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City to Franchise Verizon Cable, Approves Skateboard Park Rules

by James Giese

Presentations

Besides the procedural matters of approving the agenda and consent agenda and the minutes of past meetings, all routine, there were some brief presentations and extensive administrative reports before the council got down to business. Former school board members who reside in Greenbelt were honored by the council for their service. Jose Morales was presented a Mother and Child statuette with a bronze plaque of recognition on it. Abby Crowley will receive a similar plaque but could not attend that night due to illness.

John Burrell of the Local Government Insurance Trust, the insurer to many municipalities including Greenbelt, presented a Safety Team Award in recognition of the work being done by the Greenbelt Safety Team to lower liability risks. The team consists of city employees Consuela Harris, human resources officer, Will Smith of Public Works, Sergeant James Parker of the police, George Rogala of Recreation, Willie Davis of Planning, Community Development and Code Enforcement and Theresa Skaggs of Human Resources.

Bob Doyle and Ed Perry of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club gave the city a check for \$200 as a contribution to the city's emergency fund that assists persons in temporary need of funds to help them through an emergency.

Pictures of the presenters, recipients and councilmembers were taken.

Under Administrative Reports, a section of the agenda reserved for the city manager to make reports of information on matters not previously received by the council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that negotiations on the language of a labor code to recognize the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police as a collective bargaining unit were near satisfactory completion and that an ordinance to adopt the code was expected to be submitted for first reading in January.

This was followed by lengthy commentary from the three councilmembers, Mayor Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach,

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The Greenbelt City Council took a leisurely stroll through a short, noncontroversial agenda and adjourned nearly three and one-half hours later at its only regular meeting this month held on December 11.

As a result of their efforts, an ordinance and resolution were introduced for further consideration in January. The Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League received a belated contribution of half of its normal grant, a letter is to be sent concerning the composition of a Greenbelt West school task force and proposed regulations for the operation of the Greenbelt Skatepark, when it opens, were approved. Also, a modification of tax relief for the Academy Theaters at Beltway Plaza was agreed to in principal, a loan of \$7,500 to renovate space for a yoga studio was approved by consent and Elizabeth Gaines was reappointed to the Employee Relations Board. The latter two actions were done by council approval of the consent agenda without discussion. If adopted, the ordinance will franchise Verizon Maryland, Inc. to provide cable television service in competition with Comcast and the resolution will authorize restoration work on the sculptures of Lenore Thomas.

Cable Service

Fifty minutes after the mayor had called the meeting to order, council got down to its first matter of business, introduction of ordinances and resolutions.

Normally, ordinances and resolutions are introduced without discussion, the purpose being to give councilmembers and citizens an opportunity to read and review them prior to discussion and action at a subsequent meeting (in this case January 8). The two items introduced at this meeting were discussed for 50 minutes.

Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau told council how she and a committee of municipal representatives working with Prince George's County had reached agreement on a standard municipal contract for each municipality to adopt to franchise Verizon as a cable service provider in competition with Comcast. She indicated that the agreement would provide a level playing field upon which the two firms could compete.

Verizon representatives told council they were upgrading all telephone lines to fiber optic in order to offer the cable service. Upgrades are being done by company wire centers, one of which is in Lanham and the other in Berwyn. Work at the Lanham sector, which includes Greenbelt East, is now underway and cable service is expected to be offered in the spring. The upgrading at Berwyn is being expedited and

cable service for the remainder of Greenbelt should be available by the end of next year.

It was noted that where there is competition, service fees have either dropped or held steady instead of increasing. The Verizon representative said his firm's fees would be about \$10 less for comparable service to that of Comcast. He felt that city revenues from its franchise fee charges to cable companies might increase due to some satellite disk subscribers switching to the new service.

The city receives a five percent franchise fee plus a three percent public education fee that can be used to pay expenses for a public access channel. The city allocates two percent of the eight percent to Greenbelt Access Television.

Sheldon Goldberg of Greenbelt East asked if he would be able to get Baltimore channels on Verizon. He was told that was not possible. Greenbelt is designated in the Washington metropolitan area and the cable companies would have to get the approval of local broadcast stations in order to carry Baltimore broadcast channels. Goldberg asked if a listing of channels to be offered by Verizon would be available. He was told that they are on Verizon's website and hardcopies would be available for the January 8 meeting.

Sculpture Conservation

With a matching grant from the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) the city plans to undergo conservation work on the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and on the stone-carved reliefs across the front of the Greenbelt Community Center. These sculptures were done by Lenore Thomas at the time Greenbelt was built by the federal government.

The resolution introduced would award the work to Conservation Solutions, Inc. for a lump sum fee of \$29,064 after the MHT and city staff determined that its bid was the lowest and that it met specifications. It is also under budget.

When asked if the city would lose the unneeded excess MHT grant funds, City Planner Terri Hruby told council that she expected the city and MHT to find another use for them.

Double Dutch

The council dealt rather quickly with a request for city support of the Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League. This group had failed to submit a request at budget time, even after repeated staff efforts to contact them. The group told council that this was due to a mixup. After submitting a late request for a \$4,000 annual

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Greenbelt New Year 2007 Celebrates Local Talent

by Chris Cherry

Talent is the true community treasure of Greenbelt and its richness will be on display on December 31 during the Greenbelt New Year celebration in the historic core of the city.

Beginning at 7 p.m., folksinger and recreation department teacher Melissa Sites will lead the singing at the Community Campfire in Roosevelt Center hosted by the Greenbelt Girl Scouts and featuring storyteller Tim Livengood and genuine Girl Scout s'mores. Just down the steps at the Greenbelt Arts Center the teen performers of Camp Cabaret will present a lively performance. The Arts Center is also the location for the sing-along, stories and s'mores in the event of bad weather.

Not far away, talented teens yearning to be discovered will have their chance at the first-ever Greenbelt Idol contest at the Youth Center, hosted by the Creative Kids Camp interns and Camp Pine Tree counselors-in-



training. Aspiring performers ages 12 to 18 can choose among the karaoke songs provided by the contest or bring their own instrumental-only CD accompaniment.

No lip synching allowed! A panel of discerning judges will award the prizes.

Elsewhere in the Youth Center, Creative Kids Camp instructor Jesse Folks will preside over the Improv Asylum. Improvisers are invited to join in the impromptu performances, entertaining the waiting clientele at the Greenbelt Swim Team's Wacky Hair Salon.

At the Community Center, Greenbelt pianists Christopher Fominaya, Sondra Holland and Jim Olson will play alternate sets in the Greenbelt Piano Lounge, hosted by Greenbelt Golden Age Club and GIVES. Fominaya will feature a Disney sing-along, Holland and her guests will present

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New School CEO Listens To Concerns of Greenbelt

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council invited Dr. John Deasy, CEO of the Prince George's County School system, to meet with them at a public worksession on December 12. Deasy stepped into the position of school superintendent very near the end of the last school year. The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and newly-elected members Donna Hathaway Beck of the school board and County Councilmember Ingrid Turner joined the discussion.

The city had three main issues: 1) Addressing school capacity needs in Greenbelt West and the future of Greenbelt Middle School (GMS); 2) Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) – its importance to the community and its future; and 3) updates on any school system plans related to the three elementary schools that Greenbelt children attend. ACE had identified another issue which was the cost and process of obtaining background checks for school volunteers. All topics were touched upon; no firm decisions were made at this meeting.

In his introduction, Deasy indicated that he shares Greenbelt's interest in the quality of the city's public schools but that his is a broader interest, the quality of schools throughout the county. He seeks "extraordinary achievement for every single child" through his "children come first initiative."

ACE member Jeff Morrisette described ACE and some of that committee's major interests. These include the GMS renovation, maintaining excellence at ERHS and the cost of fingerprinting volunteers. He also introduced David Lange who is the volunteer coordinator for Greenbelt Elementary School.

Greenbelt West

The first major discussion centered around schools in Greenbelt West. (That is usually referred to as Springhill Lake but with other new developments planned in Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt West will be larger than the apartment development area.) Mayor Judith

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What Goes On

Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 – City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of the holidays



Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

Around this time of year it has been traditional for the youngsters who deliver the News Review to leave holiday greetings envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review does not pay our carriers much – your generous holiday donations and expressions of appreciation help make their job worthwhile.

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

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

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

"Dogs Gone Dancin'" Perform A ScentSational Show

by Barbara Likowski

As we approached the Greenbelt Fire House, the sound of loud rollicking music let us know we were in the right place to see "Dogs Gone Dancin'" featuring the "ScentSations" plus canine musical freestyle students. We were present to observe the dogs and to give them experience in performing for an audience. Also, for some people in the audience, it was an opportunity to see their dogs in action.

Responsible for the behavior of the dogs was obedience instructor and owner of Greenbelt Dog Training (GBT) Allie Lee. His wife Adele organized the program. The freestyle instructor Darlene Chroniger used her knowledge learned as a dance instructor of humans to teach the animals to dance. The dogs seemed to love what they were doing. And they really did dance.

The program began with the ScentSations freestyle group marching around the circle to music from "The Shaggy Dog." We were able to see how very independent the dogs could be even as they performed as a group. We definitely got the feeling that all of these dogs (about 14 dogs) enjoyed marching to the beat. The dogs were laughing. Yes, dogs can laugh. We saw them.

Robinson (Sir Robinson of Riverwood) a six-year-old sable and white Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie) began the individual dancing with Darlene as his handler. Robinson has overcome some extreme fear issues while under the instruction of GBT. He is now a pet therapy dog with Greenbelt's Special Pet Therapy program and Prince George's County Pets on Wheels, the group that visits hospitals and veterans' groups.

As the dogs performed, their handlers talked to them and offered treats, that steady dog-to-



Trainer Darlene Chroniger performs with Sheltie Sir Robinson Riverwood.

handler relationship was obviously a close one in every case. While the dances were similar each dog was an individual and did its own thing.

There were dogs of many breeds, ages, sizes and experience. Banshee, a 6-year-old miniature Pinscher, has been known for her high hoop jumping, skateboarding and other special tricks. She did not want to stop. Her handler is Karen McNalley. Banshee would steal the show if she was permitted to. She didn't want to stop. She also belongs to the group which visits hospitals.

There were also West Highland White terriers, a Labrador Retriever, a Yorkshire Terrier, a Shih Zu, a Pomeranian and a Rat Terrier.

The grand finale was another march around the circle. This time two dogs rode skateboards. All of the dogs were top notch performers. It was an interesting show.

Local Blood Supply Is Dangerously Low

The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac (GC&P) Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is issuing an urgent plea for immediate blood donations due to low blood donor turnout and the projection of a difficult holiday season. Blood donation appointments have gone unfulfilled leaving donor beds empty and local blood inventory severely affected during this critical season. Local Red Cross officials urge all scheduled blood donors to make every effort to keep their scheduled appointments. For information and to schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.my-redcross.org. Platelet donors may schedule appointments by calling 1-800-272-2123.

County Gives Seniors A Free TheBus Ride

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation has announced a new fare policy for TheBus. Seniors (55 and older) and disabled customers can now ride TheBus free by providing proper identification – a driver's license, Metro Senior or Disabled ID, MetroAccess card or similar ID.

Additionally, one personal companion rides free with a MetroAccess cardholder. Riders utilizing the free fare will not receive a paper transfer. Call 301-883-5656 for more information.

Holiday Music At Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden Conservatory is a special place in the evenings. For the holiday season, it will be open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 28. Spend a few family hours exploring new plant varieties, National Mall and Capitol Hill landmarks in miniature and a garden train exhibit. The Frederick Chorale will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. The Conservatory is open to the public, free of charge, every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to take Metrobus and Metrorail. Call 202-225-8333 or visit www.usbg.gov for details.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC. 22 The Good Shepherd (R)

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The Life of Secret Operative on View

"The Good Shepherd" stars Matt Damon (Edward), Angelina Jolie (Edward's wife) and Alec Baldwin (Sam Murach). The film is based on the life of James J. Angleton (Edward in the film), a veteran CIA operative. It covers the years from his induction into Skull and Bones, a secret society at Yale, in the late 1930s to the Bay of Pigs. Eric Roth wrote the script, as well as those for "Forrest Gump" and "Munich." Billed as a drama/romance/thriller, "The Good Shepherd" is rated R for violence, sexuality and language. The movie, directed by Robert DeNiro, runs for 2 hours and 47 minutes.

– Ginny and Bill Jones

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A Review

Weekend Full of Wonderful Holiday Musical Offerings

by James Giese

Some brilliant lights sparked brightly on the second week of Greenbelt's Festival of Lights. Christmas music filled the air at the Greenbelt Arts Center, where the local a cappella group from Goddard Space Flight Center, the Chromatics, performed to delighted audiences on December 9 and 10. At Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday evening the Greenbelt Combined Choir performed to a full house after a five-year hiatus.

Chromatics

The six-member Chromatics have been performing together with the same crew for some time now and they fit together like the pieces of a puzzle. They perform a wide array of tunes using their own arrangements and oftentimes sing original pieces, some related to the objects of their day jobs – the stars and the universe.

We were not able to enjoy the entire performance Saturday night but did catch most of the second part of their program, which also featured the Suspenders, an a cappella group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Unfortunately, we had to miss most of their performance but the little we heard led us to believe that the young group is producing professional quality work.

A new and most interesting piece performed this year was a take-off on Pachelbel's Canon in D, in which they harmonized the complicated chords and counter melodies while singing their own lyrics about what they wanted for Christmas. How can a performance be both classically melodious and funny at the same time? You must hear the Chromatics to find out.

While most of the Chromatics' presentations were Christmas related, some seriously presented carols and others humorously presented takeoffs with their own added lyrics, two of the most popular pieces with the audience were not. "Muffins and Buns," a piece filled with double entendres, kept the audience chuckling, not only with the lyrics but also with the group's stage antics. After completing their regular program, the group was called back by the audience for encores and the piece immediately demanded was "I'm So Sexy," another original work filled with humorous lyrics and stage antics.

Following the performance, the Chromatics served cake to and mingled with their audience, many of whom were family, friends and coworkers. I overheard one person's comments about the humorous off-beat works performed by the Chromatics; her companion responded that he understood that, as a group, astrophysicists are pretty weird.

Combined Choir

The first night I was in Greenbelt in 1963, the Sunday before Christmas, I attended a Christmas concert presented by Greenbelt Community Church. However, shortly after that, that group stopped putting on a Christmas program and for sev-

eral years Greenbelt lacked choral Christmas concerts for the public to enjoy. Then, around 1970, Jean Cook organized the Combined Choirs to perform specially at Christmas time, their most significant program a Christmas concert at Community Church. The Combined Choir consisted of choir members from various churches in Greenbelt and nearby. Muriel Balzar was the talented and skilled accompanist. However, five years ago the group stopped performing when Balzar retired out-of-state.

Now back for their 31st "annual" concert and with many of the same singers returning, Cook shared directing honors with Chris Fominaya. Cook told the audience the group had not been able to continue for lack of an accompanist. New to that job but not new to the choir was Susan Breon, who performed admirably in support of the group.

Fominaya related how he had been 12 years old when he first performed with the choir as a member. Then he had to stand on a chair in the back row to be seen. Now, when taking final bows, Fominaya stood head-to-head with Cook, only she was on the director's platform while he stood on the floor. Fominaya is now a music and special performance teacher at University Park Elementary School.

The choir performed clusters of Christmas works, many unfamiliar to this listener. Some brought in bits and pieces of familiar carols. Between segments and for the opening and closing processions, the audience joined in singing some of the most loved Christmas carols.

For the choir's first piece, "Prayer to Emmanuel" by Patrick Liebergen, John Ward joined the choir on violin. Several works were accompanied by percussion instruments with Trix Whitehall, lead percussionist, joined by Brenda Cooley and Jenna Koepf on drums, hand bells and chimes. Koepf also sang a solo in one number. Her sweet soprano voice is one we would enjoy hearing more. Community Church organist Wei-Der Huang accompanied the audience as they sang "Silent Night."

Midway through the serious program, Fominaya did a humorous piano duet with Hana Cai, Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival." This is a work for agile pianists with sturdy derrieres as the duo pushed each other off the shared piano bench and reached over each other to play high and low notes, sometimes from standing or kneeling positions.

Before the concert, members of the church and Scouts put on a delicious spaghetti dinner in the church social hall for those attending the concert. (The choir got to eat after their performance.) After the concert, those attending got to enjoy each other's company further over coffee and multiple desserts provided by the choir.

Community Events



Another Winner!

Congratulations to Greenbelt artist and weaver Elizabeth Morisette, who received a Juror's Merit Award of \$1,000 in the "Folk Art: Tradition and Innovations" exhibition of the works of 30 local artists and was also awarded a future solo exhibit by M-NCPPC's Arts and Cultural Heritage Division.

Morisette's award was selected by Dr. Leslie King-Hammond, dean of graduate studies at Maryland Institute College of Art. Greenbelters know Morisette's work includes inventive baskets and wall pieces made with the materials she finds "at hand," such as twist ties and men's neckties. The exhibition remains on display at Harmony Hall Regional Center in Ft. Washington through December 30. Pictured above is Morisette's "Tidal."

Contract Post Office Helps Holiday Mailers



The contract post office on the first floor of the Municipal Building has been open since early October. The city council agreed to house the post office substation in order to continue basic postal services close to residents of the center city area, many of whom were accustomed to walking to the former post office site.

In the first couple of months, business was slow but increased weekly. Since Thanksgiving, with the advent of holiday mailing, business has increased significantly. Many customers have found shorter lines at the contract substation than at the main post office, now on Ora Glen Drive. The substation cannot accept credit or debit cards but does provide most other services of the postal service (no postal money orders are sold, no passport services and no packages over 10 pounds can be accepted).

The number of customers at the substation is tracked as well as the types of transactions. Interestingly, the greatest number of customers come in to drop off mail even though there is a mail box outside. Package mailing is the second largest number of transactions, with stamp purchases in third place. Stamps are also available at the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op and other grocery stores.

The substation is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The city employee operating the substation is a half-time employee. The days and hours of service will be reviewed periodically and can be changed to meet the needs of the public as demonstrated by usage.

Varied Sounds At New Deal

A variety of music is featured in the coming week at the New Deal Café. Tuesday evening, December 26 Vasili will perform classical, experimental music. Following an open mike night on Thursday, December 28, "The Gliders" play folk music on Friday, December 29 and Janet Griffin and Tony Denikos present country and folk on Saturday evening, December 30.



Movies a Bargain At the Local Library

Celebrate the holidays by visiting the library. Borrow books, movies, magazines, recorded books and music. Movies are only \$2.10 for two nights. Holiday weekends create a bargain. Movies borrowed on Friday, December 22 are not due until Tuesday, December 26 for \$2.10. Movies borrowed on December 29 are not due until January 2 for \$2.10. The library has a rich collection of books about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Day and other holidays.

Storytimes for children will be canceled for December 26, 27 and 28. Take this opportunity for extra reading time with youngsters. Library storytime will resume the first week of January.

All PGCMLS libraries will be closed December 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1 for the holidays.

On January 6 and 8 at 9:15 a.m. the library is offering free introductory internet training. Advance registration is required; just phone or stop by to register.

For more information come to the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgcmls.info. Renew books by phone 301-333-3111, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with each library card.

Coming Events

Adult Book Discussion, January 17, 7 p.m. – Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex" (Note: There will be no adult book discussion in December.)

Storytimes

Tuesday January 2, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 3, Toddlertime, at 10:30 and repeated again at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, January 4, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Golden Age Club

There will be no meeting on December 27. The New Year is fast approaching and the meeting on January 3 will be installation of officers for 2007. Let's have a good turnout to welcome them and show lots of support.

This is the season for gifts, songs, candles and lots of goodies – a special time for wishing everyone health and peace and to share our joys with loved ones.

To everyone : Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year.

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We Are Marshall, PG (!)
12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Happy Feet, PG (!)
2:40, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Charlotte's Web, G (!)
12:30, 3:10, 5:45, 8:10, 10:20
Pursuit of Happiness, PG-13 (!)
1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Rocky Balboa, PG (!)
12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
Deja Vu, PG-13 (!)
4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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Deja Vu, PG-13 (!)
12:50, 4:00, 7:00

MON.

Night at the Museum, PG (!)
4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Black Christmas, R (!)
4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)
4:00, 6:50, 9:45
We Are Marshall, PG (!)
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Happy Feet, PG (!)
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Deja Vu, PG-13 (!)
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TUE. – THUR.

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Deja Vu, PG-13 (!)
10:20

Obituaries

Shirley Clute

Shirley Morrison Clute, 73, daughter of the late Allen and Alta Morrison of Crescent Road, died on December 7, 2006, from complications of a stroke.



Shirley Lou Morrison was born in Missouri on June 7, 1933. Her family moved into Greenbelt on October 1, 1937, the second family to take residence in the new town. Her father would later become mayor for two terms in the 40s and serve on the Greenbelt City Council for more than a decade and still later on the board of GHI.

Shirley Lou Morrison, who attended Greenbelt Center School, played in the Greenbelt Community Band which was organized in 1940. She was a member of the last graduating class of Greenbelt High School (now Greenbelt Middle School) in 1951, where she was an honor student, secretary of the student council, played on the girls' basketball team and played the flute and piccolo in the high school band.

Shirley Lou Morrison married Marvin Guy Clute in 1953. Marvin preceded her in death in 1996.

Mrs. Clute never left the city of Greenbelt, living in Greenbelt from the time she was four years old. She went on to be one of the city's Girl Scout leaders from approximately 1965 until 1973, served on each of the City of Greenbelt Reunion Committees and contributed to the Greenbelt 50th anniversary book.

Mrs. Clute was a member of the Greenbelt Community

Church – the church in which she had been married and all of her children baptized; three of her daughters married there, as well. In her later years, she became a member of the Greenbelt Lion's Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. In addition to her volunteer activities for the City of Greenbelt, she worked for 20 years at Kiplinger Washington Editors.

Mrs. Clute is survived by her children, Patricia L. King (husband Chris) of Severn, Shirley L. Price (husband Eddie) of Lanham, Karen J. McAndrew (husband Mike) of Greenbelt and James G. Clute of College Park. Her son Allen G. Clute preceded her in death in 1981. She also is survived by three brothers, David A. Morrison of Davidsonville, George (Donald) Morrison of Carroll County and William B. Morrison of Greenbelt; sister-in-law Yvonne Moore Morrison previously of Greenbelt, married to David; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one niece and three nephews.

A Christian burial was held at Fort Lincoln Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel on Monday, December 11, 2006, with Reverend Dan Hamlin of Greenbelt Community Church presiding.

Contributions in her name may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Foreign Student Hosts Sought

Families and individuals are needed to host a special young ambassador from around the world. Students will arrive in January 2007 for the next academic year. All students are between the ages 15 and 17, speak English and come with medical insurance. Pacific Intercultural Exchange provides local support for host families.

Call to view available student profiles. Ask for Dawna at 800-637-0217 or 817-558-2337, or email: dawna@azmail.net.

Former Greenbelter Writes Poetry Book

Former Greenbelter Judith Skillman of Kenndale, Wash., recently published her latest book of poems, "Heat Lightning: New and Selected Poems 1986-2006."

Skillman is the daughter of Bernice and the late Sid Kastner. While in Greenbelt, she was a member of the News Review staff.

Books may be ordered from Silverfish Review Press, P.O. Box 3541, Eugene, OR 97403. The books are also available online at amazon.com or by calling a local bookstore and asking for ISBN #1-878851-23-3.

MVA Offices Closed For the Holiday

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service and express offices on Monday, December 25 and on Monday, January 1. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will also be closed. For additional information visit www.marylandmva.com or call 1-300-950-1MVA(1682).



Merry Christmas

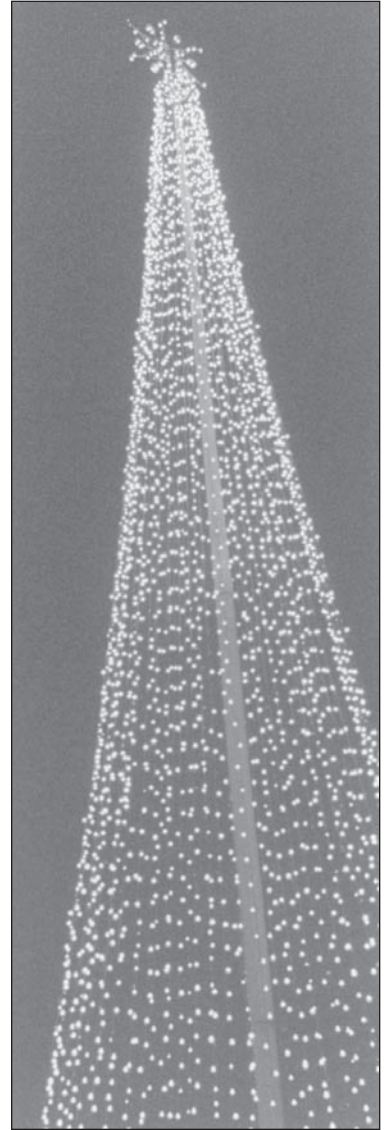
Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Morrison Clute who died on December 7, 2006. Mrs. Clute was a Greenbelt pioneer. She came to Greenbelt in 1937 at the age of 4 and lived here for the rest of her life. She volunteered for city reunion committees when needed and led a Girl Scout troop for years.

Congratulations to Army Pfc. Robert I. Boyce, son of William and Cara Boyce of Hanover Parkway, who has graduated from basic infantry training at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga. He is a 2006 ERHS graduate.

Friends and family would like to wish former Greenbelter Charlotte Clinedinst a happy birthday. Clinedinst, who raised her family here and then retired to the Shenandoah Valley, turns 92 on January 1st. Happy Birthday, Granny!

Cheers to News Review staffer Virginia Beauchamp who is recovering from a fall which resulted in a broken jaw. She's been soldiering on with newspaper and bridge responsibilities and looking forward to eating solid food soon.

Send in news of recent births, deaths, graduations, travel and other accomplishments. The "Our Neighbors" column is designed to help strengthen the bonds between us.



Little Shirley Morrison standing on Greenbelt's first bus in 1937. Photo courtesy of the Greenbelt Museum.



GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt_baptist@verizon.net
 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sundays:		
Traditional Service	8:30 am	
Sunday School	9:45 am	
Contemporary Service	11:00 am	
Weds. Worship:	7:00 pm	
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An inclusive congregation!

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 135 Crescent Road
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Confessions
 December 21 – 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 December 23 – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Masses
Children's Mass – Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass – Monday, December 25 - 12:00 a.m.
 (Lessons and Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)
Christmas Day Mass – Monday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, January 1, New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
 Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
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 Greenbelt Youth Center
 99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

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CARES Hosts Conference On Homeless Issues

This is a report from Liz Park, Director of Greenbelt CARES, to Michael McLaughlin, City Manager

On Thursday, November 30, Greenbelt CARES with Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI) co-hosted the "Culture of Homelessness Conference." Approximately 30 people attended the half-day conference, including Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Leta Mach and Howard A. Burnett, Prince George's County deputy chief administrative officer for health and human services. Burnett, who has been in his position for about two months, spoke to the group expressing his interest in the topic.

Andrea Morris, MSW, former director of CCSI and now associate director of development and alumni relations, College of Chemical and Life Sciences at the University of Maryland, spoke on the history of homelessness in the United States. She described the factors that have led to the large numbers of homeless families and homeless persons with mental health issues who are being seen today.

Following her talk, Tim Jansen, director of CCSI, spoke about current county services available for the homeless, such as emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent housing. Jansen also discussed the county's initiative to develop a 10-year plan to combat homelessness and the national move to a "Housing First" model.

The "Housing First" model promotes moving persons into

permanent housing and then dealing with their issues, such as alcohol or substance abuse or compliance with mental health medication regimens. This contrasts with the current model of transitional housing that requires a person to be drug and alcohol free or on a stable mental health medication regimen for admission to the program.

The "Housing First" model works to address these issues once the person is engaged in the housing but eliminates a significant barrier for some homeless persons, especially those who are often chronically homeless.

The Reverend Bobbi Troyer, StreetLights Ministries and Liz Park, director of CARES, gave the final presentation highlighting interviews that Troyer has conducted with homeless persons and her own approach of engaging them and moving them out of homelessness.

This was the first in a series of conferences to be held over the next year focusing on the issue of homelessness. The CARES staff hopes soon to meet with the city council in a worksession on the subject of homelessness.

City Notes

Public Works staff report that a conduit was run and power supplied through the skate park for the parking lot lights at the Youth Center and the Community Center. This will enable the addition of security lights, which have been ordered.

The Recreation Department reports that excavation for a retaining wall at the skate park has been completed and the concrete poured for the wall. Sod was installed in some areas of the park and jute mat/grass seed was put down. Staff is scheduled to meet with the fence installation company next week.

CARES

Judye Hering and Marie Quigley provided a babysitting course for a Greenbelt/Mitchellville Girl Scout troop. The purpose of the course was to teach the girls responsibilities and safety issues when babysitting. Twenty-two girls attended the course and earned their child-care badge.

Note that all city offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday and on Monday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Check out a full list of holiday activities in the City Information ad on page 7 of this issue.

For holiday greetings from our staff see page 16.

Happy Hanukkah



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, began on the evening of December 15 with the lighting of the first candle. The eighth candle will be lit this Friday evening.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

Sunday Mass at Municipal Building

December 17, 10:00 a.m.

No 10:00 A.M. Mass on December 24

Christmas Eve Mass at Municipal Building

December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Serve Breakfast at S.O.M.E., Sunday, December 31

Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at Municipal Building

December 31, 10:00 a.m.

May this Christmas bring you hope.



See our ad on page 4.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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December 24, 10 a.m. - "Anticipation!"

Michael Relland, U.U. Ministerial Student & Musician

with Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister and Bruce Baker, worship associate

No R.E. today.

Two Christmas Eve services

6:30 p.m. - All ages with a pageant and mitten tree

9:30 p.m. - Adult reflective service with special choir music and Chalice dancers and a special collection for the Warm Nights Shelter program.

- Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

Learn About Islam

GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor. - The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Remember to count your blessings. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

Hot Air Balloon Exhibit at Museum

Few people know that the earliest hot air balloons were made of paper. College Park Aviation Museum and Hand Papermaking, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing traditional and contemporary ideas in the art of handmade paper, have teamed up to make this fact widely known.

Now through December 30 visitors to the museum will be able to view Hand Papermaking's unique exhibit featuring 10 artist-created, model hot air balloons constructed from handmade paper and three fire balloons from Southeast Asia. During the Burmese celebration of Ta Zaung Daing, paper hot air balloons are released into the night sky and set ablaze with fireworks. Historical information and artifacts accompany the exhibit.

An adult must accompany all children. No advanced registration is required for the exhibition. Visitors wishing to view Hot Air Balloons of Handmade Paper will be charged the regular museum admission.

The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr. in College Park.

For more information call the museum at 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

Holiday Hayrides

Take a hayride through the Winter Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park on Friday, December 29 and Saturday, December 30. Rides begin at the Central Area Office parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and include refreshments. There is a fee.

For more information call 301-218-6770, TTY 301-699-2544.

Imagine a King who stepped down from his throne.
In order to be with his people.
To become like them. One of them.
Common. Weak. Human.
But still King.

What kind of King does this?

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

FESTIVAL OF THE KING

Friday December 22 at 7:00 pm

Greenbelt Baptist Church Sanctuary | Greenbelt, MD

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According to city officials, the new skateboard park next to the Youth Center is scheduled to open early in the new year.

contribution from the city, the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended that it be granted. Council noted, however, that half a year had passed by and so unanimously agreed to give the group half of its request, \$2,000.

School Task Force

Council took note of a letter County Councilmember Thomas Dernoga had written county school CEO John Deasy which asked Deasy to take the lead in establishing a school task force to consider the school needs of Greenbelt West, where extensive new development and redevelopment is to take place. Dernoga suggested a ten-member task force with two representatives each from Greenbelt, College Park and the school board and one member from the County Council and three members from each of the three developments planned in Greenbelt West.

Of greatest concern to council was that no representatives of the Town of Berwyn Heights had been included, although that jurisdiction's children attend Greenbelt Middle School and its elementary school could be impacted by the projected development. It was agreed that council should advise Deasy that such representation was necessary. After discussion, council also agreed that the two schools immediately impacted by the development, Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Middle, should have representatives on the task force. Davis also suggested including representatives from Greenbelt Center and Eleanor Roosevelt because their parent-teacher groups had asked to be represented.

Councilmember Konrad Herling argued strongly for the inclusion of representatives from Berwyn Heights Elementary but Davis felt that was something the town could seek for itself if it so desired. Councilmember Rodney Roberts also felt the process should be inclusive.

From the audience Bill Orleans told council that he felt the letter should also advocate for one representative from each city's advisory committee on education and another representative from each city's planning staff. Davis felt that each city could determine this issue for themselves in selecting representatives to the task force.

Councilmembers agreed to advise Deasy of the city's position. However, a meeting with the school CEO would be held the following evening and the

councilmembers felt that they should not finalize what the letter said until after that meeting. Therefore council adopted a motion to send a letter outlining the city council's position after meeting with Deasy and subject to review and modification of the letter by councilmembers before being sent.

Skate Board Park

Recreation Assistant Director for Operations Joe McNeal told council that the new skateboard park next to the Youth Center was nearing completion and should be open early in the new year. Council was furnished with proposed regulations and procedures for the operation of the new facility. These regulations have been reviewed by the city solicitor and the city insurers.

McNeal also informed council that a non-resident, Jeff Corona, had donated funds to enable coping to be placed along the rim of the bowls in the park. One of the last bits of work to be done, a retaining wall, was in the process of being constructed. Some landscape work will be held off until spring.

Staff does not propose any employed supervision for the park. Users will be required to register and wear registration IDs on their helmets, which are to be worn at all times. Councilmember Leta Mach asked how the regulations would be enforced without a staff. McNeal said it would be the responsibility of center leaders at the Youth Center to go outside and check periodically.

Roberts expressed concern that wearing knee and elbow pads would not be required. McNeal said that users could be relied upon to wear such protective gear when needed. He said you would see boarders wearing them while in the bowl, but not while on the street course.

Boarders believe that such gear impairs their mobility and height issues are not that great on the street course, he suggested. Roberts felt there was a need to distinguish between experienced and inexperienced participants and that inexperienced skate boarders should be protected at all times. McNeal said the department planned to offer programs and classes for beginners.

McNeal told council that Greenbelt could be proud of this facility. However, he warned, there will be injuries. (Users are required to waive all liability on the part of the city.) He proposed that a formal grand opening be held off until better weather, to

which councilmembers concurred.

Theater Admissions

Previously council had cut back the city's admission and amusement tax on the Academy Theaters as an aide to help finance the million dollar cost of renovating the eight-theater facility with stadium seating. The reduction was from a 10 percent tax on admissions fees tax to 1 percent with a gradual phase-in called for over five years back to 10 percent.

However, the theater owners and the city came to realize that much of the reduction in tax did not benefit the theater but rather the movie distributors under the rental agreements the theater has for movies. Therefore, McLaughlin now proposes reinstating the full tax and granting, instead, a tax credit or rebate to the theater owners. Either of these would not be subject to sharing with the distributors and would not cost the city any more in lost revenues than the tax cut would do.

Kap Kapistan, representing the owners of Beltway Plaza, told council that the renovation of the theaters is under way and should be completed by February. Two



The bowl at another angle.

of the theaters have already been converted to stadium seating. Also the inside and outside lobbies will be remodeled. Currently three of the theaters are closed for remodeling.

Councilmembers agreed to the change in taxing and staff will present the needed resolution to council. Since this change will also affect the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center, an amended operating agreement for that theater will also need to be prepared.

Yoga Studio

As a consent agenda item, council approved granting Kim Kash and Michael Cooney a \$7,500 loan from the Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Fund to renovate subleased space at Pleasant Touch to provide for a yoga studio (Greenbelt Ohm). The loan will use all funds remaining in the loan fund set up with grant money received from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Legacy grant program.

Total project cost for installing heating and air conditioning, building an interior hallway, reconfiguring doorways, installing flooring, completing electrical work and spackling and painting walls and ceilings is estimated at \$23,000. The loan funds will be released once necessary building permits are obtained.

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on their attendance at the National League of Cities annual meeting in Reno, Nev. They reported on the meetings they had attended and what they had learned. (Councilmember Ed Putens also attended but was still enroute home at the time of the meeting due to his attendance at additional committee meetings.) The councilmembers said that they had benefited greatly from interacting with other municipal officials and from the information received at meetings and exhibit booths on a wide variety of city matters. Davis said she was particularly interested in the sessions on emergency preparedness.

The three councilmembers also talked about their attendance at events in Greenbelt, such as the opening ceremony of the Festival of Lights and the homelessness conference put on by Greenbelt CARES.



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Buy your tickets at the
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the Beauty of the Holiday Season,
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Hope for Joy and Happiness in
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an all-season sing-along and Olson will play jazz and American standards. Greenbelt culinary artist Chef Lou will be serving up his luscious dessert creations for music enthusiasts in the lounge.

Downstairs from the Piano Lounge, champion ballroom dancer Frank Solomon will host the Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party, with mini-lessons for partygoers eager to hone their moves. Solomon teaches the quarterly Mad Hot Ballroom classes at the Community Center for the recreation department.

The community's talented visual artists will contribute to the event as well. Studio Artist in Residence Elizabeth Morissette is creating a spectacular backdrop for the Community Center main stage in a series of workshops with school children and the banners hanging in the gymnasium are earlier Morissette community art creations. In the Community Center gallery, the Janus exhibit features art submitted by community artists. At the New Deal Café, a community art show featuring works by more than 40 artists is on display.

Several filmmakers call Greenbelt home and their work also will enhance the celebration. Documentarian and archivist Joseph P. Harris will be filming video interviews with Greenbelt senior citizens in the Greenbelt Sages project at the Community Center, preserving important memories for future Greenbelters. From the vaults of the city's film archives, Beverly Palau is assembling the first annual Great Big Greenbelt Home movie, which will be shown at the Community Center. The young filmmakers of the GAVA/GATE animation class will showcase their work in a screening at the Greenbelt movie theater.

Nearly two dozen community organizations and programs are hosting or presenting entertainment at the celebration. Creative Kids Camp and ACE Reading Club are hosting crowd favorite Magic Mike. Camp Pine Tree is hosting giant adventure games. Greenbelt Mamas & Papas are hosting Blue Sky Puppet Theater. The leading ladies of the Greenbelt Arts Center will peer into the future as fortune tellers in the Janus Gallery. The Greenbelt Nursery School is hosting "Sit Right Down and Write Yourself a Letter," where partygoers can write a letter that will be mailed back to them at the end of the year. GreenBELT Pride is serving pizza at the Youth Center, while the Scholarship Café at the Community Center will raise money for the Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship fund.

In the Community Center, the toe-tapping rhythms of headliners "DC Motors" and "The Visions of Jazz" will entertain partygoers, courtesy of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. The New Deal Café will feature the jazz sounds of "Elegant" and "The Alex Martin Trio." Tickets for the event are on sale at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and the Community Center. Children 5 and under are admitted free.



Lights dazzle passersby at 12-F Hillside Road.



City Information

**GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2007:
LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD**

Join your friends and neighbors for a hometown New Year's Eve celebration featuring entertainment for all ages. The party begins at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 31, and lasts till after midnight. Your wristband admits you to all of these events at adjoining venues in historic Greenbelt:

In the Community Center: Visions of Jazz, DC Motors, Magic Mike the Magician, Blue Sky Puppet Theater, Greenbelt Piano Lounge, Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party and Mini-Lessons with Frank Solomon, Sit Right Down and Write Yourself A Letter, The Great Big Greenbelt Home Movie, Greenbelt Sages Video Interviews, Janus Fortune Tellers and Memory Card Game, New Year Craft Workshop, Countdown to Midnight

In Roosevelt Center: Greenbelt Girl Scouts Campfire in the Plaza with Song Leader Melissa Sites, Tim the Storyteller, and genuine Girl Scout S'mores, Elegant, featuring Vasili, at the New Deal Café, Camp Cabaret at the Greenbelt Arts Center, The Alex Martin Trio at the New Deal Café, GAVA/GATE Animation Festival at the Greenbelt Movie Theatre

In the Youth Center: Greenbelt Idol Contest, Giant Action Games, Improv Asylum, Wacky Hair Salon

Admission wristbands now on sale now at the Community Center and the Co-op Supermarket. Cost: \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under admitted free. For more information, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbelt Community Organizations.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 25th and January 1st
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 29th and Friday, January 5th.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating on Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st. The Connection will operate from 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR GREENBELT NEW YEAR!**

**CALLING ALL GREENBELT ARTS CENTER DIVAS
AND DIVOS!**

Fun is in the cards for Greenbelt New Year partygoers, courtesy of the fabulous fortune telling performers of the Greenbelt Arts Center! Sign up for a shift of prognostication, and attend the entire celebration for free!

Call Chris Cherry at 240-542-2055 to sign up.

CALLING ALL GREENBELT SENIOR CITIZENS!

The Greenbelt Museum will film Greenbelt Sages, a series of brief video interviews, during Greenbelt New Year 2007 on December 31. Is there a particular memory you would like to share with current and future Greenbelters? We want to include it in the video archive! Participants will receive a DVD of the interviews.

Call the Community Center business office at 301-397-2208 to book a 20-minute interview slot.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND ALUMNI OF
ALONIZ!**

ALONIZ! members past and present are welcome to join alumnus Jesse Folks in the Improv Asylum at Greenbelt New Year on December 31. You can also put your improvisation skills to work as a fortune teller! An hour of improv gets you free admission to the event!

Call Chris Cherry at 240-542-2055 to sign up.

**CALLING ALL FRIENDS OF THE MARY PURCELL
GEIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

Concession sales at the Community Center during Greenbelt New Year will benefit the Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for arts and senior programs of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Volunteer for a shift in the kitchen, and receive free admission to the celebration!

Call Chris Cherry at 240-542-2055 to sign up.

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
WINTER ADULT CLASSES
JANUARY 2-FEBRUARY 24**

Register now at the Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, 301-397-2204.

For a listing of classes, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Lost Dog: Thoughtful Help Leads to Happy Ending

by Edith Beauchamp

“People are good, Edith,” Delegate Tawanna Gaines said as I handed her one of my “Lost Dog” posters at the Greenbelt Lions Club annual Toy Drive kick-off.

I reread my flyer and thought perhaps “No questions asked!” did sound like I was thinking the worst of people. Who would take a 14-year-old, partially blind, tan mixed Lab anyway? His disappearance didn’t mean an event that required “no questions.” Hadn’t he once been an escape artist? Gaines was right. I needed to be positive.

Beltway Plaza security told us individual merchants could elect to put up our flyers and it was heartwarming how many agreed. At Greenway Center the Safeway and Starbucks posted it as did Petsmart where they also looked up vets to contact. At the vet, I met a driver for county Animal Control who took a flyer to post in their Lost & Found Pets office. I followed the vet’s suggestion to visit the police barracks, fire departments and post office, because they walk the neighborhoods and/or take calls about stray animals. All took flyers, as did the New Deal Café, the Co-op, staff at the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Community Center. Sunday morning, several people at church took flyers. Wow! People are really helpful.

Monday morning, Patti Brothers, Greenbelt Animal Control Officer, called with additional suggestions but had not had a call about my dog.

Prince George’s County Animal Control did not have my dog. I waited anxiously as they went through the animal auto fatality lists from the weekend. Phew! He was not on those lists.

I explained his current tags had pulled off his collar and not yet been replaced. His only tag was a prior rabies tag with the phone number of a vet in Pennsylvania. First thing Monday I called them to alert the staff they might get a call.

County Animal Control gave me a list of animal shelters throughout the area because animals are picked up as far as 50 miles or more from home. “It’s too bad he didn’t have the new identity chip,” the officer said. If an owner can’t be located most shelters euthanize animals after a few days. “You must keep checking every few days,” she said. They emphasized the importance of putting up flyers throughout the neighborhood wherever it is legal to do so.

I had just picked up my children from school Monday when my cell phone rang. “I think I have your dog, where can we meet?” I suggested the Community Center as a neutral meeting place. Sure enough, the caller had found our dog. Had she seen our flyers? “No,”



Allen Beauchamp with his friend Charlie.

she said, “I called the vet on his tag but they were closed over the weekend, so we had to wait until Monday when they opened up.”

He had wandered to the other side of Greenbelt but had not crossed Greenbelt Road, thankfully. “He came over to us, and he got along with our dog, so we kept him until we could call the vet,” she said. Clearly my dog recognized good people.

“Thank goodness,” I kept thinking. My children were joyous to get our dog back. Thank goodness the staff in Pennsylvania had passed along the message. Thank goodness this good lady had cared enough to keep my poor old dog safe and fed through the weekend.

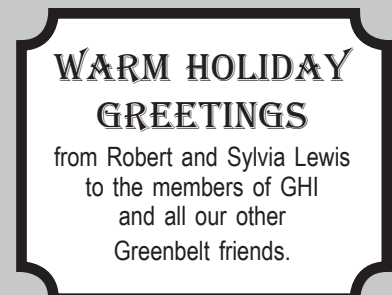
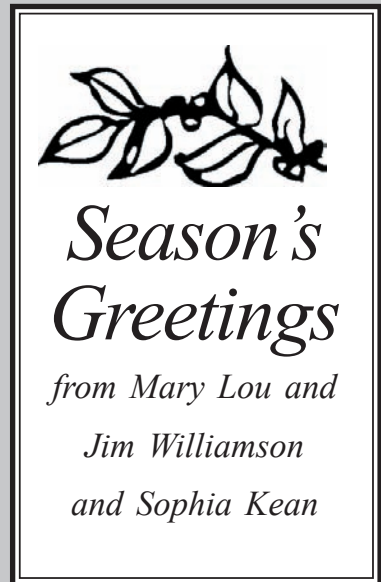
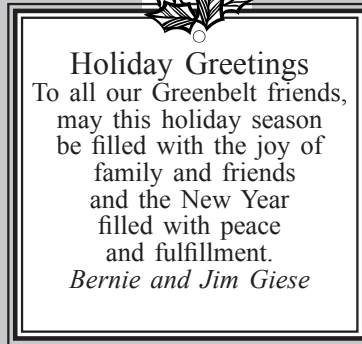
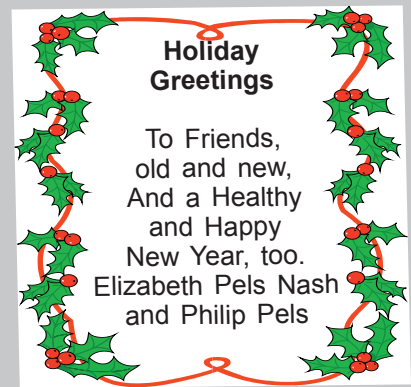
As I began to write the reward check, she said, “Oh, we can’t accept that. We just hope that if our dog gets lost, someone will do the same for us.” So in honor of Ashley Gohr and Samantha Meister, who both rescued and cared for my dog, the \$250 reward is being donated in their names to Greenbelt’s Animal Shelter to “do the same” for other lost pets.

We bundled our dog straight to our vet for vaccinations and an immediate replacement tag. I also had them insert an identity chip under his skin – it was just like getting an injection. A small hand-held device scans his back and up pops a unique identity code registered in a central database. An 800-number is listed on a dog tag but if he loses this collar, any vet or shelter can still find our contact information. Peace of mind is worth the small cost; my cat is next.

I also want to thank one of my daughter’s friends, Barbara Turnbull, who inspired this donation with her selfless generosity over the last two years by requesting donations or gifts of food, bedding and other animal items to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter instead of birthday presents.

People are indeed good. Happy Holidays and happy homecoming to all the two- and four-legged members of your family.

Happy Holidays



. . . from one neighbor



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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.

Robberies

December 9, 5:48 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace, a group reported that they were walking to a residence when they were approached from behind by as many as eight to 10 men, one armed with a knife. A robbery was announced and the victims were punched several times by some of the men. After taking jackets, cell phones and a hand-held video game from the victims, the robbers fled the scene on foot. One of the victims was transported to the hospital for treatment of an eye injury. The suspects are described as black males, all wearing black jackets.

Drug Arrests

December 8, 3:53 p.m., Braden Field, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police responded to a report of a suspicious person. The man was located and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 12, 11:34 a.m., 7300 block Mandan Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. A computer check revealed that a passenger in the vehicle, a nonresident woman, had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana and was released on citation pending trial. The woman suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

Theft

December 12, 6:28 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man was approached by a youth who asked to use his cell phone. The man allowed him to do so, but was then mo-

mentarily distracted. When he turned back the suspect had left the area with his phone. The suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 17 years of age, 5'5" to 5'8", 120 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a long, white shirt and black pants.

Vandalism

December 2, 11:30 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive., unknown person(s) entered the gym area of the Greenbelt Lake Village Clubhouse by breaking out the glass door. Once inside the suspects vandalized the interior of the gym and clubhouse.

Burglary

December 10, 9:06 p.m., 20 Court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) removed a dog from the yard of a residence. The dog is described as a tri-colored, 12-week-old Lhasa Apso.

December 11, 3:57 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking out a bedroom window. A handgun was taken.

December 12, 10:15 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Eyeglasses and a keychain were taken.

December 14, 12:54 p.m., 7900 block Greenbury Drive, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the rear basement door. A laptop computer, a DVD player and two handbags were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A blue 1992 Buick Roadmaster 4-door, Maryland tags 4CKE51 was reported stolen from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive.

Two vehicles were recovered by Prince George's County police. No arrests were made in either of the recoveries.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 100 block Greenhill Road, Greenway Center, 7200 block Hanover Drive, 7800 block Hanover Parkway and 8000 block Mandan Road.

The 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.

NOTICE

There have recently been several reported vandalisms to homes in the Greenbelt East area, many involving objects being thrown at and shattering windows. Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activity to Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200.

Boys and Girls Club Website Launched

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club has a newly-designed website. This site, designed by Aldo Zambrana, is intended to improve the club's communications and provide organizational history and mission information. Soon it will be possible to also register online, print out game schedules and get field/court directions. The website address is www.greenbeltbgc.com. Comments and suggestions are welcome and should be sent to gbginfo@greenbeltbgc.com



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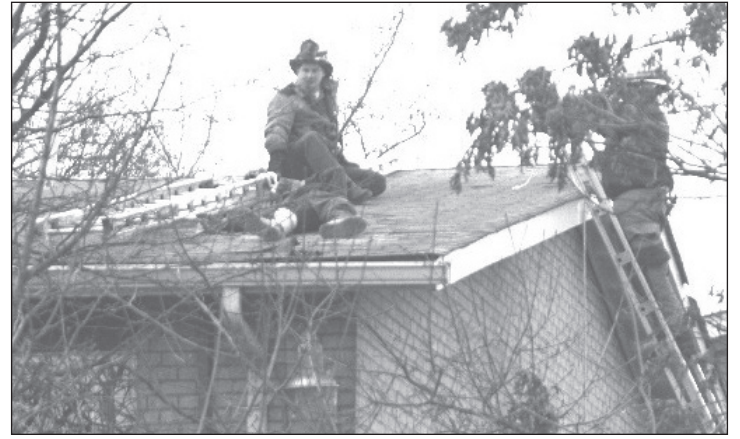
Contract Worker Is Injured On SHL Apartment Roof

by Jim Davis

A contract worker removing leaves from building gutters sustained a leg injury when his foot fell through the roof at a Springhill Lake Apartment building on Friday, December 15. Just before 1 p.m. units from the Prince George's County Fire Department were dispatched to the 9100 block of Springhill Lane for a report of an injured worker on the roof of a three-story garden style apartment building.

When firefighters and paramedics arrived on the scene, they located the worker on the roof of 9125 Springhill Lane. Fearing that the roof area where the man was located was in a weakened or rotting condition, firefighters requested additional assistance. The department's high-angle team from the Tuxedo-Cheverly station, along with a tower ladder from the Riverdale Park station, was called to the scene to assist in removing the man.

According to Mark Brady, chief spokesperson for the county fire department, it took firefighters about 30 minutes to remove the worker from the roof. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injured leg.



Riverdale Park Fire Department's ladder truck assists in removing an injured worker from the roof at 9125 Springhill Lane.



After being taken down from the apartment roof, the injured worker was taken by ambulance to the hospital for treatment of his leg.

— Photos by Jim Davis

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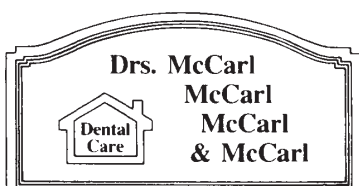
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The Joy of the Season Abounds



For the holidays the Recreation Department staff held a contest for decorating their office doors. Judging of their creations was done by City Manager Mike McLaughlin.

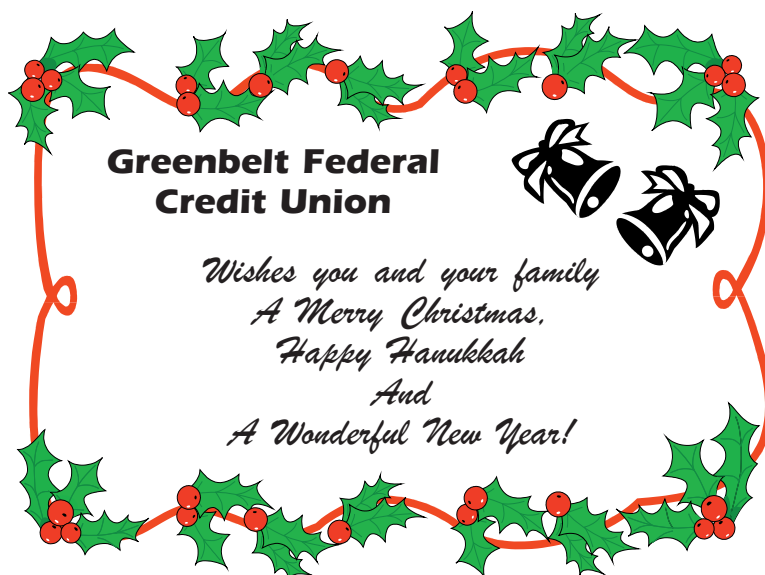
At left, the office doors of Celeste May and Debbie Colter at the Youth Center displayed a nature scene.

Below left, this door at the Aquatic and Fitness Center, decorated by Shirley Winter, won 2nd prize.

Below right, was the first prize winner also at the Aquatic Center. This door was designed by participants at the Center.



The entire house at 212 Lastner Lane was fully decorated.



DEASY continued from page 1

Davis stated that the city has concerns about formulas for determining the need for elementary schools. It is agreed that the one elementary school will be rebuilt there but some feel that a second elementary will be needed. Davis does not want to wait for the area to be fully developed to find a site for a second school. That would be very difficult. Deasy indicated that estimating students is relatively easy but finding a place for a school is a different issue. The city wants to ensure that Greenbelt students go to school in Greenbelt. Councilmember Rodney Roberts referred back to the current school – Springhill Lake Elementary. The builders want that site but have not offered a replacement site.

Deasy indicated that the new school board needs to recommend a committee be formed to look into location issues. Davis felt that the city cannot wait for a committee due to the need to move forward on Greenbelt Middle School. Deasy stated that GMS was independent of the elementary school issue. One issue on the table is to have a new elementary school on the same site as the renovated or rebuilt GMS. Deasy indicated that he is "at the moment not enamored with the combined school campuses." The site would need to take over the school bus lot, it would cost more money and he feels there would be too many children on one site.

Another city concern is where would GMS students go to school while their school is being rebuilt. Deasy thinks that the school could be rebuilt in sections and the students would not need to be bused away. There would be "modest inconvenience" to the students. It is not ideal but he is leaning in that direction.

ERHS

Morrisette commented that ERHS has discovered many parents who rent empty apartments in Springhill Lake to get their children into the high school. He wants to see if we can work with the new developers to avoid this type of issue in the future. It was also mentioned that Greenbriar (in Greenbelt East) also has more high school age children than would be expected. Morrisette asked if ACE or the city could help with alleviating this problem and Deasy indicated that he needed to think about it.

The mayor commented that the city is very proud of ERHS. Thanks to the city, the school had the first school resource of-

ficer. The city wants the school to remain an excellent school. Deasy was asked if he foresaw any changes at ERHS. He responded that "the school cannot get any larger" and that even Roosevelt can improve. He complimented the school staff on always seeking improvement.

Then a discussion began about overcrowded high schools. Deasy commented that Duval is already overcrowded and the school boundaries may need to be changed. Councilmember Leta Mach reviewed a past agreement between the school system and Greenbelt. ERHS was slated to have money for an addition but gave that money to Duval for an addition instead. Because of that, it was written into the county's appropriation bill that Greenbelt students would always go to ERHS. They would not be bused elsewhere. To date, that agreement has been honored. Deasy indicated that he was aware of the agreement. He stated however, that just as Greenbelt has to look out for its own students, he has to look out for all students in the county.

Elementary Schools

Deasy was asked about any changes planned at Greenbelt or Magnolia Elementary. Deasy said that Greenbelt Elementary will be undergoing some planned maintenance as part of a four-year plan. He is not aware of any activities at Magnolia, which is home to students in Windsor Green. Deasy commented that in the last eight months, dozens of school roofs and boilers have been replaced or worked on. He referred to it as systemic improvement but not newsworthy. Roberts came back saying that regular maintenance on the schools is definitely newsworthy.

Volunteer Costs

Again the issue of volunteers needing to pay for their own fingerprinting was discussed. The city feels that, if the people (many of them older and retired) are volunteering their time, the school system should pay for the background checks. Deasy said that he will share this concern with the school board but that the board may prefer to spend those funds on other items such as teacher salaries. The idea of the Greenbelt police doing the fingerprinting was also brought up. Deasy thinks the cost might be the same but he (and the city) will look into it.

Deasy indicated in closing that he will get back to the city after he has a chance to review the issues.

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Survivor of Pearl Harbor Recalls War Experiences

by Aditya Ramanathan

Jack Wagner recalled the moment he knew America was under attack. As one of the fighters zipping past him banked to one side, he saw the large red-disc symbol of Imperial Japan underneath its wing.

Wagner, 88, is a survivor of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. A Bowie resident and member of American Legion Post 66, Wagner was being honored at a ceremony in Greenbelt on the evening of December 7. The event was organized by Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Another Pearl Harbor survivor, 85-year-old Edward Robertson of Parkville and American Legion Post 183 was also honored.

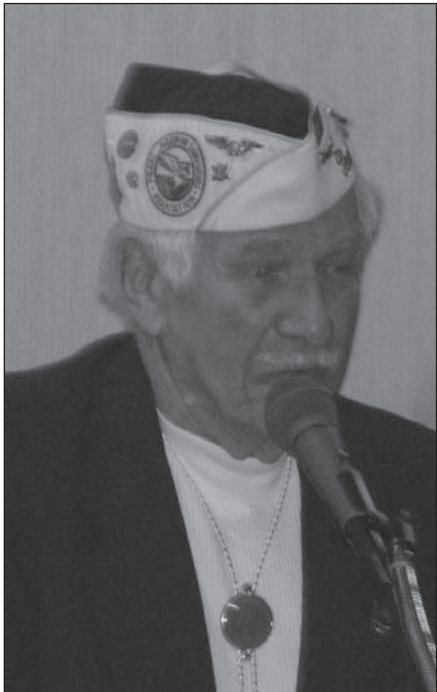
The evening started off with dinner and friendly banter. After an opening ceremony and prayer the Color Guard posted colors. This was followed by a recital of the pledge of allegiance and a service for POW/MIAs and 9/11 victims, the introduction of the guests and a short talk by the department commander.

When it was time for the keynote speaker, Jack Wagner, to come up and talk about his wartime experience, the audience became quiet. The banter largely stopped. Many drew up their chairs and leaned on their tables to listen more intently.

Wagner described his astonishing career, starting with the time he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1940. He was later posted at Hickam Field, an airfield near Pearl Harbor. It could have been an idyllic posting but the Imperial Japanese Navy had other plans for the airfield.

As the largest air base on Oahu, Hickam Field was heavily bombed during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Wagner recalled how he carried an injured man away from near a burning plane moments before it blew "sky high."

But Wagner did more than just survive the attack and help his comrades. In the years to come, he got a chance to fight back. He was soon part of the mammoth struggle against Imperial Japan in the Pacific, being stationed at Midway Island and then Canton Island as part of the 58th Bomb Squadron. Later Wagner was sent back to Hickam for a course at Radio School, after which he became part of a B-24



Jack Wagner

PHOTO BY ADITYA RAMANATHAN

crew for the 98th Bomb Squadron of the 11th Bomb Group. He was soon posted in Guam.

In the midst of war, Wagner even found the time to get married while on leave in 1944.

One incident Wagner still remembers vividly is the day he lost all his fellow crewmen. He happened to be sick that day – it was the first flight he'd missed. His bomber was lost over Japanese territory and the crew was executed.

Wagner recalled how his intelligence officer later told him to gather up the dead bomber crew's gear for an inventory check. "I almost cried," he said.

In 1991, Wagner returned to Hickam Field as a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for the 50th anniversary of the attack.

When asked about how he felt about Pearl Harbor survivors and Japanese attackers meeting and shaking hands in Oahu, 65 years on, Wagner said that despite bitter memories like the execution of his crew members, the anger and hate in him had long subsided.

MVA Helps Customers With Documents

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has instituted a new, improved electronic appointment scheduling system for applicants presenting out-of-country documents. Applicants presenting out-of-country documents should schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-950-1MVA (1682) to apply for their initial Maryland learner's permit, driver's license or identification card.

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A letter confirming the appointment will be sent to all applicants presenting out-of-country documents from the MVA when the appointments are made. The confirmation letter will highlight the appointment date, time, location and the applicant's name and date of birth.

Customers are encouraged to visit the MVA website at www.marylandmva.com for further information.

Board of Education TV Schedule Changes

The new members of the Prince George's County Board of Education have requested a change in the schedule when Board meetings are televised. Board of Education meetings will continue to be broadcast live on PGCPSTV96 and beginning this week will be re-broadcast on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. and Mondays at 2 p.m.

All Prince George's County Comcast cable television subscribers can tune in to Channel 96 to watch Thursday's meeting live, beginning at 7:05 p.m. or when the meetings re-air. All board meetings are held in the Board Meeting Room, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

GHI delegates to the annual Conference of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives are Brenda Lewis holding the registration banner and Maria Silvia Miller.

GHI Represented at Co-op Conference in Vancouver

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt entered international air space in October and landed with a splash. Brenda Lewis and Maria Silvia Miller represented Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) at the annual conference of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC) in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Lewis, director of human resources at GHI, and Miller, a member of the GHI finance committee, attended educational workshops at the conference designed to enhance their present knowledge of cooperative living. Lewis even provided training for members on how to get along with four generations – the Traditionalist, the Baby Boomer, the Gen Y and the Echo Boomer – in a workplace or cooperative community. Conference attendees rated "Bridging

the Generation Gap" their sixth favorite workshop of the nearly 60 presented.

Lewis also showed off GHI's website during a workshop on starting and maintaining a website given by former Greenbelt resident Altoria Bell Ross. In addition, Lewis' daughter Amber worked as a conference helper.

GHI is a member of NAHC, a nationally recognized leader in training and technical assistance for housing co-ops. It is a non-profit national federation of housing co-ops, mutual housing associations, other resident-owned or controlled housing, professionals, organizations and individuals involved in promoting the interests of cooperative housing communities. Incorporated in 1950, NAHC is supported and governed by its members.

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