mary Alice Carroll

Mary Alice Carroll, 61, of Greenbelt died on November 21, 2003, in the fire at the Greenbriar Apartments at 7806 Hanover Parkway.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Ms. Carroll grew up in Canton, N.Y. She attended public schools in Canton, Willow Run and Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated from Canton High School. She received her B.A. degree from Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y., after spending her junior year at Presidency College in Calcutta, India where her parents were working.

She began her teaching career in a Middletown, N.Y., elementary school and commuted to New York University in Greenwich Village to obtain an M.A. degree in early childhood education. On answering an oil company ad for a teaching position in a small school in Abu Dhabi, she shared teaching all the subjects for grades 1 to 12 with another teacher for nine months. During the following three years, she taught in a larger oil company school with 12 teachers, in Masjid Sulemein (Mosque of Solomon) in Iran while the Shah was still in power.

Upon her return to Middletown, she did substitute teaching, tutoring and she married. When her marriage ended she moved to Chevy Chase. She took positions in the Juvenile Justice Department, first in Montgomery County, then in Prince George's County for 10 years. In 1989 she moved to Greenbelt.

She was elected to the Greenbriar Condominium Phase II Board of Directors in 1997 and was active in the Greenbriar community, participating in many social events.

Five years ago she returned to teaching at Lydon Hill and, more recently, at Cherokee Lane Elementary School in Adelphi.

Ms. Carroll was a member of

both state and national education associations. For several years she was a volunteer with a fair housing agency in Montgomery County. In Middletown she was on the board of the animal rescue agency and learned how to groom her dogs. Her cat perished with her in the fire. She served on the Advisory Committee on Education and participated fully in community affairs.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother John and his wife Nancy, two nieces and a nephew in Friendswood, Texas, several aunts, uncles and cousins. Her friends are from all walks of life. She was a talented and innovative teacher and will be missed by her pupils and co-workers.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

A local memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the fund set up for the surviving fire victims. Make checks out to Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II. The address is Greenbriar Condominiums, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Suite 101, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

## Bereavement Holiday Ceremony Dec. 7

The Hospice of the Chesapeake is hosting an annual Tree of Lights ceremony on December 7 at 5 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 5924 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham.

This ceremony is an occasion to remember the loss of a loved one during the holidays and will include the lighting of the Tree of Lights, meditation and music. Participating families will receive a keepsake ornament.

For more information or to register call 301-499-4500.

## Mitchell-Kellaher Wedding



PHOTO BY ALLISON LUERSEN

Karen Mitchell and Frank Kellaher wed on November 15 at the Greenbelt Fire House. They reside in town with their sons and new dog LuLu.

## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened by the death of Mary Alice Carroll who died November 21, 2003 in the fire at Greenbriar. Our sympathy to her family and many friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Bagster-Collins, who died November 22, 2003.

Greenbelter David Napierala will play one of the cherubs (baby angels) in Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc.'s "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The performances will be given December 11, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and December 13 and 14 at 2 p.m. at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. A signed performance will be presented on Friday.

Congratulations to Suzanne C. Doyle of Mathew Street, who earned her doctor of philosophy degree recently at Cambridge University, England. Doyle graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1993. She then graduated magna cum

laude from St. Mary's College, Maryland in 1997. She spent the next six and a half years living in Ireland and England. Her degree is in educational research. She hopes to find employment in the Washington D.C. area.

Congratulations also to local artist Barbara Tyroler, who is currently exhibiting at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel.

Best wishes from all his friends to John Norden for a speedy recuperation from his recent skull surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawk of Greenbelt announce the arrival of their granddaughter Anna Jean Hawk, daughter of John and Adele Hawk of Calvert County. She joins brother Johnny George and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her maternal grandparents are Warren and Jean Kissinger of College Park. Jean D'Esposito, her great-grandmother, is a longtime Greenbelt resident.

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December 7, 2nd Sunday in Advent, "Hanging of the Greens"  
Sermon: Coming to Prepare

# New Council Deals with Old/New Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

New city councilmembers were introduced to council proceedings with a varied agenda when the Greenbelt City Council met on November 24. In addition to discussions about the forest preserve ordinances (see story on page 1), council addressed a number of other items of city business.

### Moment of Silence

Mayor Judith Davis opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Mary Alice Carroll, the Greenbriar resident who died in the fire on November 21. Davis noted Carroll's service to the city and lamented her loss.

Representatives from WRC-TV news team made a rare appearance at the meeting to cover Carroll's memorial and other information on the fire, which they aired later that evening.

### Health Benefits

Councilmember Konrad Herling introduced for first reading an ordinance to amend the city code to make it consistent with policy adopted at council's October 27 meeting to give health benefits to domestic partners of city employees.

### Animal Control Facility

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to authorize negotiation for a modular building to use as the city's animal control facility. Funding was approved for the structure in the FY 2004 budget. Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze presented council with information on what staff considers a suitable bid from Wilmot Modular Structures. She asked council to approve moving forward with a site plan. Craze said Wilmot is the only local supplier of a modular structure that would meet the city's needs.

The \$41,885 cost would include mechanical systems installed on site and would provide a finished structure needing minimal additional work from the city, mainly the installation of kennel equipment to be purchased next year. Craze said if the city later declines the purchase after site plans are developed, there would still be a fee of \$1,500 to Wilmot for plan development.

The city would need to run utilities to the site, which is located behind the police station. Councilmembers asked that neighborhood associations in that area be asked for feedback on the location. Craze said advantages of that location are that the kennel can also be used to house police dogs when officers are away, saving the city money by not using private kennels. The dogs could also be exercised there when officers are at the station, she said.

### Woodland Mitigation

Council approved staff's suggested woodland mitigation site for destruction of woods in the Golden Triangle by construction of the Hilton Garden Inn. The sites offered by staff run along Hanover Parkway between the dog park and the entrance to Hunting Ridge Condominiums.

Davis had concerns that youth in the area use that property for unofficial ballfields and play areas. Kristen Ward, from Planning and Community Development, said she had not been aware of this use but indicated that there was enough space to accomplish the mitigation and still leave an open area for play. She said the

final location of the plantings would be up to the developer's civil engineer. Councilmember Edward Putens asked that the plan come before council again after the engineer has designated specific areas for planting.

Part of the discussion dealt with the fact that once the site is planted for woodland mitigation, if the city wants to develop it in any way a replacement mitigation site two to three times the size of the original one would be required. Failure to designate a site within the city for the mitigation would permit the county to choose a site anywhere within the Anacostia River watershed.

Council approved the site unanimously. City Manager Michael McLaughlin told council the developers are interested in moving quickly on this project. He therefore had negotiated with them to accede to all of the city's eight requests for the plan, including sign approval, in exchange for city agreement that the plan does not have to go before the District Council, the county council sitting on zoning matters. Davis and Putens commended McLaughlin for the action, noting that plans approved by the city sometimes come back from the District Council changed in ways not pleasing to city staff and officials.

### TGIFriday

Coming before council that night was transfer of the liquor license at TGI Friday's from a corporate ownership to a franchise. Citing public safety issues, coun-

cil voted to defer taking a position on the transfer until its meeting on December 15 when they hoped representatives from Friday's would be available to enlighten council on the philosophy of the franchise regarding these issues.

### Zipcar Contract

Council approved unanimously a new contract with Zipcar. The original contract, for one year, has been month-to-month for the past six months. The new contract was negotiated by the city manager in a way that he thought would save the city money. The cost of the two cars would remain the same but usage would be combined so there would be no additional cost to the city or Green Ridge House until total usage for both cars exceeded \$2,400 in a given month. (In the old contract usage for either car exceeding \$1,200 in a month generated additional cost to the city or Green Ridge House.)

Another change in the contract credits the city only 50 percent, instead of 100 per cent, of fees generated by non-city and non-Green Ridge House use. McLaughlin said this was a concession given Zipcar for the reduction in their payments from combining usage of the two cars. He added that there had been only around \$200 per month generated so far by non-resident use of either car.

Council agreed that the Zipcar program had been a success, especially at Green Ridge House.

## Deadline Nears to Change Party

Voter registration deadlines are looming for Maryland residents who would like to participate in the candidate selection process. Maryland holds closed primaries, which means only registered members of a political party may vote in that party's primary. For example, Maryland independent voters, Greens, Libertarians and Republicans would have to change party affiliation in order to vote in the Maryland Democratic Primary in March 2004.

The deadline to change party affiliation in advance of the primary is December 8. A voter needs to complete a new voter

registration form and return it to the county registrar. Forms are available in libraries, Motor Vehicle Administration Offices and county registrar's offices and can also be downloaded on-line at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).

Non-registered citizens can register as Maryland voters until February 10, 2004.

Also, Maryland law allows that as long as a voter is 18 years old on Election Day, he or she may vote in the primary. That means anyone born before November 2, 1986 may register and vote in the March primaries.

## Senior Resource of the Month Seeking Special Needs

by Christal Parker Batey, Community Resource Advocate

Project Identification is a program designed for the special needs of the disabled and handicapped people in the event of fire, police or medical emergency. The information supplied will be confidentially filed in a central computer serving both the Police and Fire Department personnel. Emergency personnel are notified of the disabled or handicapped information while en route to the emergency incident so necessary special equipment and procedures can be implemented.

The Project Identification form may also be filled out by business establishments who employ handicapped persons that wish to have emergency personnel aware of their presence and location within a given building.

Privacy is assured. The name of Project Identification participants will not be involved in any way. The form submitted will be handled in the strictest confidence on all levels. Annually, a card will be mailed requesting an update on both current address and needs. The card must be returned for the information to remain in their records.

Those who would like to participate in the program should contact the Prince George's County Fire Department at 301-449-8120 or for hearing impaired individuals TDD 301-925-5167.

# Caregiver Survey Respondents Needed



## City Information

### MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 8-12

**Monday, December 8, 7:00pm, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center**

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### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, December 9 & 11: 6:00pm "ACE Reading Club presents GOAL" 6:10pm "Greenbelt in Motion" 6:30pm "Beltway Plaza Toy Parade" 7:30pm The Greenbelt Museum presents "Sports and American Culture"**

**PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, December 10 & 12: 7:00pm ERHS presents "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 9:00pm "Democratic Club"**

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:

Enjoy the holidays with your friends and neighbors. Don't miss the **Holiday Tree Lighting** on Friday, December 5th at 7pm on the Community Center Lawn. On Saturday, December 6th from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, December 7th from 10am-2pm, visit the **Juried Art and Craft Fair** at the Community Center for unique and exciting gifts. There will be craft projects available for children. Admission is free. Please visit [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) for more information. You can also call 301-397-2208.

### SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM MENU FOR DECEMBER 8-12

The Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the Commercial Kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.

**12/8/03:** Split Pea Soup w/Crackers, Oven Fried Fish on Bun w/ Tartar Sauce, Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Apples. **12/9/03:** Grape Juice, Baked Chicken w/Gravy, Lima Beans, Cornbread Stuffing, Dinner Rolls w/Margarine, Applesauce. **12/10/03:** All sites closed for Senior Holiday Dance at Martin's Crosswinds. **12/11/03:** Grape Juice, Ham Steak w/Fruit Sauce, Candied Yams, Broccoli, Corn Muffin w/margarine, Sliced Pears. **12/12/03:** Navy Bean Soup w/Crackers, Beef Ribette, Chopped Collards, Potato Salad, Biscuit w/margarine, Banana. *All meals served with 1% milk, Coffee or Tea.*

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**WATER MAIN BREAKS:** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) maintains water mains. Call 301-206-4002 to report water main breaks or sewage back ups.

**STORM DRAINS:** Prince George's County maintains storm drains. Call 301-499-8500 to report a blocked storm drain.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

(For period of November 21 to November 26)

### Robberies

Beltway Plaza, November 24, 10:03 a.m., a woman was walking in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza when a car drove by her. A passenger leaned out of the window, took the victim's purse and rode away. The robbers are described as two black males one being about 20 years of age, with hair in dreadlocks. No further description on the other man. The car is described as a blue Chevrolet Caprice or Corsica with a broken passenger window with tape over it.

### Drugs

9100 Springhill Lane, November 23, 4:30 p.m., a 24-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of paraphernalia and trespass. Police saw him on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was stopped and found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to package marijuana for sale. The suspect was turned over to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, November 23, 5:50 p.m., a 27-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Police saw what they believed to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction. One of the suspects then got into a car and attempted to drive away. The car was stopped and a computer check revealed that the driver was in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and had a suspended license and an open arrest warrant with the Howard County Sheriff's Department. He was turned over to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

6100 block Springhill Terrace, November 23, 11:15 p.m., a 16-year-old Greenbelt resident was

arrested for possession of marijuana. Police responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in the parking lot. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. Located in the youth's purse was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Handgun

In reference to an incident involving a motor vehicle accident reported November 14 in the area of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, a criminal summons has been obtained charging a 27-year-old nonresident with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle.

### Theft

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 14, a 17-year-old resident youth was arrested for stealing a coat belonging to another student at the school. He was released pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

### Burglaries

6900 block Greenbelt Road, November 25, 7:14 a.m., a commercial burglary was reported.

### Vehicle Crimes

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a 29-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with theft. Police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking lot. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County police department. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

No vehicles were reported stolen in this period. Six stolen vehicles were recovered.

Thefts from, vandalisms to and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9300 block Edmonston Road, 4 court Southway, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 100 block Westway (four incidents), 9100 block Edmonston Road, 7100 block Mathew Street, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Drive.

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

## PGC Council Passes Anti-Patriot Act

Prince George's County has joined 219 localities and three states which have passed resolutions protecting residents' civil liberties and civil rights.

The county resolution urges Congress to review the USA Patriot Act and similar executive orders and actions. The resolution directs the Prince George's County Police Department to refrain from: enforcing immigration matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Homeland Security; engaging in the surveillance of individuals or groups based on participation in activities protected by the First Amendment; using race and religion as factors to initiate investigation; fostering any initiative that encourages the public to spy on their neighbors; and using racial profiling to stop drivers or pedestrians to scrutinize identification documents without a specific suspicion of criminal activity.

In addition, public libraries in Prince George's County Library (PGCL) system would be requested to post warnings to users Section 215 of the Patriot Act allows federal agents to obtain information about books and other materials users borrow from the library and that librarians are prohibited from informing users if they receive such requests.

"I think many of my colleagues in the PGCL system, along with librarians around the country, welcome the opportunity to educate our public about their rights to free inquiry, our traditional professional practice of keeping library user information confidential and the risk now posed by the USA Patriot Act," said Lucy Duff, a librarian from Greenbelt. "The Act allows disclosure not only of library records, but also many other kinds of personal records, without good reason to federal agents."

"The council's call on behalf of residents to defend our freedoms is crystal clear," said Susan Goering, executive director of the ACLU of Maryland.

## Diabetics Social

Diabetics are invited to a free holiday social on December 9 at 7 p.m. at Doctors Community Hospital, Lanham, in the Ambulatory Surgery Building, fifth floor meeting room. Call 301-552-5134 for more information or to confirm attendance.

## Rent Increase Moderated, Tenants Welcome Changes

by Judy Bell

After a meeting with County Councilmember Douglas Peters, officials from WMC Management Company, Inc., sent out Addendum to Lease letters to Charles-towne North tenants giving them two options. Option I: extend their existing lease for a one-year period with a rental rate increase of ten percent effective January 1, 2004, or Option II: go on a month-to-month lease with a rental rate increase of 15 percent effective January 1, 2004 and a second and additional rent increase effective July 1, 2004.

"Tenants are generally very pleased with the outcome," City Manager Michael McLaughlin said when reached for comment. He further stated that it was his understanding from WMC representatives that assuming the mar-

ket still supports rent increases, WMC will continue with a moderated approach in the future – such as ten percent per year – until the market no longer supports higher rentals.

Vacant apartments will not be subject to these options and may be leased at a much higher rate, according to McLaughlin.

Earlier in the fall residents had been notified that their rents would increase by 33 to 50 percent by December 1. After receiving that notice some residents moved out. City Solicitor Robert Manzi reported that there is no law in Prince George's County limiting rent increases and the Landlord-Tenant Commission that existed in the '70s and '80s has been abolished.

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needs, such as the cooperative purchasing program which saves cities money by helping their governments purchase items in bulk.

"Local governments can't do it all - you have to reach out to partners in a variety of sectors," Robertson said.

COG's main areas of focus are the environment, transportation, community services, housing and homeland security. Air quality is an important issue, as are public health, economic development, emergency preparation, traffic and security coordination. COG's role is to work with jurisdictions to develop and maintain regional responses to these issues.

Throughout his presentation, Robertson stressed the importance of getting city governments to broaden their local views to a regional scale and creating partnerships between different cities around the region.

"That relationship-building gives you the ability, when tough things happen, to pick up a phone and call a colleague. And it's not a stranger, it's a person you've worked with for a series or months or years," Robertson said. "That makes all the difference when dealing with some of these difficult issues when they come up."

COG is funded by financial contributions from participating local governments, as well as annual member dues, which come to about 60 cents per resident.

In addition to COG, Greenbelt is a member of the Maryland Municipal League, which was represented at the meeting by executive director Scott Hancock and member relations and education manager Linda Burrell.

The goal of the MML, Hancock explained, is to strengthen municipal governments within the state of Maryland, and

to provide local governments with a resource for reaching other governments which have dealt with similar issues.

Hancock made special note of the organization's inquiry service, which has two staffers available to answer questions from city governments on a wide variety of issues, from city ordinances to general legal questions.

"We want to be your first resource for information," Hancock said, with the opportunity to network and problem-solve with other governments.

Hancock noted that while many city councils feel that they are alone when things become difficult, they are usually experiencing something that has been dealt with before in another jurisdiction.

"It's amazing how much we share, even the larger communities share with the smaller communities," Hancock said.

The MML was founded in 1936 and currently represents the state's 157 municipal governments, from Port Tobacco with 15 residents to Baltimore City with over 600,000 residents. Greenbelt is a member of the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

### NAMI Potluck

The National Association of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold a potluck brunch Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will be followed by an educational program on "Coping with Holidays" featuring speaker Agnes Hatfield, Ph.D., volunteer awards and a sing-along. If a person's last name starts with A-F, bring a salad; G-Q bring a main dish; and R-Z bring dessert. RSVP with number attending and food item by December 5 at 301-322-1900. The event will take place at the New Carrollton Municipal Center.

## RENAHAN

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lot of very smart people in Iraq," he proclaimed, "but it remains to be seen how much the democratic system will work. The Iraqis don't understand the details, but they want a democracy," he believes. "Many Iraqis lived in western countries for years, are highly educated and understand what needs to be done," he affirmed.

Renahan has a one-year contract with Research Triangle, Inc., a subcontractor to ICMA. He will work with local officials to help establish democratically-based councils. He doesn't know yet whether he will be involved in formulating the Iraqi constitution. As a political scientist he would like to work on that project. He feels it is important to help the Iraqi people establish their own government quickly as "people would rather have bad government than a foreign government," he commented.

Much of Renahan's training to date has focused on security issues. Although he will live in military compounds once he arrives in Iraq, he hopes to be able to move around. "You can't be effective sitting and writing all the time," he proclaimed. "In order to develop institutions and processes, I will have to get out and meet people." He describes the political situation in Iraq as "fluid" and unpredictable at times; he noted that, "while many people are anti-Saddam, they are not necessarily pro-American."

Renahan spent five years teaching political science at Western Illinois University and several years as a city manager in Seat Pleasant. More recently he has served as a consultant for the towns of Berwyn Heights and Fairmount Heights and the City of Mount Rainier, making him

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to that of city staff.

### Task Force

Presented for second reading and adoption was a resolution to amend the city code to create a Forest Preserve Task Force. The goal of this task force is to advise council in formulating the management and maintenance policy, as set forth in the ordinance creating the forest preserve. The task force would also recommend parcels to be designated as forest preserve areas. Membership on the task force, as well as its governance, term, duties, meeting requirements and liaisons with both city staff and city council are all outlined in the resolution.

As introduced for first reading, the resolution provides for two members from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and one member each from the Advisory Planning Board, the Advisory Committee on Trees and three at-large members who are residents not currently serving on any advisory board or committee.

Roberts said a citizen had asked him if membership could be adjusted so that unaffiliated citizens are in the majority. To accommodate this, it was suggested that PRAB membership be reduced to one and at-large

members increased by one to accommodate the request made by Roberts following this citizen input.

During discussion about how to adjust the task force membership, council became aware of deficiencies in membership representation. The Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) was not included, for example. Davis agreed it should be. She also thought there should be a representative from the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Council agreed to expand the task force to 11 members to include a single additional representative from both REAC and YAC and only one member of PRAB. At-large citizen appointments would be increased to six, giving citizens without current advisory status a majority membership.

Since changes in the resolution were substantive, it could not be introduced for second reading and adoption, in the opinion of City Solicitor Robert Manzi. This occasion could, however, be considered an introduction and first reading, he ruled. The revised resolution will come before council again at its December 15 meeting for second reading and adoption.

very familiar with the politics of local government.

That said, he is confident that democracy has a chance to succeed in Iraq. He believes that the Iraqi people are highly motivated and want to vote in democratic elections. If democracy can succeed in Iraq, "it will reverberate throughout the Middle East," he proclaimed. The epitome of his long career in public service will be to become part of the Iraqi success story, he said.

### 10K Volksmarch Here Thursday

Join the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers at Joe's on Thursday, December 11 for a 10K walk through the community. Start time is between 4 and 6 p.m.; walkers must finish by 9 p.m. For those interested, this is an American Volkssport Association sanctioned event. Flashlights are recommended. For more information, call John or Salva Holloman at 301-937-3549

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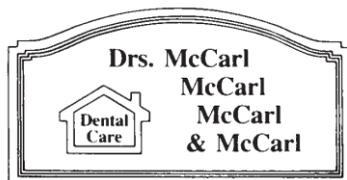
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In Prince George's County, those hearings will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at Capital Plaza Mall, 4th Floor Conference Room and on Thurs-

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# Get into the Arts

## Chromatics Play at Arts Center

The Chromatics, the area all-vocal band that specializes in off-beat original tunes about life in these modern high-tech times and astronomically correct science lessons set to music, will end 2003 on a high note with a stop at the Greenbelt Arts Center Saturday night, December 6 for their annual holiday bash. "This year has been an incredible ride for us," says Greenbelter Padi Boyd.

"In addition to festivals and coffeehouses, we've played at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, performed for several professional societies as banquet entertainment, embarked on our first-ever mini-tour of the Southeast and are putting the finishing touches on our limited edition CD, 'Mixed Messages.'"

Alan Smale, from Gambrills, adds, "We try to push ourselves further every year. In 2003 we wanted to see what touring together would be like. Our mini-tour included concerts in Huntsville, Ala.; Nashville and Fayetteville, Tenn., with appearances on the local NPR radio station; a NASA center and a house concert in an historic home."

Karen Smale, also of Gambrills, truly enjoyed life on the road as musicians. "It was a great experience and we were all still smiling and laughing at the end of it!"

Baltimore resident Barry

Mahaffey is amazed that the group has found time to complete its fourth studio CD amidst all its other activities. "Mixed Messages" is coming together and is an entertaining romp," he says, "actually more of a random walk through our current repertoire. We wanted to put some audience favorites on a CD and also capture the energy of our live show."

Most of "Mixed Messages" was recorded at a recent studio concert at Blue House Productions by Jeff Gruber, the Chromies' longtime engineer and co-producer. The CD also includes the newest Chromatics original, "The Day After Christmas," a unique take on Santa's post-holiday workshop, written by the prolific John Meyer, the group's baritone and vocal beat box from Westminster. Greenbelt's Deb Nixon notes that Gruber will be present at the Greenbelt Arts Center show, recording the entire concert.

The sounds and showmanship of the Chromatics appeals to all ages, so bring the whole family. After the show, meet and chat with the band and enjoy free tasty creations by Greenbelt's Chef Lou, compliments of the Chromies.

More information on the Chromatics appears on their website, <http://www.thechromatics.com/>.

## Kafka Sings Polish Christmas Carols

Greenbelter Dr. Laura Grazyna Kafka, soprano, will perform in a free Christmas recital on Sunday, December



14 at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. She and Dr. Dennis Ritz, oboe, and Dr. Margaret Lucia, piano, will perform the premier of a new song cycle by Pennsylvania composer Dennis Ritz based on Polish Christmas carols.

The event is sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Place Artist Series, directed by Sally Long. A freewill donation will be accepted by the church. Parking is free in a lot across the street from the church. The church is wheelchair accessible (enter through the double glass doors on Massachusetts Ave. and use the elevator.) For questions call the church at 202-347-9620 or Laura Kafka at 301-474-7915 or email LAURAKAFKA@aol.com.

Kafka has lived in Greenbelt since 1989. She currently teaches general and vocal music at Robert Goddard French Immersion school in Seabrook where she is music department and electives chair.

## Free Recital at UM

The University of Maryland School of Music will hold a free chamber music honors recital Monday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The recital includes chamber works for string, woodwind, brass, piano and mixed ensembles.

## Benefit Concert Given by Band

The up and coming DC-MD-based band, Chance Gardener, will play a charity-benefit concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. There is a fee. Reservations can be made by calling 301-441-8770, #8.

Chance's music is acoustic-based rock/pop, but with raw electric elements. It is driving and forceful but doesn't pound the listener into submission. It is honest and personal yet it's catchy and accessible.

The band is fronted by two singer-songwriter-guitarists, Mark Nensel and David Chambers, and also features Joe Basso (on bass) and Matthew Richkus (drums). Nensel and Basso are long-time DC-band music vets who have joined forces with their younger cohorts, Chambers and Richkus, to create a band that blends acoustic and electric rock and pop elements from several decades into a seamless new sound that goes down easy.

They play all original music, but for this show the band will break out their own holiday songs as well as a few choice holiday standards. To hear more from Chance Gardener, visit the website [www.chancegardener.com](http://www.chancegardener.com) where you can link to their MP3s, order their CD "Prove Yourself," and get a taste of what's to come.

## Annual Concert

The Greenbelt Community Center will be the site of the Annual Holiday Lights Concert Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. Conductor G. Thomas Cherrix will lead the Greenbelt Concert Band with holiday favorites. To learn more call 301-552-1444.

## Artist Returns To Greenbelt

This month painter Shayna Skolnik is moving her studio to Old Greenbelt. Skolnik grew up in Greenbelt and attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Her parents are Lola and Steve Skolnik of Ridge Road. After living overseas for several years, she is eager to return home. "I missed the tranquility of Greenbelt and look forward to incorporating these familiar places into future paintings," she said.

Skolnik's first solo exposition was in 2002 in Seville, Spain and was sponsored by the El Monte cultural foundation. Her paintings strongly evoke a certain mood; her expressionistic style combines past experience, memory and figurative subjects to create a unique vision of an essentially positive, joyous world.

Skolnik's work regularly can be seen at Plat du Jour, 220 Main Street, Annapolis. She has two group shows in December, at the Circle Gallery on State Circle in Annapolis (through February 29) and another at Gallery Haurie in Seville, Spain. For more information see [www.shaynaskolnik.com](http://www.shaynaskolnik.com).

## GAC Presents Opera Singer

One of Greenbelt's best-kept secrets, the Greenbelt Arts Center, will present acclaimed opera singer, Bridgette L. Cooper in "Liederabend, An Evening of Songs and Arias." This program will be presented two times: Friday December 12 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. Reservations may be obtained by calling 301-441-8770 #6. There is a fee.

Cooper has appeared in concert throughout the United States and Europe to rave reviews and is a native of Washington, D.C.

She has been the recipient of several awards including the Paul Robeson National Vocal Competition, semi finalist in the Marjorie Lawrence International Vocal Competition, finalist in the Bel Canto Competition in Chicago, YWCA Studio Club Competition of New York, as well as the semi finalist for the Meistersinger Competition of Graz, Austria.

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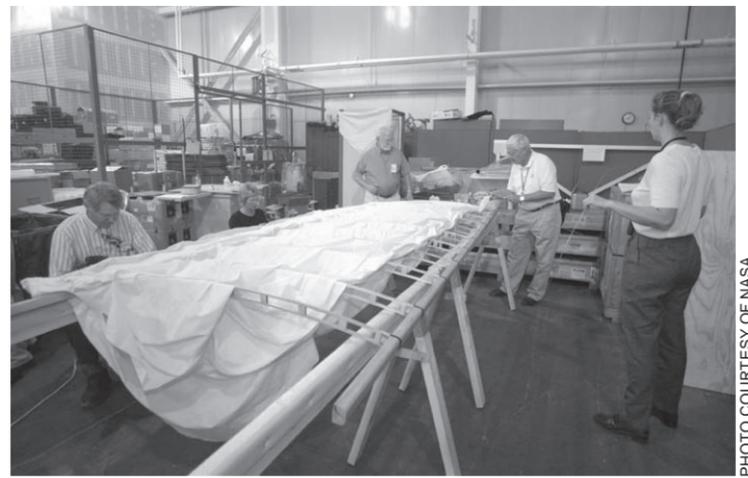


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Diaz believes that if Robert Goddard and the Wright brothers were alive today, they might be amazed at what is the same as well as what has changed at Goddard Space Flight Center in particular and NASA in general.

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