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GHI Board Receives Proposed New Rules on Home Additions

by Marat Moore

The Architecture & Environment (A&E) Committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has proposed new rules for additions to block, brick and frame townhomes. The GHI board of directors is reviewing the rules submitted by the committee and will be discussing them at future board meetings and holding public forums in coming months to invite member comments. Any rules on additions that are approved by the board of directors will represent a policy change for GHI.

As part of its review process, GHI is currently conducting a survey of all existing additions in the 1,600-unit cooperative community, which should be complete by the end of December. The survey will gather data on the number, size, type and use of additions.

The A&E Committee has rewritten three sections of the rules related to additions on block, brick and frame units and the rules are described as they relate to gardenside additions

and end additions of each of the three types of townhomes. According to Elizabeth

Shepard, acting chair of the A&E Committee, the committee's main concern was the recent increase in requests for large additions and the worry that this number could continue to grow and have a negative impact on the community as a whole.

The committee also wanted to ensure the original architecture is visible, preserve green space and keep townhomes affordable. "We want to keep the additions to a modest size," Shepard said, adding that the committee has also discussed "the need in the future for people to age in place and feel that a bathroom and a bedroom on the first floor should be an option for all owners."

Several of the proposed rules apply to all additions to all types of units. Those rules require that: consideration must be given to the view, sunlight and air circulation of each affected neighbor; one side of the addition must extend to one of the

dividing partitions between units or to the exterior corner; and no windows, doors or wall openings are permitted on the wall extending from a partition between units.

Block Units

Among the rule changes proposed for GHI's approximately 258 block units, the committee proposes the following changes (Section F in the rules): for gardenside additions a maximum height of one story; a maximum depth of 12 feet from the exterior face of the original structure; a maximum width of two-thirds of the width of the original structure. Additional rules relate to the placement of the addition walls related to adjacent units.

For additions to block end units, the A&E Committee proposes: a maximum height of two stories with the roof of the addition not extending above the roof of the original structure; a maximum gardenside extension of four feet from the exterior face

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American Education Week November 13 through 19, 2005

Devoted Teachers Love Their Greenbelt Jobs

by Shamla K. Shakir

Heather Segredo

Heather Segredo says she wanted to be а teacher for as long as she can re-

member. "I used to play teacher in my grandmother's house and her refrigerator was mv chalkboard."

Her love of teaching included a love of school, Segredo added. "I hated to be sick and miss school so I used to hide being sick."

This is the first-grade teacher's first year at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) but Segredo says the transition was made easier by parents and other teachers whom she describes as "really helpful and friendly."

She says her favorite part of being a teacher is interact-

ing with kids and being able to watch them learn. Segredo teaches her 20 students everything from language arts to math and science. She tries to make learning fun with activities like having the kids read a word as a "password" to enter the classroom. "They're just huge sponges and they're willing to take in everything and retain it," she said.

After graduating with a degree in elementary education from Salisbury University Segredo moved to Connecticut with her husband George who is in the Navy. There she taught pre-kindergarten at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Last year she taught third grade at Kenilworth Elementary, another Prince George's County public school.

Often she'll show up an

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Greenbelt American Legion #136 Honors Police Officers, Firefighter

Sustaining burns while aiding fellow firefighters, bringing national recognition to the Greenbelt Police Department and making an impressive number of arrests for traffic offenses are some of the reasons three of Greenbelt's "first responders" were chosen to be honored at the American Legion Post #136's Seventeenth Annual Public Safety Officer of the Year Awards ceremony on October 22.

Held each autumn, the event





Science Teacher at ERHS **Enjoys Kids and Colleagues**

by Leslie Primack and Eva Richardson, ERHS Juniors



From the moment one meets Rebecca Howell, a science teacher at Eleanor

Roosevelt High School (ERHS), it is evident that she is a friendly, enthusiastic person.

Howell has been at ERHS for four years and teaches biology and environmental science. mosphere. "I try to keep my

responsibility of making sure her students are ready for standardized tests. "We have to do a lot to prepare for [the High School Assessments]," she comments. In an effort to raise scores, she and other teachers attend many meetings and receive various directives from the county.

Despite the pressures of being a teacher, Howell manages to give her classes a lively at-"My work load is relatively classes pretty informal," she heavy this year because I've explains. "It's not necessary that my kids are silent all the time. It's easy because I work with such good kids." Howell's students respond well to her positive attitude. "She was always greeting you with a smile," reflects Manaar Zuhurudeen, an eleventh

is sponsored and organized as part of the "Americanism" promotion of the American Legion. It was initiated by Ric Santos, a past national commander of the American Legion and member of Post #136. Committee Chair Joe Beam was organizer of this year's event.

Mayor Judith Davis and members of the city council, Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters of the Prince George's County Council, officials of the American Legion and representatives of other county officials also attended the event. Davis read a proclamation recognizing each honoree and presented him with a plaque upon which the proclamation was inscribed. She noted that the families of those chosen should also be commended for their "time, energy and courage."

Chief James Craze of the by developing a safety belt en-



Mayor Judith Davis presented a plaque to Master Police Officer Scott Kaiser containing the city proclamation recognizing him as Greenbelt Police Officer of the Year at American Legion Post #136's Public Safety Officer of the Year awards ceremony and dinner. Behind the mayor is Chief James Craze of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Greenbelt Police Department made the opening remarks, in which he thanked the American Legion and recognized previous winners in attendance before announcing the winner of the 2005 Greenbelt Police Department Officer of the Year award.

Officer of the Year

Master Police Officer Scott Kaiser, who has been on the force for over 12 years, serves as the department's traffic officer. In this capacity he has been recognized as an innovator in the field of vehicular public safety

forcement program that received national recognition and was instrumental in the department's being awarded six consecutive Maryland's Governors Awards for first place finishes in the Maryland Chief's Challenge.

Also in the field of safety seat belt enforcement Kaiser and MPO George Mathews have installed over 600 child safety seats in the past year. Kaiser developed and has been asked to speak at conventions about the "100 in 2005" program, which

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never taught environmental science before," she remarks.

In addition to teaching the required classes, she is also head of the school's biology team. "We all get along and I try to represent everybody as best as I can," she says.

Howell, like many teachers of core subjects, has the added

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What Goes On

Monday, November 21

9 a.m., Dedication of Traffic Signal at Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive

8 p.m., Council Worksession with PRAB re: Ballfield Lighting, Municipal Building

Monday, November 28

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation, Municipal Building

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, City and GHI offices closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Editorial Extend Right to All

We urge the Greenbelt City Council to amend the city charter and prepare a labor code permitting any recognized group of employees to enter into collective bargaining with the city. At the November 8 election a majority of voters told council they desire the charter to be amended to permit non-managerial police officers to bargain as a group over employment terms and conditions. We believe that some who opposed the referendum did so not because they were opposed to collective bargaining by employees but because the proposal was limited to police officers. The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police have said they did not intend to limit this right to police officers but were proposing the same right for all employees.

We recognize there will be an expense to the city in preparing the necessary labor laws. There may also be added expense in undertaking actual negotiations, although we believe that negotiations most likely can be carried out between members of the city staff and employee representatives. Collective bargaining need not significantly increase city expenditures.

Greenbelt enjoys a steady, loyal and competent work force with little turnover. Regular compensation surveys have kept city salaries and benefits competitive, even with those in neighboring jurisdictions that bargain collectively with employee groups. Unless Greenbelt police, through bargaining, gain excessive compensation benefits, which we do not believe will happen, we would expect that most other city employee groups will not bother to go through the trouble of becoming organized and recognized. However, they should have the right to do so, if they choose.

Letters to the Editor

Get Involved

This letter is a response to the letter to the News Review published the first week of November, by C. Lau. First of all, I'd like to applaud Mr. Lau (1) for exercising his free speech and (2) for encouraging people to vote.

However, I'd like to add that it would be useful if more people of Asian ethnic descent decided to get involved in community volunteer activities and community leadership. (I should probably follow my own advice, too!) This would require more effort than just voting but would probably result in significantly better utility for those who choose to do it.

Sadly, many people of Asian descent haven't put in sufficient effort to integrate with other members of this community, especially with those who are trying to improve the community. This goes against the general trend that I've seen in other places around the country and it would be nice if we could change that.

Michael Yang

Better Attendance For Enjoyable Films?

Congratulations to you who provided the Greenbelt Utopia Film & Video Festival 2005. This films and show times goes to the organizers of the Utopia Film Festival who paid for the ad space.

Leash Law

To all pet owners in general and escape-artist owners in particular:

There is a leash law in Greenbelt. It is in effect 24 hours a day. It is a reasonable law for a heavily populated area. People are going to work as early as 4:30 each morning including weekends. Others are walking their dogs on leashes before heading to work; others are jogging. No one appreciates stepping in poop at 5 in the morning on the way to their car or being intimidated by a dog running loose that may or may not be friendly when they are jogging or walking their dog.

Putting out an animal that can get through, over or under a fence is not keeping it contained. Please take your dog or cat out on a leash if you know it can get out of your yard.

Kathleen Bucco

Then There Was Light

As a longtime resident of Greenbelt, I was glad to finally see the traffic light that was installed at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive activated last week. It was at this intersection in January of this year where my brother Neil Prendable was tragically killed by an SUV. Hopefully, with this new traffic signal in place, others will not have to suffer the loss of a loved one like my family has endured and it will hopefully reduce the number of automobile accidents and fatalities that have occurred here. It may be a nuisance to speeders but I think in the long run, it will be a lifesaver to many. Who knows? Maybe if the light had been there in January, my brother would still be alive today. Thank you to all those involved in seeing this become a reality. To the Prendable family, though, it'll always be "Neil's light." Patti Henderson

Early Deadline For News Review

Next week the News Review's deadline moves back by one day so the paper can be completed before Thanksgiving. Naturally the presses won't run on Thursday, which is Thanksgiving.

All ads, copy, photos and other material for the November 23 issue must reach us by no later than Monday, November 21 so the paper can be completed in time for a pre-holiday press run. Materials submitted after Monday will be too late for next week's paper.

Content for the next issue is welcome now but must be in by no later than 9 p.m. Monday, November 21 or it will miss the accelerated deadline. Help assure readers receive all intended news and ads next week by getting materials in early.

City Notes

The public works horticulture crew relocated six large trees and removed shrubs in preparation for installation of a pedestrian pathway along Hanover Parkway, thinned low branches and removed undergrowth along an existing pedestrian path on Hanover Parkway for the safety of those using the path and continued preventive health care of trees near 73 Court Ridge Road, done by "vertical mulching" with compost and organic fertilizer.

Recreation

A new exhibition opened at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery featuring paintings by New Jersey artist Donna Marshall. In conjunction with the show, the artist led a workshop with thirdgrade students from St. Hugh's School using creative movement, astronomical images and visual art projects to introduce concepts of particles and waves from quantum physics.

Gingerbread House Making Workshop Saturday, December 10 1:30 p.m. Berwyn Presbyterian Church 6301 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights, MD. Pre-register now at 301-927-3013





"On your survey sheet, you are not allowed to write 'Recess' as your favorite subject "

<u>On Screen</u> "Pride & Prejudice" Due

A new filmic treatment of "Pride & Prejudice" will open at Old Greenbelt Theatre Wednesday, November 23 and is pegged to stay at least two weeks. In 1940 an all-star British cast led by Laurence Olivier had at Jane Austen's 19thcentury romantic comedy novel and not long ago the Indianized "Bride & Prejudice" lit up area screens. Director Joe Wright has moved much of the story of questing Elizabeth Bennett (Keira Knightley) and hang-back Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen) from stuffy period drawing rooms to the lively out-of-doors. Along with mother-hen Mrs. Bennett and her other four marriagable daughters is Poppa Bennett in the person of Donald Sutherland. Some subplots of yore have been given short shrift but the heart of this hardy tale still leads the way. PG, 128 minutes. – *Eli Flam*

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was an opportunity to experience quite an interesting variety of shows. Also the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt News Review both deserve credit for running the convenient "chart" on page 20 of the November 3 News Review. This made it easy to decide which features we most wanted to see – and when they would be shown.

I just wish that the attendance had been higher. For several of the shows there were fewer than 10 people in areas which could have easily held five times that number. But those of us who did go to the show definitely enjoyed the experience.

It would be nice if the Film and Video Festival could become an annual tradition.

Christopher K. Scherer

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

Letters to the Editor

No Opposing Signs

When I walked to the police station on election day to cast my vote, I noticed four identical signs nearby pushing for an affirmative vote on the issue of collective bargaining. I saw no opposing signs and only one sign apiece for the candidates for office. After voting, I continued my walk and passed by the Springhill Lake area. Again I saw three more identical signs advocating collective bargaining, none opposed and only one apiece for each candidate. Apparently there are either no rules regulating the number of signs permitted or such rules were being completely disregarded. Somehow it didn't seem right or fair.

Philip Brandis

Two Victims

On Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 p.m. I was driving home to Old Greenbelt down 193 when I saw a car in front of me stop suddenly and put on its hazard lights. I slowed down to carefully pass the car and saw a sight that will haunt me the rest of my days. I immediately pulled over. A person was face down on the ground, another crying hysterically. As a fellow bystander was calling 911 and tending to the person on the ground, I made my way to the person crying. I didn't know if he was hurt, a witness or the driver. I just knew he was terribly upset and needed my help.

I found out that he was in fact the driver of the car with its hazards on, the car that hit the other person who was on the asphalt. He was not speeding (I know, since I was following him). He was not drunk; in fact he was on his way to work. I know that where the accident happened there is no crosswalk. I know that it was a very dark evening and I know the victim was in dark clothing. I know this man had a horrible tragedy happen and he will live with his guilt for the rest of his life. I know that if I was just a few minutes earlier in my journey, it could have been me.

There are two sides to every story. My heart goes out to the loved ones of the victim. I have spent the week since the accident wondering why such a tragedy had to occur. Why someone had to die and why someone had to be behind the wheel and live with that experience. When we hear of an accident like this, we see the driver as a bad person, a malicious driver, a careless individual. I as a person on the scene saw an upset grief-stricken person, a person who assisted in taking a life but didn't do anything wrong. Please, do not judge this driver if you do not have all the facts. Our police force is amazing, they responded to the situation with lightning speed and managed the scene beautifully. If they have not pressed charges, it is because the driver did not do anything illegal. He was at the wrong place at the wrong time, a place and time you or I could have been as well. There were two victims last Wednesday night on Greenbelt Road.

Cute but Illegal, Possibly Deadly

I was delighted with the coverage concerning companion animals in the last issue of the News Review. However, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that it is illegal in Maryland to transport a dog in the open bed of a truck.

Although the picture of the dog with goggles was cute, if he was in fact being transported that way, he was in danger. It is not uncommon for dogs in this situation, if they are not tethered to the truck, to fall out of the truck and be hurt or killed.

It is also not uncommon for dogs who are tethered to the truck bed to end up hanged as they fall out of, or are thrown out of, the open truck bed.

Kris White

THANKS

Veterans' Day, November 11 brought many donors to the Greenbelt blood drive at the Community Center. There were 55 donors and 46 pints of blood were collected by the Red Cross. The blood will be used in Iraq and by hurricane victims in Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida.

As usual, Red Cross personnel and volunteers helped make the blood drive a success.

The next blood drive will be held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 21 from 1 to 8 p.m.

Those not contacted by the Red Cross for an appointment should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome to fill in for those who did not make their scheduled appointment.

Janet Goldberg Recreation Coordinator

CARES

Conflict management and decision-making groups have begun at Springhill Lake Elementary. The groups will be facilitated by Laura Mercer, school psychologist, and Olivia Moore and Jamie Wilson, MSW interns.

Crisis intervention counselors (CICs) completed a series of four presentations to the Greenbelt Police Department during October and November as part of an ongoing training for its officers. The CICs spoke about their interactive role with the Police Department and answered questions from officers regarding the relationship between the CICs and the police.

Community

Wright Stuff Is Local 5K Run/Walk

The Prince George's Running Club's Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5K Fun Run and Walk will be held Saturday, December 3 at 8 a.m. at Greenbelt Youth Center. The race celebrates the milestone of the 102nd anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight. The 5 kilometer course (3.1 miles), which includes two loops around Greenbelt Lake, is certified by USA Track and Field.

Race registration is limited to the first 100 entries received. There is a fee and a discount for early registration by mail. The first 100 registrants receive longsleeved T-shirts and post race refreshments. There will be certificates given to the top three finishers in each 10-year age group. All runners will also be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes.

For an entry form send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Austin Conaty, 8150 Lakecrest Drive, #710, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Call 301-982-9246 or visit the website www.pgrc.org for more information and a PDF downloadable registration form. The website also contains a link for online registration through www.active.com.

Now in its 21st year, the Prince George's Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, training and fun runs in Prince George's County.

Star Party to Be Held Friday Night

On Friday evening, November 18 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will



host a star party at Wolfe field on Northway extended. Members plan to begin setting up telescopes at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mars continues to shine, as it was recently closer to earth than anytime in the past two years. Also, persons who stay late may see several meteors, as the peak of the Leonid meteor shower will have occurred early Friday morning. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies, the star party will be canceled without further notice. More information about other ASG events can be found at the website at: http:// www.greenbeltastro.org/ events.shtml.

ERHS Football Team

GHI Notes

Fall gutter cleaning will start next week. (See gutter cleaning ad on page 5.)

November 24 and 25 – GHI offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Emergency maintenance services will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

Park Collects Food

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, will collect non-perishable food items as a part of the Federal Women's Food Drive to help the Capital Area Food Bank. Collection boxes at the Park headquarters will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The food drive runs through Sunday, November 20.

The park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-344-3948.

Lakecrest Traffic Light Celebration

Finally, after years of lobbying, a traffic light has been installed at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive.

Join the Greenbelt City Council, County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters and State Highway Administration District Engineer Charlie Watkins as they commemorate this important achievement. A dedication/celebration event will be held Monday, November 21 at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive.

In the event of bad weather the event will be held at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Holiday Kick-off At Beltway Plaza

Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lion's Club will launch the holiday season at the mall this Saturday, November 19 with the annual toy drive and holiday parade. The toy drive is in its 14th year, with a goal of raising over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to needy families, orphanages, churches and hospitals. Toys will be collected until Sunday, December 18 in a large bright green and red toy box off the mall's center court.

Events kick off at 2 p.m. with the 14th Annual Toy Drive Parade when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire engine bringing in the holiday spirit and accompanied by Redskinettes, Miss Greenbelt, the Bowie State Band, local dignitaries and elected officials including Mayor Judith Davis and Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. Following the parade festivities move inside the mall, where the Redskinettes will sign autographs. There will be face painting, balloon sculpting, a magic show and costumed characters for children to meet and pose with for photos.

At the Library

The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 23 and remain closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Children

Tuesday, November 22, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 23, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Adults

Tuesday, November 22, 7 p.m. – Teen book discussion, ages 13 to 18. Call branch for details



Tuesday, December 6 7:30 – 9 p.m. For 7th and 8th Grade Applicants

Friends Community School in College Park is now accepting applications for its 7th and 8th grades. FCS teaches young people to be life-long learners and to reach their fullest potential as individuals and contributing members of society. The 7th and 8th grades will include:

Alison Gary

Energy Saving Tip

The U.S. Department of Energy has provided a few energysaving tips for homeowners. Install a programmable or setback thermostat that "remembers" to lower the temperature during the day. Every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity not used saves more than 1 ½ pounds of carbon dioxide from being pumped into the atmosphere. – Department of Energy

> Mowatt Memorial UMC Fall Craft Fair Saturday November 19th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 40 Ridge Road Variety of Crafts • Childrens Craft Table • Door Prizes Lunch – Desserts for Sale

In State Playoffs

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will play Charles H. Flowers High School in football on Saturday, November 19 at 1 p.m. at Flowers High School, 10001 Ardmore-Arwich Road.

The game is part of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association's Class A Championship tournament.

There is a nominal admission fee for each game.

- Small class size
- Individualized instruction
- Individual research with primary source documents
- Overnight camping and canoe trips in neighboring states
- Hands-on science inquiry including Project Jason
- Real life problem solving
- Service to school and community
- Community building within the class and the school community
- Units of study will include: 20th Century issues, Greenbelt's history and philosophy, world religions and cross-cultural comparisons with Japan.

FCS is currently located at 4601 Calvert Road, College

Park. We will move into our new building surrounded by Greenbelt Park in September 2006. For further information, please phone 301-699-6086.



Victor Nicholson: A Tribute

by Sandra Lange

Many of us on the News Review staff knew Victor Nicholson mostly as the husband of Elaine Skolnik, president emeritus and longtime news editor for the paper. But Vic was a very remarkable person in his own right. He and Elaine had lost their first spouses (his to cancer and hers to a sudden heart attack) when they married in 1985. He was 73 years old, 13 years older than she, and she worried about whether they would have a long life together. It lasted 20 years. Vic died on October 24 at age 93 when Alzheimer's disease claimed him.

Vic was born in Atlantic City, N.J., on December 12, 1912. He was one of four children raised by an impoverished Scottish father and an Irish mother. Nevertheless, he told an interviewer some years ago that he had a happy and carefree childhood.

After World War II he was able to take government-paid courses in electronics, transistors, communications and advanced math. Though he never received a college degree, he worked for companies such as Philco and Bendix as a coil engineer. He later went into business for himself as a TV repairman.

Vic's career zoomed into high gear in the 1960s when he obtained a job at a cable company called Jerrold Electronics, founded by former Pennsylvania governor Milton Shapp. Vic became a pioneer in one of the first cable TV systems in the country. His technical skills flourished as he worked as an engineer, a consultant, a salesman, an instructor and an inventor with several patents to his credit.

In the early 1970s he was recruited by the Urban Institute to set up a cable TV information center where he wrote a manual on technical standards in the cable TV industry. In 1978 he obtained a patent for two-way cable communication. Penn State initiated the system and offered educational programs over four channels to all cable TV systems in the state. The schools were linked by microwave and cable to Penn State. Vic was very proud of this achievement.



He retired from the Urban Institute in 1978 and spent much of the last 20 years of his life marketing his patent for a broad twoway video highway. During this time Elaine was his helper, accompanying him to meetings with government officials, writing letters and making phone calls.

We on the News Review staff admired Vic for his gracious attitude and smiling demeanor. His love for Elaine was evident in many ways. Because she did not drive, he brought her to the News Review office every Tuesday afternoon, waiting patiently for her as she performed her tasks of editing, writing, talking to reporters, assigning stories. He whiled away the hours reading in the library or snoozing in the paper's office. He never complained and was proud that Elaine was as busy and productive in her own right as he was.

Vic had a passion for playing tennis and continued this sport into his 80s. He could talk for hours about his ideas for cable TV broadcasting. He and Elaine supported each other emotionally. They had a rich family life filled with children and grandchildren. He was her soul mate. This quiet, gentle renaissance man will be greatly missed.

Vigil for Justine Shoop Held in Roosevelt Center

by Mary Moien

Justine Shoop hung out at Roosevelt Center. Many residents knew her. On Monday night, November 14 a candlelight vigil was held for this homeless woman who was killed crossing Greenbelt Road on November 9. About 75 people gathered in the Center near Justine's picture and a makeshift shrine of candles at the Mother and Child statue. From children to teens to other homeless adults, they stood holding candles and listening to friends reminisce about her.

Her friend Rick told the gathering that Justine would be pleased to see the crowd as she thought no one cared about her. But, he said, "This is Greenbelt" and people care here. Another friend called Justine a lost soul but a woman who loved life.

The service was organized by the homeless community in Greenbelt, assisted by Rev. Bobbi Troyer, whose "StreetLights" ministry works with the homeless. Pastor Mark Johnson of Greenbelt Baptist Church, as well as Rev. Troyer and several singers and musicians from the church participated in the vigil. Rev. Troyer addressed the other homeless people by stating that the Center is their "living room" and she has been invited into it. She spoke about homeless issues and then moved into a brief prayer service, praying for Justine and other homeless women and men. Her exhortations to move away from alcohol and drugs were met with "Amens." Music included "Amazing Grace" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Konrad Herling and Chef Lou arrived bearing refreshments from the reception held for the new city council.

Shoop is survived by her friend Rick and by her parents and a daughter who live in Pennsylvania.

UM Musical Reading

On Monday, November 21 at 8 p.m. "Lift: Icarus and Me," a musical reading will be given at Kogod Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is a reading of a work in progress. A full production will be presented in February. This event is free.

Giant Begins Bonus Program for Schools

Giant Food is encouraging area residents to help provide cash grants to local public or private schools by participating in their A+ BonusBucks program for the 2005/2006 academic year.

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death, and the living creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed signs for people of understanding." - The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

That was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail searchislam@mail.om or visit www.islamguide.com.

Results of the first administration of Maryland's grade 10 English assessment (English 2) have been released on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website.

The Maryland State Board set passing scores on the assessments at its October Meeting. Newly released high school data can be found at MSDE's report card site, www.mdreportcard.org.

With the release of the English assessment scores, the report card site includes preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for high schools. Graduation rates and geometry results were published in August.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), schools must show progress in both reading and mathematics across all grade levels and in all race/ethnicity and special services categories. If a school is unable to make progress in all areas, including attendance, for two consecutive years, it is identified for School Improvement status and faces a variety of requirements designed to bring about improvements.

Open Guarneri Rehearsal at UM

The Guarneri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal on Monday, November 21 at 7 p.m. Now in its 23rd year in residence at the University of Maryland School of Music, this legendary quartet continues its tradition of on-campus, open rehearsals. This free event will take place in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Royal Gutter Services, Inc. and Metro Gutter, Inc. will begin the 2005 Fall Gutter Cleaning on <u>Monday, November 21, 2005</u>, weather permitting. The process will take approximately one month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Kenny Grimes at 301-474-4161, ext. 129 or Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161, ext. 141, if you have any questions or comments.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 21st

Monday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule Tuesday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule Wednesday Route: Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule Thursday Route: Refuse collected on Wednesday <u>No</u> Recycling Collection There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 25.

Meetings for November 21-25

Monday, November 21, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Ball Field Lighting – with PRAB, Municipal Building.

CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION

7 CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 2005-2 Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation has ini-

tiated by legislative action (pursuant to another annexation petition received by the City) to annex 75.4634 acres of land more or less consisting of Prince George's County Tax Map 26, Parcel 93 as listed in the assessment and taxation records of the State of Maryland, and as recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 14327, folio 351 and containing 75.4634 acres more or less, being on the west side of Cherrywood Lane, south of the Capital Beltway (I-495), and northwest of the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive.

The exact legal description and a survey plat of the above properties are on file with the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 and are available for inspection during normal business hours.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this proposed annexation on November 28, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Additional public hearings may be held by the City Council before and/or after the above date. Information regarding such public hearings as well as the dates, times and places of any City Council work sessions at which this petition will be discussed, may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 301-474-8000. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date and at any other public hearings held on this matter. Written comments may be either presented at those hearings or sent to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 2005-3

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation has

received a petition for annexation of land containing 86.4576 acres of land consisting of Parts One, Two, and Three as recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 12318, folio 654 and containing 85.941 acres more or less, and consisting of Part Five as recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber 7385, folio 245 and containing .5166 acres more or less, commonly known as the South Core of the Greenbelt Metropark, LLC Development, being north of Branchville Road, east of the CSX Railroad tracks and south of the Greenbelt Metro Station. The exact legal description and a survey plat of the above properties are on file with the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 and are available for inspection during normal business hours. The City Council will hold a public hearing on this proposed annexation on November 28, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Additional public hearings may be held by the City Council before and/or after the above date. Information regarding such public hearings as well as the dates, times and places of any City Council work sessions at which this petition will be discussed, may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 301-474-8000. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing on the above date and at any other public hearings held on this matter. Written comments may be either presented at those hearings or sent to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS &

COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Employee Relations Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee (Openings for adult & youth positions.) For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD TRAINING

Prince George's County Office of Community Relations, Community Mediation and Conflict Resolution Collaborative (CMCRC) is sponsoring training for the Greenbelt Community Mediation Board (CMB). Training is being extended to residents interested in learning conflict resolution techniques for personal and/or professional development. Training is free for Greenbelt Residents and will consist of 50 hours of training. Six slots are available on a first come basis. Please call 301-345-7203 if you would like to enroll.

LEAF COLLECTION

Public Works will collect loose leaves with the leaf vacuum from November 7, 2005-January 20, 2006. Residents should rake leaves to the curb, but not onto the street. Make sure to remove all sticks and stones from the piles as these can damage the machinery. Areas will be posted prior to collection. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows: November 21-25:Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, and Windsor Green November 28-December 2: Lakewood December 5-9: Lakeside

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ **PUBLIC ACCESS** CHANNEL 71 **MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, November 21 at 8:00pm: City Council Work Session (live) Tuesday&Thursday, November 22 & 24: 10am & 6:00pm "Ask the Expert," 7pm "Greenbelt American Legion presents its Veterans Day Ceremony," 7:30pm "Greenbelt Concert Band" 8:30pm Council Work Session of 11/21."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:Wednesday & Friday, November 23 & 25: Call for Schedule.

<u>Review</u> Greenbelt Film Fest Unreels

by Eli Flam

There was a lot to see at the Greenbelt Utopia Film & Video Festival. Nine full-length feature films/documentaries plus a welter of local and experimental shorts were woven through the weekend of November 11-13 and repeat showings gave those who came a run for their money at four sites in Roosevelt Center.

Principal sponsor was GATE – Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. which works with mostly young or amateur film/videomakers in Community Center facilities. At a reception Thursday evening, GATE President Bob Zugby and four city councilmembers saluted the endeavor, reportedly first of its kind in the county (whose Arts Council gave a \$1,000 grant while Christie, a major multi-media manufacturer, loaned two projectors).

To the side, activist Doug Love said the aim was to create an annual tradition: "Next year in Greenbelt!" The idea to hold the festival was born, said director George Kochell, as young minions he worked with at GATE won prizes for their shorts at gatherings in Ottawa, Kalamazoo and elsewhere. Board member Tom White suggested the Utopia tag because Greenbelt was a planned community, recalled GATE administrator/ festival executive director Malia Murray.

It started midday Friday with two full-length films. A recent documentary, "The Same River Twice," debuted a screen set up at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). In 1978 a batch of young Californians disport on a month-long whitewater raft trip in the Grand Canyon (utopia, anyone?) but things are much more pedestrian when five of their lives are recapped two decades later.

Meanwhile, at Old Greenbelt Theatre, "A Very Long Engagement"– a French drama shown publicly in the last year – tracked a determined young woman on an antic, at times frantic search for her soldier fiancee in World War I. Yes, Malia Murray said, the movie was programmed with Veteran's Day – that day – in mind. On a crisp fall day, though, only eight viewers came.

While Old Greenbelt wouldn't be available again until Saturday at noon, in the Arts Center a lineup of 11 Local Short Films opened (for an audience of a dozen) with Gary Jimerfield's "Fantasy for D II." As a semiearthly sound track (credited to Uma) teased out, the color camera repeatedly scanned a table spotted with variously-shaped smallish objects plus a pair of plasticine hands cradling eggs. Next: "My Punishment," by Nick Gervasi with an assist from Robert G. Rutledge. In black and white the viewer was hurried past walls crammed with family-type photos, into one then another bedroom, back and forth with a hard-driving trio of young boys playing rock (in the garage?). On to "The Jessie Brown Show 2," by Alan Haley: Two spiffed-up female dolls joined by an evilqueen stepmother yakked it up until (up music) they turned into (plastic) frogs

Schlepp (Joe Hansard, who also wrote and directed) delivering luggage mislaid at Baltimore-Washington airport. Complete to a worker-buddy, nasty supervisor and the girl of his dreams – Miss Randallstown –"Transportation" found its way to a jokey epiphany. Hansard's creation was a sample from the "Best of the 48-Hour Film Project," a program set for Saturday night – in site #3, the City Council meeting room.

At GAC it was time for the next program, "Exploding the Frame," wherein some 17 - count 'em, 17 experimental shorts from as far as Singapore spun out in roughly an hour-and-a-half for roughly the same audience. The longest film, the U.K.'s Robert Robertson's "Water and Light," logged in at 11 minutes; Robertson and Chris Lynn of Riverdale, who has taught and filmed in London, each had several entries in the first half of the program (sub-headed Landscapes), Lynn weighing in with separate "Summer/Autumn/Winter Movement" that mostly limned nature scenes. The second half, subheaded "The Allure of Travel," went from Lynn Loo's "Landscape and Memory Floating" to Adam Whitehall's "For All My Friends . . ." where "a timequake of depression" was despatched futurely. Several films lacked sound tracks for technical reasons.

Devoted viewers could then grab a bite and breathe fresh air in Roosevelt Center before evening showings in the Arts Center. In the "world premiere" of "The Studio," localite Chris Haley wrestled with his personal destiny; "Day of the Wacko" was a Polish comedy in which a teacher tussled with his destiny. (The subtitles didn't cooperate at the start but Malia Murray told patient viewers that this was their Polish lesson for the day.)

Saturday dawned brightly; from midday to almost midnight two of the festival's four sites – the Arts Center and City Hall – ran feature films and shorts new and reshown - notably Murray's "Paris, January Susan 2005;" Gervasi's "Tessamatuck," a close look at a dispute in Southern Maryland over building McManses on putative Native American and Indian burial grounds; and Nonny de la Pena's "Unconstitutional," recording the Prince George's County Bill of Rights Defense Committee contesting aspects of the Patriot Act.

In turn, Old Greenbelt Theatre screened a poetical South Korean-

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of the original unit; a maximum width of 12 feet; a maximum depth that does not exceed the width of the original unit; a minimum serviceside setback of one foot four inches, or the extent of the decorative brick banding, whichever is greater. Consideration must be given to the distance between the addition and neighboring structures.

All additions to block units – both gardenside and end – are required to use flat roofs.

No serviceside additions are permitted for block units.

Brick Units

The proposals for additions to brick units (Section G in the rules) are very similar to those for block units, with a few exceptions. GHI has approximately 318 brick units. The similarities are as follows. Proposed rules state that gardenside additions must have: a maximum height of one story; a maximum depth of 12 feet from the exterior face of the original structure; a maximum width of two-thirds of the width of the original structure. Additional rules relate to the placement of the addition walls related to adjacent units. Brickunit owners, though, have three roof options for gardenside additions: a shed roof with the roof pitch equal to that of the original unit; a shed roof with a pitch of 3:12 or a flat roof. Additional rules affect the placement of the walls related to the lot and adjacent units.

For brick end-unit additions, the committee's proposals include: a maximum height of two stories, with the roof peak of the addition not extending above the roof peak of the original

structure; a maximum width of 12 feet from the original structure: a maximum depth that does not exceed the width of the original unit measured from serviceside to gardenside; a maximum gardenside extension of four feet from the exterior face of the original unit; gable roofs with the same pitch as the original structure; and a minimum serviceside setback of one foot four inches or the extent of the decorative brick banding, whichever is greater. Consideration must be given to the distance between the addition and neighboring structures.

No serviceside additions are permitted for brick units.

Frame Units

For GHI's approximately 992 frame units the committee proposes the following changes (Section H in the rules): For gardenside additions, a maximum height of one story; a maximum depth of 12 feet from the exterior face of the original structure; a maximum width of two thirds the width of the original unit unless the original unit is less than 21 feet wide, in which case the addition can be 21 feet wide; and three roof options - a shed roof with the pitch matching that on the original unit, a shed roof with a pitch of 3:12 or a flat roof.

For frame end-unit additions, the following is proposed: a maximum height of two stories, with the roof peak of the addition not extending above the roof peak of the original structure; a maximum width of 12 feet from the original structure; a maximum depth that does not exceed the width of the original unit measured from serviceside to gardenside; a maximum gardenside extension of four feet from the exterior face of the original unit; a minimum service side setback of one foot four inches from the exterior serviceside face of the original unit or flush with the service side face of the original unit and have the peak of the addition's roof at least 18 inches lower than the roof peak on the original unit; gable roofs with the same pitch as the original structure and a ridge parallel to the original unit.

Proposed changes to rules for serviceside additions are still under consideration and will be presented to the GHI board of directors at a later date.

Artists Hold Fall Open House Sun.

The artists of Passageways Studios will hold their annual Fall Open Studios on Sunday, November 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale, one block east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Route 410 (East-West Highway).

Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties.

Artwork including print-making, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios.

Light refreshments will be served.



After two more doll-driven shorts, time for a change of pace with real live performers (thanks went to the Screen Actors Guild) and a real story line. "Lost in Transportation" (remember Hollywood's "Lost in Translation"?) had shlump-along Joe

German production ("Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter . . . and Spring") twice and two free programs filled the afternoon in the Greenbelt Library meeting room downstairs. First, from the county library system's Audio/Visual Department, was "Movie-making in the Utopian Spirit' with King Vidor's "Our Daily Bread" (1934) and "The City," made for the 1939 New York World's Fair. The urgent "Bread" led an out-of-work young couple from the city to neglected farmland, where dozens of other needful folk joined in for a fresh start against long odds. "Everything in a common pot!" was the cry. Sound like early Greenbelt? In turn, "The City" - big on fresh air and being close to the soil - featured lots of footage on this thennew experiment in community living. (Kent Moore, veteran head of

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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.

Assaults

November 1, 2:31 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a resident youth and two nonresident youths were charged with second degree assault for allegedly punching another youth several times after he accidentally bumped into one of the youths inside the school.

November 4, 12:34 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a man reported that he was walking on the footpath when he was approached by two other men. One of the men blew cigarette smoke in the victim's face and then threw rocks at the victim, hitting him in the back. All three then fled the scene. The suspects are described as a white male, 6', wearing a black hat and a white shirt and a white male, 5'7", wearing a green hat and a dark colored shirt.

November 4, 5:50 p.m., Beltway Plaza, police on foot patrol observed a suspicious person inside the mall. A computer check revealed that the man had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's Sheriff's Department. When police attempted to place him into custody, he tried to run from them. A struggle ensued, at which time the man assaulted two police officers and damaged property belonging to a merchant. As he was being transported to the station, he kicked out the rear passenger window of the marked police cruiser and damaged the interior. He was turned over to the Sheriff's Department for service of the warrant. The next day warrants were obtained charging the nonresident man with two counts of second-degree assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and two counts of malicious destruction.

November 4, 10:44 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking into an apartment building when he observed several people inside the hallway. One of them struck the man with a baton-type object and then all of the suspects fled the scene. The victim did not require any medical attention.

November 7, 5:20 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the victims reported that they were in the parking lot when a vehicle with two persons pulled up alongside them. The driver produced a bb-type pellet gun and fired several shots at the victims, then fled the scene toward Hanover Parkway. No one was injured. The vehicle is described as a black late model 4door, possibly a Toyota Camry, with a "For Sale" sign in the front window area. The driver was described as a black male, 6', 160 pounds with black hair, wearing all black clothing and a black ski mask.

amount of money, the man fled on foot in an unknown direction. He is described as a black male, 5'4", 155 pounds with brown hair, wearing a blue long sleeved shirt, a black hat and sunglasses.

November 7, 9:39 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a woman reported that she was in the front parking lot of the mall when she was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded her purse. After taking money out of the woman's purse, he fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male approximately twenty years of age, 6'1", 160 pounds, wearing a black windbreaker-type jacket with red trim on the sleeves and a black baseball cap.

Drug Arrests

November 7, 1:29 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police on foot patrol observed the two in the hallway of an apartment building. Upon approaching them police detected the odor of what they believed to be marijuana. The youth was found to possess suspected marijuana and the man had paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. The man was released on citation pending trial.

November 9, 5:32 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police, responding to an unrelated call, observed two people sitting in a vehicle possibly smoking marijuana. When approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. Upon seeing the police, the man attempted to eat the suspected marijuana cigarette he was smoking. He was released on citation pending trial.

November 9, 6:46 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and trespass when police responded to a report of several people possibly smoking marijuana. The man was located in the area and found to possess paraphernalia commonly used to package marijuana. Further investigation revealed that he had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Pedestrian Fatality On Greenbelt Road

On Wednesday, November 9 at approximately 11:38 p.m., police responded to a report of a pedestrian struck in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road. Preliminary investigation revealed that Justine Shoop, 36, of no fixed address was traveling on foot across Greenbelt Road when she was struck by a 2000 Nissan Maxima 4-door traveling westbound on the road. She was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the Maxima, a 53-year-old Greenbelt resident, remained on the scene. He has not been charged in the accident. Investigation is continuing.

that the vehicle had been stolen in Prince George's County. The suspects were tracked by a K-9 to the area of Nightingale Drive and Nightingale Court, where one of them assaulted a police officer and again attempted to flee the area. The youth was apprehended with the assistance of the K-9 and handler. The youth was treated for minor injuries received during the apprehension and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

November 7, 8:37 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police, responding to a call for service, observed the man sitting in an apartment building hallway and recognized him as having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

November 4, in reference to the malicious burning reported November 4 at Mandan Road and Mathew Street, investigation revealed that the burned vehicle, a 1994 Cadillac Deville 4-door, had been reported to the Montgomery County Police as stolen.

A 1991 Infiniti G20 4-door was stolen from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Emily's Way (two incidents), 65 court Ridge Road, 5 court Eastway, 10 court Southway, Roosevelt Center, 100 block Westway, Lakeside Drive and Westway, Rosewood Drive and Periwinkle Court, 100 block Periwinkle Court, 6000 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents) and Beltway Plaza.

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targets arrests for DUI.

According to Craze, Kaiser is one of the most highly trained police officers in the region in the field of crash investigations. He is one of a few state-certified Drug Recognition Experts and assists the Maryland State Police and Prince George's County Police in these areas. He has taught school resource officers and investigators and coordinated bringing the Safe and Sober program to Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Park Police Honoree

Anthony R. Giannino was honored as Park Police -Greenbelt Station Officer of the Year for 2005. His award was presented by Lt. John Dewey who selected Officer Giannino on the basis of work production. Though Giannino has only worked for about six months at the Greenbelt station which jurisdiction includes the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, he has made 102 arrests for DWI, drug offenses, speeding and reckless driving, in addition to apprehending a fugitive from justice, making 41 arrests for traffic violations and minor criminal offenses and issuing 1,101 traffic citations.

Firefighter Award

James Silcox was presented the Firefighter of the Year for 2005 award by Brian Rudy, chief of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, for the heroism and bravery he demonstrated while fighting a fire on May 14. The Greenbelt fire department and other crews were fighting a fire in a three-story building on Lake Park Drive when the ceiling and roof collapsed, trapping two firefighters on the top floor. Firefighter Silcox freed them by clearing by hand the debris that had fallen on them and, even when his protective gloves came off, he continued to work with his bare hands in the heat and embers. He sustained second-degree burns to both hands during this very brave act.

Special Award

Craze also presented a Special Chief's Award to the Emergency Response Unit. Under the direction of MPO Barry Byers, the unit responded to the call of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency for tactical officers to go to Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, taking and returning the department's armored personnel carrier by truck. The chief read a letter from the director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association who extended "profound appreciation and gratitude for your goodwill and generosity" and stated that "we will always remember you as cherished friends."



Anthony Giannino (left) listens as Mayor Judith Davis bestows the honor to him of Park Police - Greenbelt Station Officer of the Year for 2005.

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Robberies

November 5, 11:33 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a teller at the Chevy Chase Bank inside Giant Food reported that a man walked up to the teller and passed a note announcing a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed

Theft

November 9, 7600 block Mandan Road, a nonresident youth was arrested for motor vehicle theft, resisting arrest, assault and fleeing and eluding. Police observed a vehicle being driven in a suspicious manner and a traffic stop was attempted. The vehicle, a 1995 Mazda 626 4-door, fled the scene across Greenbelt Road onto Mandan Road. Three occupants exited the vehicle in the area of Greenbury Drive and Craddock Road, fleeing the area on foot. Investigation revealed

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1-B Gardenway

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MoMoMa Project Is Topic of Museum Lecture FILMFEST continued from page 6

7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture, "From Greenbelt to Columbia: Sustaining a Modern Legacy," in the Multipurpose Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The speakers, University of Maryland professors Isabelle Gournay and Mary Corbin Sies, are both Greenbelt residents. Together they are conducting an in-depth, statewide survey of Modern Movement buildings and landscapes from 1930 to 1972. The Modern Movement in Maryland (MoMoMa) project is funded by a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, the state's historic preservation office. One of the study's major objectives is to increase public awareness of the need to document and preserve the recent past both for its cultural significance and its aesthetic value.

Greenbelt is a key resource for the MoMoMa survey. The lecture will begin by placing the New Deal and World War II era Greenbelt in the context of the international and statewide history of the Modern Movement. This community was the first comprehensive combination of social engineering and modern design in the United States.

Both professional and citizen community-builders shaped Greenbelt's design elements such as the superblock configuration of the townhouse clusters, the garden apartments, the Center School (presently Com-

On Tuesday November 22 at munity Center), Roosevelt Center, the recreational complexes and cooperative institutions into one of the most progressive and influential experiments on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Greenbelt popularized patterns of suburban design and democratized community planning that proved influential across the entire state and country and even in post-World War II Europe.

The 50s and 60s

The second part of the lecture will emphasize Greenbelt's growth in the 1950s and 1960s. The speakers will look at the city's ongoing contributions of high quality modern design, examining resources often overshadowed by the original built environment from the New Deal.

Examples include the religious complexes on Ridge and Crescent Roads, houses on Lakeside Drive, the architecture of public service and garden apartment complexes such as Springhill Lake Apartments. Some of these, such as the GHI maintenance building, are examples of a functional modernism but many more exemplify the user-friendly, ecological and site-specific "situated modernism" that many Marylanders embraced during the Baby Boom years.

Arguably, Maryland's most recognized historic properties hark back to the colonial era but Greenbelt has developed a varied modern landscape of great significance and high integrity. Many important resources from the recent past have already been demolished or inharmoniously altered and more are threatened because Marylanders are not used to thinking of twentieth century buildings as historic. Greenbelt is poised to lead the way in educating the state's residents about preservation of the recent past.

For information contact the museum office at 301-507-6582 or museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Gingerbread House Workshop Dec. 10

A gingerbread house-making workshop will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10 at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights. The workshop is co-sponsored by the church and is part of the College Park Arts Exchange season program "College Park Celebrates the Seasons."

Participants can make a beautiful and potentially tasty seasonal sculpture. Gingerbread house parts, icing and a variety of candies will be provided to participants. Preregistration and prepayment are required. (See ad on page 2.) Send name, number attending and payment for the cost of materials to the College Park Arts Exchange, P.O. Box 784, College Park, MD 20740. Call 301-927-3013 or email info@cpae.org for more information.

the Audio/Visual Department, reminded that many of his 27,000 films/2,500 CDs could be requested from lists at any county library.)

Then hosts Barbara Simon, president of GAVA - Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts - and "Mister Geo," George Kochell as animation instructor for GAVA, presented a spirited program (seen by around 30) that pivoted on shorts "written and created by our own local talented children, aged 10-16 years old, from the GAVA/GATE Animation course." A quick sampler: Christopher Lehman's "Green Concrete" fought against rampant English ivy; Tucker Bane's "Roffle" kept busy in several shorts by helping others; Jamal Collins' "Top Flight" zoomed ahead.

Sunday afternoon saw mostly renewed screenings of feature films - and festival organizers, volunteers and GATE board members drawing deep breaths. Despite "a few snafus" and limited ticket sales, the consensus was that the festival "went off very well," said Malia Murray.

"There were really great films," added Daithi Htun, GATE board vice-president and member of the festival committee. "We're on the right track. Maybe we didn't reach enough people this time (236 tickets were sold), but we're learning." He mentioned two older ladies from Bladens-burg and Washington, D.C., who loved the festival and suggested handing out survey forms.

The overall budget was \$18,000. Starting earlier next time, organizers believe they can get more sponsors and promote more effectively. A postmortem meeting was coming up to see what the future holds. Will the decision be, "Next year in Greenbelt?"





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ERHS Athletic Director Is Graduate of School

by Johari Malik, ERHS senior



teaching and coaching at ERHS for several years and has truly made a difference in the lives of his students.

Capece, a graduate of ERHS himself, obtained a degree from the University of Michigan in marketing and business but then decided to teach. This decision was made after he started coaching in college. Capece "enjoyed working with younger kids."

"I thought I could really connect and might be able to make a difference," says Capece of his decision to go into the field of teaching.

In his opinion, motivating a student who has had trouble in math is one of the toughest obstacles he faces. Making students "think they can be successful" has been a part of Capece's own success as an educator. He believes that every student "has the ability in them if they work hard and stick with it."

This success became tangible recently when last year's High School Assessment scores were released. Of Capece's classes, ninety percent passed the HSA. Capece labeled this as a favorite moment in teaching. It meant a lot to him because the class "really worked hard in trying to get ready for the test" and all of their hard work paid off.

"It means that we, as a class, were successful," says Capece, smiling. He was proud of his students' accomplishments and glad that he was able to achieve his goal of making them believe in their own ability.

As if being a compassionate and successful teacher and coach were not enough, Capece also took on the role of athletic director at ERHS. "I didn't really want to do it," admits Capece. He has been in this role for about five years now, ever since the previous athletic director, Mrs. Courtillet, asked for his help. "It's a lot of work sometimes with all the paper work but now for the most part I enjoy it."

Although the job was not one that he sought out but that found him, Capece still devotes a lot of his time to making sure everything is done above and beyond what is necessary or expected. He helps out all of the athletic teams while still devoted to his own varsity baseball. He does everything from arranging team pictures to working at the concession stand during a competition hosted by the ERHS cheerleaders.

"He's been really nice and he's helped us out a lot," says cheerleading coach Jenny Cochran. This sentiment is shared by the other coaches as well as the entire cheerleading squad.

If he were not teaching, Capece says that he would "probably be tucked in some business field," using his degree in marketing. "Marketing, advertising, finance, that's what I was doing in college. And I was pretty good at that stuff," says Capece.

"If you're going to do it, really get into it," Capece says, sharing some advice for prospective educators. "Don't do it for the money, obviously, and don't complain about it after," Capece said with a laugh."

Veteran's Day Ceremony **GES** Offers a Solemn Tribute continued from page 1 hour earlier than scheduled and

stay after school has been let out to get her work done. But it's worth it, Segredo says, when she sees how much progress her students are making.

"It's so rewarding," she says about her job. "I'll be doing this until they kick me out of here, most definitely."

Carol Bennett

Carol Bennett says her nickname for her 24 kindergarten students is "the wise old owls."



true kindergarteners - just regular five year olds - but really wise,' she says.

Bennett, who has been teaching since 1994, is in her third vear at Greenbelt Elementary School. The Hartford, Conn., native has also taught pre-kindergarten and first grade and in previous summers worked with older children in enrichment programs.

Although Bennett says she enjoys working with older children, she likes teaching younger ones best. "I just feel like they're really, really willing to learn," she says.

Bennett became interested in teaching when she was a teenager. All her jobs - at daycare centers and with summer youth programs, for example – involved working with younger children. In high school she decided she wanted to teach them.

Bennett received an undergraduate degree in early childhood education from Howard University. She then earned a master's at National-Louis University in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on curriculum and instruction.

The kindergarteners focus on reading, math and socialization skills, Bennett says, adding that she enjoys teaching in GES because the program has a good structure. "I like the fact that the kids are getting an academic-type setting but also get to work socially . . . it's pretty balanced."

"I like it here," she says of Greenbelt. "I love the children, they're very sweet . . . It's a nice school."

ment of the great debt owed to our nation's veterans and gratitude for their sacrifices and those of their families were the themes of this year's Greenbelt American Legion Post #136's

Memorial Serwas held on the dience. morning of No-

vember 11 near the Veterans' Memorial in Roosevelt Center. Approximately 100 people attended the 45-minute ceremony.

Following presentation of the flag by the color guard of the Greenbelt Police Department, singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Post #136's chaplain, Post #136 Commander John Osterfield opened the ceremony, remarking on the debt America owes these men and women - "the people protecting our heritage."

Rosita Dietrich, who leads American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136, introduced Rusty Beeg, the Department (State) Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary and a Gold Star Mother in attendance. She read a short story illustrating the courage and patriotism of all who have served their country.

A representative for Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson, who was unable to attend because of an illness in his family, spoke of his "great pride" regarding his service in the Army and that of all veterans. Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters thanked the American Legion on behalf of the county council, called for prayers for the troops in current service and noted that veterans "have set themselves above the rest of us.'

Mayor Judith Davis was joined by city councilmembers with the exception of Leta Mach, who had a prior family engagement. Davis thanked all in attendance for choosing to honor the veterans,



by Carol Griffith

Veteran's Day Rosietta Deitrick, who leads the have and some-American Legion Auxiliary Unit times take for vice. The service 136, read a short story to the au-granted and

thanked the veterans for "pre-

serving our way of life."

Representatives from the city council, Post #136, Auxiliary Unit 136, the Sons of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans approached the podium while Davis read a city proclamation. The proclamation set the week of November 6 through 12 as National Veterans Awareness Week and noted that this year's celebration also marked some significant anniversaries: 30 years since the American disengagement from Vietnam; 60 years since the end of World War II, including VE and VJ Days; and 140 years since the surrender of the Confederacy at Appomattox. The proclamation called upon the youth to study history and learn of the accomplishments of the veterans and expressed "thanks, gratitude and appreciation" to all veterans.

John C. Morgan, III, senior vice commander of the Greenbelt George H. Seal Memorial Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, thanked all veterans as well as those in attendance. He noted that "it's war again" and called upon those with engineering experience to devise better ways to protect the current troops and improve national security.

City Councilmembers Ed Putens and Rodney Roberts and representatives from Post #136 and the Disabled American Veterans then laid wreaths at the Veterans' Memorial, which was followed by a gun salute and the playing of taps. The ceremony concluded with a prayer by Post #136's chaplain.

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Many thanks to the students and reporters who contributed with articles and photographs.

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grader who had Howell as a freshman.

"She includes you in the lesson and wants your input," mentions ninth grader Rachel

ERHS, Howell says, "I feel really lucky because this is definitely the place to be in Prince George's County." One of her favorite aspects of teaching is working with the other teachers. "They're such amazing people. I've made so many friends here." Howell is close with many of her colleagues, including Sean Brady, Jessica Singer, Richard Renyer and Dayle Robertson. "Sometimes we have dinner or get together for barbecues," she laughs. Howell maintains a balance between her work and her life outside of school. She sings in and directs an a cappella group in Washington, D.C., and spends much of her time reading and going to the gym. In the past four years at ERHS Howell has been able to see her students mature. "Since I have a lot of freshmen, I can watch them grow up into juniors and seniors," she says. "It is really amazing."

In reference to her job at

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"I'm very open to questions during class, even if it's not necessarily what we're talking about," says Howell. "I try to be funny and I'm pretty sarcastic."

Howell grew up in Detroit, Mich., and attended a small high school with a program similar to the Science and Technology program at ERHS. She received her bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and went to the University of Michigan for graduate school.

"Honestly, I never knew what I wanted to do for a living," admits Howell. In college she developed an interest in pest management and alternative methods of pest control in gardens and zoos. However, when this career path did not work out, she decided to become a teacher. "Everyone in my family is a teacher, so I thought, 'Okay, why not?'"

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