



## Greenbelt New Year Fete To Feature Music Groups

Greenbelt's official party to welcome the new year will be held on Wednesday, December 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center and the Greenbelt Youth Center. There will be no shortage of local talent ringing in 2009 at the New Year celebration.

### Eastern Standard Time

The lineup of bands includes: Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.), a D.C. area favorite ska band. E.S.T. keeps people on their feet while they play. The group has been featured on MTV's 120 minutes, in film soundtracks and on stages and radio stations around the world. Greenbelt resident James McDonald is featured on drums. They will be on the stage in the Community Center Gym from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Preview their sound and learn more about the band at [www.easternstandardtime.com](http://www.easternstandardtime.com).

### Able Birds

The Able Birds are a melodious folk/rock quintet with

influences including Wilco and Sufjan Stevens. The group creates wistful sonic landscapes combining insightful lyrics with indie [independent] sensibilities and occasional twang. Members include Greenbelt residents Andre Cutair (guitar and vocals) and Allison Smith (drums and violin). They fill Community Center Room 202 with sound from 7 to 9:45 p.m. Samples of their sound are at [www.theablebirds.com](http://www.theablebirds.com).

### Harp 46

Who would have thought that Celtic harp and fusion jazz have so much in common? Check out Harp 46 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in



The Junkyard Saints

Community Center Room 114. Greenbelt residents April (harp) and Nucleo Vega (percussion) are joined by Posido Vega (bass). In the words of radio producer Bill Binkelman, the trio plays together See **NEW YEAR**, page 2

## Three Michaels Receive Police, Fire Awards at American Legion Dinner

by Rachael DeNale

Michael Lanier of the Greenbelt Police, Michael Young of the U.S. Park Police at Greenbelt Station and Michael Robinson of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad were the 2008 honorees at the Post #136 Greenbelt American Legion 20th Annual Public Safety Awards banquet on Friday, December 12.

Each officer was selected by his department for his exceptional actions over the course of the past year.

### Michael Lanier

"Detective Michael D. Lanier has been selected as this year's recipient due to his outstanding accomplishments regarding a prolonged arson investigation that received local as well as national attention," said Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze.



Det. Michael Lanier accepts the award from Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze.

— photo by George Mathews

The 22-year veteran has had many assignments in his time with the force and is currently assigned to criminal investigations as a detective. "In his various assignments, he has received 47 commendations and letters of appreciation from his supervisors, other law enforcement officials and everyday citizens," Craze said. "[Lanier] is one of the more highly decorated officers within the agency." He was previously selected as Officer of the Year of 1992.

"[Lanier]'s selection as Officer of the Year for 2008 is in recognition of his participation in the investigation of the multiple arsons in what was then Springhill Lake, now Empirian Village, which began in March of 2007," Craze said.

A joint task force composed of Prince George's County Fire Department, the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office, ATF of the U.S. Treasury Department and the Greenbelt Police Department was formed. Lanier was a liaison in the task force, Craze explained.

Over the course of the case, Lanier

was able to follow a lead which helped break the case.

The entire job was a team effort, Lanier said upon receiving his award. "I don't really think I deserve individual credit for this. I appreciate the recognition, but I'd like to recognize these guys, too. This was definitely a team effort."

Lanier invited his fellow task force officers to join him in the recognition for hard work. Others given awards as part of the team were Battalion Chief Scott K. Hoglander and Capt. Paul Gomez of fire investigation with the Prince George's County Fire Department.

Hoglander was reluctant to discuss the case because it is officially "not over yet." Sentencing for the arson suspect, Jeremiah Christopher Jones, 26, of Greenbelt, has been postponed until January.

"We were only successful because of the partnership we had," Hoglander said.

### Michael Young

Michael Young of the U.S. Park Police, Greenbelt Station, was given recognition because of his impressive statistics, making a total of 43 arrests and handling 200 cases in the past year, said U.S. Park Police Lieutenant John W. Dewey.

"I'm just doing my job," Young said. "When you're happy and doing your job, you just want to go out and do more."

### Michael Robinson

Fire Chief Charles Fusco de-

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## American Education Week November 16 to 22, 2008

In a celebration of American education, these columns have been telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. In past weeks teachers from Magnolia and Greenbelt Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School, Turning Point Academy and St. Hugh's School were featured in these columns.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Next week we plan to have stories from Springhill Lake Elementary School.

This series was developed and coordinated by David Lange.

## Dr. David Jakob Considers ERHS an Amazing School

by Naveed Siddiqui

While many teachers are busy planning or grading assignments between classes, Dr. David Jakob is almost always greeting students outside his classroom in the crowded hallways of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He is best known as an outstanding health teacher but along with teaching the subject so well, he develops positive relationships with most students in his class.

Jakob was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in near-by Flushing, a neighborhood



Dr. David Jakob

of Queens. Jakob's family was close and there were "friends all over," he says. He attended Hunter College in the heart of New York City, where he got his bachelor of science degree.

It was there that Jakob decided to pursue a career in teaching. He was majoring in psychology and microbiology at the time but still was not sure of his future. "I went to the college library and found

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## A Great Opportunity Says Jessica Stern of ERHS

by Bridget Botchway-Bradley

Eleanor Roosevelt High School history teacher Jessica Stern is a dedicated advanced placement (AP) human geography and U.S. history teacher, an experienced Student Government Association (SGA) coordinator and a newlywed who has become popular at Eleanor Roosevelt. She has been teaching for five years and earned her degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, where she was studying to become a physical therapist. But she changed her path when she realized she "didn't like science."

Stern is a Maryland native. She grew up in Columbia and



Jessica Stern

attended Maryvale Prep School in Towson, where she became "very interested in history."

"History is one giant story all about people," said Stern, "it is very interesting because history eventually repeats itself."

In regard to Eleanor Roosevelt High School, she believes, "It's the best high school in the county. I've heard so many good things about it. The school was just a great opportunity," said Stern.

As the coordinator of the SGA for the past two years, she supervises the SGA class and directs

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## What Goes On

**Saturday, December 20**

**10 a.m. to noon**, Breakfast with Santa for Greenbriar children, Greenbriar Terrace Room

**Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 and Thursday, January 1** – City and GHI Offices closed

**Wednesday, December 31**

**6:30 p.m. till midnight**, Greenbelt New Year celebration, Community Center and Youth Center

**Editorial**

**Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings**

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

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

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.

**Calendar Celebrates Maryland's Beginning**

With a variety of activities, historic attractions and natural resources all within a short drive, Maryland is the perfect place to explore and the 2009 "Calendar of Events" features more than 800 fairs, festivals and special events to experience along the way. A stroll through Maryland's quaint towns, a visit to one of the many museums or historical landmarks or relaxation along the waterways of the Chesapeake Bay are just a few ways to enjoy all Maryland has to offer.

This year, "Celebrate 375!" is the featured theme, which commemorates the 375 years since the founding of historic St. Mary's City and the beginning of the Maryland colony. There will be a host of events throughout the year including festivals, concerts, historical tours, cultural demonstrations and much more to celebrate the state's 375th birthday.

Produced by the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, a division of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the free 2009 "Maryland Calendar of Events" is available by calling 800-719-5900 or visiting [www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org) and then clicking on "Order Your Maryland Vacation Travel Kit Today." Mailings also include "Destination Maryland," the state's official guide to travel, as well as a Maryland State Highway map. Or stop by any Maryland State Welcome Center conveniently located on major highways throughout Maryland.

**Volunteer to Help A Foster Child**

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is looking for resourceful volunteers to speak up for a child who has been abused or neglected and living in foster care. In 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteers visit a child and collaborate with social workers, parents and judges to secure the child's welfare.

Apply by January 5 to participate in winter training. For more information visit the website at [www.pgcasa.org](http://www.pgcasa.org) or call 301-209-0491.

**Grin Belt**



"Since nobody else has acorns we need to keep these hidden."

**Greenbelt News Review**

**Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes**

Now is the time to plan ahead in order to accommodate changes in the regular advertising and print schedule of the Greenbelt News Review. Please note the following:

**Christmas Week Issue – dated Thursday, December 25**  
Advertising and Copy Deadline: MONDAY 12/22

**New Year's Week Issue – dated Thursday, January 1**  
Advertising and Copy Deadline: MONDAY 12/29

**Holiday Office Hours:**

Monday 12/22 - 2 to 4 p.m.; 8 to 10 p.m.  
(Tuesday 12/23 - Sunday 12/28 - CLOSED)  
Monday 12/29 - 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.  
(Tuesday 12/30 - Sunday 1/1 - CLOSED)

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

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

**Postal Services Available**

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Sunday  
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Thursday  
7:30

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"with uncommon symmetry, infusing their music with both passion and an understated grace." Learn more at [www.harp46.com](http://www.harp46.com).

**Junkyard Saints**

Junkyard Saints is a DC/Baltimore-based band with full horn section performing New Orleans-style party music blending funk, swing, Latin, R&B and a splash of zydeco to round out the mix. WAMMIE Award winners for Best Roots Rock Group and Artist of the Year and 2008 Best Roots Rock Group, they have been featured on National Public Radio and have performed with such notables as Buckwheat

Zydeco and Chuck Brown. They will play on the Community Center Gym stage from 9:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Preview their sound at [www.junkyardsaints.com](http://www.junkyardsaints.com).

Greenbelt New Year is live, local and alcohol free, with over 20 separate activities and performances for all ages. Purchase admission wristbands in advance at the Greenbelt Community Center, Youth Center and Co-op Grocery Store. Opening ceremonies begin at the Greenbelt Skate Park at 6:30 p.m. The complete schedule is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Next week: Fire Dancers and more performers.

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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.

# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 22 through 24 include:

Monday – Split pea soup, chicken filet with gravy, corn O'Brien, green beans, apple-sauce.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatballs with curry sauce, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, canned peaches.

Wednesday – Grape juice, beef stew with vegetables, white rice, garden salad, chocolate cupcake.

All sites are closed on Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holiday.

## GHI Notes

**Friday, December 19** – Employees' Holiday Party. Offices close at noon. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

**December 25 and 26** – Offices Closed

**Thursday, January 1**, New Year's Day – Offices Closed

**Monday, January 5**, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library

**Wednesday, January 7**, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby  
7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

**Thursday, January 8**, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

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

## At the Library

The library will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25, 28, 31 and January 1.

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, December 23, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club held the last meeting of the year on December 17 with a birthday potluck lunch. No meetings will be held on December 24 or 31.

We will install new officers on January 7.

Many thanks to all the people who have contributed so much time and energy to make this a successful and productive year for the club. Thanks to the City of Greenbelt for their interest and support, which helps keep us active. Kudos to Karen Haseley, our patient, cheerful leader on trips and other activities, and to her interns.

Our condolences to Marsha Voigt and family on the death of her father Galen Andrews.

Happy holidays and hope to see everyone at Club meetings in 2009.

## New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

On Friday, December 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. check out the monthly A Cappella Showcase with "Euphonism" and "Blue-line." On Saturday, December 20 the Greenbelt Songwriters Meet-up will be featured from noon to 1 p.m. and legendary saxophonist Buck Hill will perform with "Magic Ray Jazz" from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. "The AntiSocialites" play alternative rock blending elements of jazz, hard rock, hip-hop and R&B. On Tuesday, December 23 Sonia will perform belly dances from 7 to 9 p.m. – a great way to prepare for all of the holiday feasting to come!

For more information visit the Café website at [www.newdeal-cafe.com](http://www.newdeal-cafe.com) or call 301-474-5642.

## Group & Chorus Play And Seek Donations

On Sunday, December 21 from 5 to 8 p.m., the New Deal Café will be the site for a performance by indie rock band The AntiSocialites in their first-ever holiday benefit concert. The Ardmore Elementary School Honors Chorus will join them. Come and hear favorite songs of the season with a rock and jazz twist.

In addition to bringing in the holiday season with great music, those attending are asked to make monetary, toy or clothing donations to the New Deal Café so someone in need can experience the joy of these holiday gifts. Aside from the requested donations, the event is free.

## Free Babysitting Course Offered

Greenbelt CARES will offer the winter session of the free babysitting course on Friday, January 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor council room, city Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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

Parents and students wanting additional information and enrollment should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016.

## Donations Are Sought For Shelter Animals

GHI's Companion Animal Committee is seeking holiday donations for animals at the Greenbelt Shelter and the Prince George's County Animal Management Division.

Bring old blankets, comforters, sheets, quilts, spreads, cat and dog beds and towels to the GHI office on Hamilton Place between 9 and 5 p.m., to the donation box in the lobby. Toys, treats, food (and litter) for cats and dogs are also needed. The donation drive will go on through the holidays. The Companion Animal Committee urges people to help make animals in the shelters more comfortable.

## County Historian Will Visit Here Saturday

Former Greenbelter Alan Virta, author of the 1984 volume "Prince George's County: A Pictorial History," will be visiting family in the area this year and taking his first look at the new location in Greenbelt of the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History. The facility is located on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library.

Virta will be joining library staff and other visitors at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20. This will be his first visit since the library moved to Greenbelt and formally opened on May 31.

Virta was very involved over many years with the historical society library. He has been a member of the society since the early 1970s and from 1974 to 1986 served as editor of the society's newsletter, "The News & Notes."

Prince George's County: A Pictorial History was printed in an expanded Tricentennial edition in 1998. Copies of this award-winning book are available for purchase at the library and can be signed by the author during his visit.

Virta left Greenbelt in 1986; since 1987 he has been archivist and head of Special Collections at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

Normal visiting hours for the historical society library are between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturdays, though special arrangements can be made to use the facility at other times. Staff members say that more and more people are making use of the library, which contains ephemeral material, such as old newspapers and pictures that can be invaluable sources for genealogical and other historical issues relating to the county.

## Fire Department Elects Officers

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. held their biennial election of administrative officers and two trustees on December 4. The new officers will take office in 2009 and hold those positions for two years. The following persons were elected: President – Kenny Stair; Vice President – John "Dickie" Wynkoop; Treasurer – Warren Porter; Secretary – Wayne Lewis; Trustees – Gene Davis and Jason Morgal.



Greenbelt Travel has opened its doors for the public to view a traditional moving Christmas display including 23 moving dolls, a singing Santa and many other decorations.

## Travel Agency Opens Holiday Display

Greenbelt Travel, across from Beltway Plaza at 5510 Cherrywood Lane, invites everyone to their office to see its traditional moving Christmas display including 23 moving dolls and many other bright seasonal decorations. A singing Santa sets the mood, greeting visitors at the door. Families are welcome, old or young, and are invited to take pictures. Arthur Wayne, Greenbelt Travel's original owner, has been sharing his large collection of dolls and doodads with the staff for over 15 years and they want to extend the fun to the entire community.

There will be a special open house on Saturday, December 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so kids and worker bees will also have a chance to take a peek. Greenbelt Travel is right behind Chipotle restaurant in Suite H.

The moving Christmas display will be up until New Year's so

come on by for the Open House Saturday or stop in during regular business hours Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 301-474-1300.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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**ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00**

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Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!! ) No pass weekend

## Week of Dec. 19

**FRI. - SAT.**  
Bolt, PG

11:20, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:20

**Nothing Like the Holidays, PG-13 (!)**

11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7, 9:30

**Tale of Despereaux, G (!)**

11:30, 2, 4:20, 7, 9:15

**Yes Man, PG (!)**

11:30, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

**The Day the Earth Stood Still, PG-13 (!)**

11:40, 2:20, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35

**Seven Pounds, PG-13 (!)**

11:20, 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20

**Cadillac Records, R**

11:40, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:30

**Transporter 3, PG-13**

11:40, 2:20, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35

**SUN. - WED.**  
Bolt, PG

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**Tale of Despereaux, G (!)**

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## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
1st Saturday of the month  
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# Obituaries

## Ursula Hollwig Schmid

Ursula Schmid, 83, died early Thanksgiving Day of kidney failure following a bout of cancer. She lived on Maplewood Court.



She is survived by her husband Lawrence (Larry); sister Ilse Hollwig, who lives in Germany; sister-in-law Krista Hollwig (widow of Ursula's brother Richard) and their daughter Irina of Germany; sister Gudrun Greiffenhagen of Austria; and Larry's sisters with their numerous children and grandchildren scattered throughout the United States. To all of these she has been a devoted and loving sister-in-law and aunt.

Mrs. Schmid was born and raised in Berlin, Germany, where she completed secretarial and business schools. During World War II she was assigned to a secretarial position in the Air Transport Ministry. After the war she went through interpreter's school where she became fluent in English. This led to a job with the U.S. State Department in Germany, and later to a position with the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C. There she met her husband Larry, who was a research physicist at Goddard Space Flight Center. She left the U.S. Civil Service to become executive secretary to the regional manager of Lufthansa Airlines, where she worked for many years except for a short period when she worked for the 3M Company in their Washington office.

Ursula and Larry married in June 1962 and moved to Greenbelt in January 1966. Mrs. Schmid was a warm-hearted and gregarious woman who was known and loved by many Greenbelters. She was a gracious hostess and an enthusiastic gardener, who was proud of her colorful azalea display.

According to her request, her ashes have been scattered among these azaleas so that she could continue to be a part of her beloved garden.

— Lawrence A. Schmid



Our sympathy to Larry Schmid of Maplewood Court on the death of his wife Ursula on November 27, 2008.

Condolences to Evelyn Hughes of Lakecrest Drive whose husband Booker Hughes died December 15, 2008.

### Congratulations to:

— Air Force Airman Demetrius R. Rogers, the son of Johnny Rogers of Greenbury Drive and Hattie Holms of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



— Teachers of students serving Greenbelt youth at Eleanor Roosevelt and Robert Goddard Montessori Schools who received national board certification by the National Board of Certified Teachers (NBCTs). Newly-certified teachers from ERHS are Allison Beers, Anna Maria Cherubin and Becky Thomas; and Sharon Markowich at Goddard Montessori. In addition a special plaque was awarded to Barrie Hershkowitz of Goddard for renewing the NBCTs certification and a belated 2007 certification recognition to Hubert Willoughby of ERHS, who has the distinction of also being the first African American male teacher in the school district

to earn National Board Certification. With the addition of 60 new board certified teachers, the county is third in the state and Maryland the ninth in the nation in board certification.

It was nice to see James and Arlie Dobbin at the Co-op. They played Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at Beltway Plaza for many years. Mr. Dobbin still looked the part, with his red cap and white beard which he assured us was the "real thing." They — and we — wish everyone Happy Holidays.

William and Stella Uber of Southway are proud of their grandson Chase Uber of Riverdale, who is an Eagle Scout candidate of Boy Scout Troop 740. His Community Service Project involves the planning, preparation and delivery of emergency food packets to be distributed to Meals-on-Wheels clients. These self-contained food packets will be delivered to clients to be set aside for use on days when the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are not able to make their regular deliveries.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
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**Booker Hughes**  
 Booker Hughes of Lakecrest Drive died on December 15, 2008. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church of North Brentwood at noon on Monday, December 22.  
 An obituary will appear in a later issue of the News Review.

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 10:00AM  
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## Mowatt Church Holds Christmas Service

On December 24 at 3:30 p.m. a family Christmas service will be offered at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road. This service, de-

signed for families and children, will examine the meanings behind many Christmas symbols. Come sing carols and receive a gift to commemorate the season.

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 The traditional story of Jesus' birth will be told in a musical pageant. The annual congregational holiday meal will follow.

Wednesday, December 24, Two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
 6 p.m. Family Service & 9:30 p.m. — Adult Service "The Juggler's Tale"

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# Greenbelt Historian, Knepper At Work on Her Third Book

by Brian Hooks

*Brian Hooks, a University of Maryland journalism student, had the opportunity to interview historian and author Cathy Knepper.*

Cathy D. Knepper reads a lot. She is a historian with a focus on 20th century American culture, who received her Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Maryland in 1993 after 20 years as a social worker and genealogist.

In 2001 she wrote *Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal* and followed that with a book of letters addressed to Eleanor Roosevelt by Americans worn thin from the Depression and World War II. The introduction to the latter work includes a quotation from "Mrs. President" during a radio broadcast, taking a tone somewhat pertinent to issues of today. "There is little that I haven't seen in the course of the last few years which touches the third of the nation which is ill fed, ill housed, ill clothed and I think that estimate is a low estimate," said Roosevelt.

Now Knepper is working on her third book. It focuses on the little-known 1948 trial of six black men charged with murder in Trenton, New Jersey. The work ties into present-day issues of recession, civil rights, local government and even socialism.

The story gets little attention, she said, because the men were eventually found innocent. Nevertheless, the lack of proper judicial procedure and the involvement of local citizens against a death sentence for the men make these events noteworthy.

Knepper, who works out of her Kensington home in a cozy office decorated with antique fine china and well-organized stacks of books and old newspapers, is avidly opposed to the death penalty. She volunteers at Amnesty International, a human rights advocacy organization. Her van outside her home is plastered with bumper stickers saying, "Death Penalty is Dead Wrong," "Execution is Not the Solution" and "Denounce Torture," side by side with "USA" and "War Is Not the Answer." She said her own rights have never been extremely violated "but for some reason I am very passionate about people's rights and justice" and this spirit carries over into her research and writing.

### Greenbelt Book

Knepper was passionate about her Greenbelt research. Though she has never actually lived in Greenbelt, she probably knows more about the city's history than many of its residents. It took her roughly 10 years to finish the book, she said. "I also had a house, a husband, two kids and two cats to take care of." She and her husband Mark of 38 years have two sons, Ross and Ben, who live in Pittsburgh and Pensacola, respectively. "Pie," as Mark Knepper calls his wife, would leave the kids at home and work on the book from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

In writing about Greenbelt, she focused on "the families and how they coped with the Great Depression and World War II," she said. Knepper's research included rummaging through issues of the *Greenbelt News Review*, public and personal files and let-

ters belonging to the "pioneers" of Greenbelt.

The federal government, under President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, funded the building of similar low-cost housing in many places across the U.S. — including the two other "green towns" of Greendale, Wisconsin and Greenhills, Ohio — but Greenbelt served as a prototype for planned communities, most of which Greenbelt has outlasted.

### Roosevelt Letters

In her Roosevelt book Knepper focused on the people who appealed to Eleanor Roosevelt during the hardship of the Depression and World War II. "I'd like to see someone try to go through that book without shedding at least one tear," said Mark Knepper. Eleanor Roosevelt helped to inspire public interest in the building process in Greenbelt after she paid a visit here and wrote a story about the city in her syndicated newspaper column, *My Day*. Knepper said the story was a response to a letter from a discouraged citizen who feared the city would not reach completion. She added that Mrs. Roosevelt's interest in the lives of the people of Greenbelt was one reason that later residents opted to name the local high school after the former first lady rather than after her husband.

Mark Knepper admires the unique perspective of his wife's work. "It's more a history of how people think than a history of wars or leaders," he said.

### HSAs to Be Explained At Meeting January 7

The Prince George's County Board of Education wants to ensure that students in the Class of 2009 receive their diplomas this spring and is sending a message — if you do not sit and pass the High School Assessment (HSA) tests you do not walk at graduation.

Students must complete all four HSAs in algebra, biology, English and government with a combined score of 1,602 in order to graduate. If students do not pass a test after taking it twice, they can work on a Bridge Plan project to meet the requirement.

The board has panned two parent meetings in the northern and southern areas of the county to provide information to parents and guardians of students who have not passed the HSAs. Parents of Eleanor Roosevelt and DuVal High School students will meet Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. at Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road in Hyattsville.

### College Savings Plans Enrollment Open Now

The College Savings Plans of Maryland (CSPM) announced that the Maryland Prepaid College Trust (MPCT) opened its 2008-2009 enrollment period on December 1 and will continue enrollment through April 6, 2009. The MPCT is one of two Section 529 plans offered by the CSPM that give families an opportunity to help hedge against tuition inflation by locking in tomorrow's tuition at today's prices and is backed by the security of a Maryland Legislative

### Register on Jan. 13 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its winter 10-week GED course from Tuesday, January 13 and continue through Thursday, March 19. Registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, January 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, January 15.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card.)

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 or email [jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov).

### Hite Becomes Interim County Schools Head

The Prince George's County Board of Education has announced that Dr. William R. Hite, Jr. assumed the role of Interim Superintendent on December 1 as outgoing superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy departed on November 30.

A search plan for finding a new superintendent will be finalized as an administrative function of the school board and a process established to invite and receive public input on the kind of person and leader parents and the community want for Prince George's County Public Schools.

Hite, the current deputy superintendent, has been working with Deasy since he announced on September 30 that he would leave to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

### TAG Test Deadline Is Friday, Jan. 16

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs is currently accepting applications for Non-Public Testing for the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program. The testing is for students who are entering PGCPS from a non-public school setting.

Applications are available in the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs located in Room 201-I of the Sasscer Administration Building at 14201 School Lane

in Upper Marlboro. Applications are due in the TAG Office no later than January 16, 2009.

Non-Public Testing for the Talented and Gifted Program is scheduled for February 7, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at Kenmoor Middle School at 2500 Kenmoor Drive in Landover. The testing snow date is February 14.

For more information call the Office of Enrichment and Specialty Programs at 301-952-6044.



## City Information

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th, and Thursday, January 1st, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 22nd and December 29th  
 Monday Route – Regular Schedule (on Dec. 22nd & Dec. 29th)  
 Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule  
 Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule  
 Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 26th, and Friday, January 2th.

### GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Thursday or Friday, December 25th and 26th, and Thursday, January 1st.

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

#### Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

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### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, December 23 & 25: 6pm "Ask the Expert-Avoiding Fraud" 7pm "Avoiding the Holiday Blues" 7:45pm "Santa Visits Greenbelt" 8pm "Holiday Lights Concert"

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 24 & 26: 7pm "Your Body, Your Business, Your Health" 8pm "Combined Choir 2008" 9pm "Equus"

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a book of majors. I saw a bulletin for health and thought it was interesting," he said. Jakob says he was attracted to the subject matter because it dealt with all the things he had interest in, such as anatomy, physiology and psychology.

After graduating from Hunter College, Jakob received his master's degree from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. While teaching at a junior high school in Brooklyn, Jakob wanted to try something "very different" from what he was doing. So he found a master's program at the University of New Mexico that he thought looked "interesting" and went for the change. He later received his doctorate in health education from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Jakob has been teaching for 37 years. He taught at 10 schools prior to Roosevelt, where he has been for 14 years. He calls his experience at Roosevelt "amazing," the "finest school" where he has ever taught. "At other public schools," Jakob says, "the classroom experience was 50 to 80 percent discipline compared to real teaching time. At this school, students are so prepared that most of the time in class is real teaching time. So it is a joy for a teacher who loves the subject matter; you can really apply your craft."

According to Jakob, the admin-

istration of the school is "outstanding" and the students "amazing" and "some of the smartest" he has ever met. Jakob says he respects the community very much because the people are "super supportive" and they "provide assistance for students who need it."

### Shows Respect

In the classroom, mutual respect is important for both students and teachers. Roosevelt junior Julia Ruth says that Jakob shows his students the highest level of respect. "[He] treats every single person with the best of intentions for their self growth and well-being. He gives every one of his students individual attention and treats them with respect," she says.

Jakob is known around the school for his corny jokes and his playful manner in the classroom. "He knows how to mix the jokes with the learning and make it fun for everyone. He can be easygoing yet harsh when it is really important," Ruth says.

Jakob is a teacher who tries to do everything he can to make sure all his students are succeeding. Only a handful of teachers ever go the extra mile for their students but Jakob makes a habit of it. "I look forward to his class knowing that no matter how I go into the class feeling, I will come out excited and full of useful knowledge for the real world," Ruth said.

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various student events and dances. "Being the SGA coordinator I get the opportunity to work with students in a non-academic setting."

Ari Melenciano, a sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High in the SGA class, said having Stern as a teacher is a great experience. "I love Mrs. Stern as my teacher. She is an understanding teacher and doesn't talk down to us as students, she's great," said Melenciano.

The SGA coordinator has a hard job trying to cater to the interests of thousands of students but Stern has been successful and enjoys the work. "Every year is different," she says. "There are new challenges and new good things every year. It never gets boring," Stern comments. "Dealing with diverse personalities makes SGA different."

Stern's students range from sophomores to seniors and they enjoy her classes. She also teaches AP Human Geography, which is a course that gives an in-depth analysis of human development across the world. "She is a funny teacher and is one of the most optimistic teachers I know," said senior Laura Pinsky.

### Well-liked

In turn she has become one of Roosevelt's well-liked teachers. Her bright and quirky personality works well with the students at Roosevelt and with the staff.

U.S. History teacher Brian Secker, who works alongside Stern, has been teaching at Roosevelt for three years and believes she is a "fantastic and supportive co-worker." He goes on to com-

ment, "She connects with students on all levels and all grade levels. She takes on a lot of work and is the first person I go to for school-related problems. She is an extremely helpful person."

"I go to her to assist me for things, big or small. She does for other people and goes out of her way to help," comments Secker.

Stern is also a role model for those who also want to be teach-

ers. "I encourage more people to become teachers. It's a lot of work but it's worth it. I love to influence students."

Senior Funmi Akinyode, one of her students, says about Stern and her inspiration to be a teacher, "I've always known I wanted to help other needy people but Mrs. Stern's passion gave me that extra push to continue my own dream of teaching."



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Both Naveed Siddiqui and Bridget Botchway-Bradley are student journalists at ERHS. Photos on the front page are by Aimee Becker.

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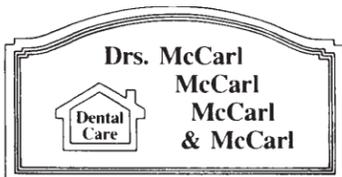


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# Police Blotter

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

## Attempted Murder

December 5, 6:51 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a taxi driver reported that he picked up a man at the Greenbelt Metro Station. The man was driven to the 9200 block of Springhill Lane where he displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the taxi driver, he exited the cab and fired a shot at the driver, hitting the taxi instead. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

## Robbery

December 9, 5:20 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a person was punched from behind by one of three youths. The person's iPod was taken and all three youths fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 years of age, 5'5" with a heavy build, wearing a black jacket and black jeans; a black male, 17 years of age, 5'8" with a thin build, wearing dark clothing; and a black male, 16 years of age, 5'7" with a thin build, wearing a purple shirt and dark pants.

## Assault

December 10, 7:43 p.m., Beltway Plaza, police attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver refused to stop, then drove toward an officer who was on foot in the parking lot, almost striking him. The driver later abandoned the vehicle in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court. The suspects seen fleeing the area of the abandoned vehicle are described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5'8" with a thin build and short black hair, wearing a red jersey and dark pants; and a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 6' with a thin build and black hair in dreadlocks, wearing a tan and orange jacket and blue jeans. The vehicle, a 2009 Saturn 4-door, was later reported stolen from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

## Hindering

December 12, 12:03 a.m., 100 block Westway, a resident man was arrested and charged with hindering and resisting arrest. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Trespass

December 11, 12:28 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass and released on citation pending trial.

## Open Alcohol

December 5, 7:08 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested for carrying an open alcohol container. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

December 11, 10:40 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) threw a bottle

## Carter Sentencing Set for the New Year

by Candice D. Cooks

The day after Thanksgiving, November 28, Victor Kevin Carter, 45, a Greenbelt resident, was convicted in Circuit Court of the stabbing death of Elias Green in Capitol Heights, Md. According to State's Attorney spokesman Ramon Korionoff, there may have been multiple motives for the stabbing but one motive may have been drug related.

Carter will be sentenced January 30 and faces the maximum sentence for murder; life without the possibility of parole.

through the bedroom window of a residence.

## Burglaries

December 5, 1:31 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a television, video game player, laptop computer, DVD player and DVDs were among the items reported as taken.

December 9, 2:56 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, money and a video game player were reported as taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1995 Nissan Maxima 4-door from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a green 1997 Ford Thunderbird 2-door, Maryland tags 3ENY34 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; a green 2006 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 5BFP53 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a gray 2009 Saturn 4-door, Maryland tags 2ENP51 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An attempt to steal a vehicle was reported in the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Two vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests and two were recovered by outside departments with an arrest made in one recovery.

Theft from vehicles was reported at 6400 block Ivy Lane (GPS, computer equipment); 6500 block Capitol Drive (rear tag); 9100 block Edmonston Road (rear tag); 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents - GPS and laptop computer, digital camera); 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (DVDs, CDs); Greenway Center (purse); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (rear tag); 6200 block Breezewood Court (CD player).

Vandalism to vehicles occurred at 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (punctured tires), 6000 block Springhill Drive (broken rear window), Breezewood Court and Edmonston Terrace (broken windows), 6100 and 6200 blocks Breezewood Court (broken rear windows), 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents - broken side windows) and 6700 block Village Park Drive (damaged rear hatch lock).

# AWARDS continued from page 1

scribed Michael Robinson, of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, as a "fearless go-getter, who was always anywhere work needed to be performed." He put in over 1,000 hours of fire and rescue training with the University of Maryland and is known for his dedication to his job, putting in extra work to organize the annual fund drive and to assist the treasurer with administrative duties.

This is the first year that Berwyn Heights, the first responder for fires in Greenbelt West, has been invited to the awards ceremony, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis said.

Bill Milligan, Vice Commander of the Southern Maryland District Legion, was glad for the event honoring these men. "We don't do enough to recognize our first responders," Milligan said.

The ceremony was held at Post 136 on Greenbelt Road. There were about 22 tables of people at the buffet style dinner to recognize the public safety officers.

Attendees included Davis, other councilmembers and city officials, a representative from County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's office, various members of the police and fire departments, legionnaires and community residents. We can't thank the Legion Post enough for holding the awards dinner, Davis said.

"They really show our appreciation to our public safety officers," she said. "They're out there protecting us. They keep us safe so we can sleep at night. I'm very proud and very appreciative."



U.S. Park Police Officer Michael Young with his commanding officer, Lt. John Dewey.



Michael Robinson, a volunteer firefighter with the Berwyn Heights Fire Department, is congratulated by Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis.

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## Combined Choir Presents Annual Community Concert

by Rachael DeNale

Greenbelt Community Church hosted its annual holiday concert Sunday night, December 14. The freewill concert presented by the Greenbelt Combined Choir has been hosted at the church for longer than many of the parishioners have attended this church.

The choir started out as three choirs, said bass Tony Fominaya, a member of the Greenbelt Community Church. They would sing in three locations at different times over an evening rather than in one location at one time, Fominaya explained.

The choir began rehearsal this year in September, its usual beginning phase, said Bea McCarthy, a member of the church for 21 years.

Members are mostly older, Fominaya said. They are mostly in their 60s to 80s, though there are some younger members. Fominaya's sons are in the choir. His son Chris Fominaya is one of the two music directors.

The choir is open to anyone in the community. Some people come from churches outside of Greenbelt, Fominaya said.

In recent years the concert has been held in conjunction with a spaghetti dinner. While the dinner charges a small fee to benefit the church's youth group and the Boy Scout Troop #746, the concert is always a free program for the community.

The songs chosen by the choir are mostly religious. A number of them are traditional Christmas music, accompanied by the piano, said Kathy Fominaya, Tony's wife.

The choir warmed up shortly before its 7:30 p.m. debut on Dec. 14 while the community residents ate spaghetti in the church basement, which serves as a community room.

During warm-up, the choir went through a few of its musical selections. They also practiced standing and sitting in unison to help give a professional feel to their performance, which was televised on the Greenbelt channel.

During Bea McCarthy's 21 years as a member of the church, she remembers only a few years when the concert did not occur, and that was because the director retired, she said.

"I definitely look forward to it each year," McCarthy said. She likes to stand in the church's loft

so she can see everything.

This year the choir, which has 25 members, had a few variations in its style.

In years past the choir did only one or two duets, said the other music director, Jean Cook, a member of the choir since 1974. That changed drastically this year, she said, where the choir did a number of duets and quartets. So many people had distinct voices, Cook said, that they wanted to give them the chance to show that talent.

The numbers ran from duets within the choir, to invitations to include all the people in attendance to sing along from books or the program provided. "I was very pleased," Cook said about the concert. "Everyone had a good time."

The choir also performs with other groups in a combined concert at Thanksgiving and they offer a show at Green Ridge House, Fominaya said. This year, the Green Ridge House show was held on Thursday.

Following the concert the choir and those in attendance were welcomed into the community room of the church, where there was punch and an assorted buffet of cookies provided by the choir.

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Students can also receive college and career tips by signing up for the HCF newsletter at <http://www.hispanicfund.org/newsletter-sign-up/>.

### City Notes

Planning staff met with Animal Control and a veterinarian to discuss the best rehabilitation method for a shepherd mix that had been running at large and was captured last week.

Parks and Playgrounds rebuilt a damaged snowplow, saving \$1,000 to \$1,500 in replacement/repair costs.

Recreation Department staff continues work on the ACHIEVE grant application. If the city were to receive this \$30,000 grant it would expand the Get Active Greenbelt initiative throughout the community, including staff training, promotion of fitness programs, ensuring proper nutrition and ways to address policy, systems and environmental changes.

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## Church Spaghetti Dinner Is a Popular Holiday Event

by Rachael DeNale

Greenbelt Community Church has hosted a spaghetti dinner for its members and people in the community for years. This year's dinner was held on Sunday, December 14.

The annual dinner began as an effort to bring together the community for the annual Greenbelt Combined Choir Concert and has been going on for as long as many of the church's current members have been involved with the church.

An estimated 200 people attended over the course of the dinner's two-and-a-half hours.

The proceeds from the dinner were divided between the church's youth group and the Boy Scouts of Greenbelt, #746, said Kathy Fominaya, a member of the church and the "kitchen cabinet," or those who "work the kitchen," she said.

The Boy Scouts helped with the set-up of the church's basement room where the dinner was held and with the food preparation. The youth group is too young to help with this part, Fominaya added.

Preparations for the dinner start about a week in advance with people working on homemade sauce for the spaghetti, Fominaya said. Her husband Tony Fominaya worked on the sauce in batches over the past week, she added.

The preparations go from 3 to 5:30 p.m. when the dinner starts, Fominaya said. Dinner continued until 7:30 p.m. when the Greenbelt Combined Choir concert began.

During the concert, volunteers assist with cleanup and reserve some of the spaghetti for the choir members, who generally prefer not to eat before the show.

The dinner included spaghetti, meat and meatless sauces, salad and garlic bread. The food was set up buffet style.

The basement of the church was decorated with a Christmas tree and other Christmas ornaments.

People attending the dinner, many members of the church, came as families, their ages ranging from young children to those in their 80s. The church has a very welcoming community. "Welcome to our humble church," said one member to a newcomer.

Bea McCarthy, a member of the church for 21 years, looks forward to the concert and dinner every year. "It's a very family-oriented church," McCarthy said. "There are a lot of families," she added, mentioning a few family names that had multiple members active in the church.

And it's a very community oriented environment, she added, talking about a number of activities church members participate in, like helping the needy of Prince George's County or hosting an exchange student.

### Fair Trade Items

The dinner also was a location for Marsha Voigt to sell fair trade products from all over the world through SERRV International, a non-profit organization locally based in New Windsor, Md., Voigt said.

The products were listed at 50 percent off, Voigt said, because she was trying to sell off the remainder of the products. She tries to sell most of them at the fall bazaar each year.

Following the concert in the main hall of the church, attendees filed back down into the basement and community event room for punch and cookies. The cookies had been provided by different members of the choir for this event and differed in size and type.

Overall, the spaghetti dinner was like a social hour, said Mayor Judith Davis. "It was like one big family."



### Seasonal Foods At Riversdale

Anyone who has ever visited Riversdale House Museum on a Sunday afternoon from April through November may remember visiting the early 19th century kitchen where volunteers from the Riversdale Kitchen Guild re-create historic foods on the open hearth. Usually this group douses the fire and closes up shop for the winter. However, winter visitors to the mansion will no longer be denied the opportunity to see these cooks in action with a new program called "Seasonal Selections." This program will offer monthly special cooking events all year long that will focus on a different topic each month. Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce and/or the traditional cycles of an early 19th century farm will inspire each month's "Seasonal Selection." These food-ways programs are sponsored in part by Giant Food.

December's "Seasonal Selection" is "Martha Washington's Great Cake"; it is scheduled for Saturday, December 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. After taking a candlelit tour of Riversdale House Museum, persons can journey out to the dependency kitchen to watch Riversdale Kitchen Guild members prepare holiday fare, 19th century style. Ever seen or tasted a cake made with 40 eggs? Guests will be able to see and sample Martha Washington's massive "Great Cake."

Visit Riversdale on Friday and Sundays from noon to 3:30 p.m. There is a nominal admission fee. The "Seasonal Selections" program is included in the Sunday admission price.

Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com); email [Riversdale@pgparcs.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparcs.com).

### National Gallery Has Holiday Caroling

Caroling in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda of the National Gallery of Art is a popular event. Guest choirs lead a free afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on December 20 and 21. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.

### Art Gallery Offers Holiday Concert

A free concert at the National Gallery of Art will be held on December 21 at 6:30 p.m. Alessandra Marc, soprano, and the National Gallery Orchestra Strings will perform a Christmas concert. Concerts take place in the West Building, West Garden Court or East Building Auditorium. First-come, first-seated 30 minutes before each concert. Enter at Sixth Street on Sundays until 6:30. For details call 202-842-6941 or [www.nga/programs/music](http://www.nga/programs/music).

See page 10  
for more  
holiday happenings  
events around the area.



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Olivia Noel, age 3, takes a close look at the decorations on the Greenbelt Tree at the lighting ceremony held on December 5.

## Shop with a Cop Brings Joy To Springhill Lake Children

by Rachael DeNale

On Saturday morning, December 13, 20 children from needy families attending Springhill Lake Elementary School joined 20 employees from the Greenbelt Police Department for the second annual "Shop with a Cop." The idea behind the event, which started at 9 a.m. and ran until about 1:30 p.m., is to take the students holiday shopping at Target in Beltway Plaza.

It was sponsored by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police with the dual intent to "come out and help the community" and to show youths "the good side of police officers," said Scott Kaiser, coordinator of the event.

All adults involved were sworn officers or civilians from the police department or the school and parents. "These are the officers who work in this community," said Chris Wichtendahl, special education coordinator at Springhill Lake Elementary. "It helps the kids view the police differently." "We're here on our day off donating our time," Kaiser said.

Local businesses donated to the cause as well. Each child got a gift card to Target of \$100, Safeway donated \$25 gift cards to each child for the holiday season and Three Brothers donated pizzas to be eaten after the shopping trip. Target also made cupcakes, ices and sodas available to the officers and students following their shopping expeditions, said Mike Maloney, Target's executive team leader.

The economy, especially this year, is "really rough on the working poor," Wichtendahl said. "There are so many more families that have lost their jobs," she said. So the gift card, holiday meal and help with wrapping the gifts are a big relief.

The school tried to pick members of the same families to participate this year, so they'd get to shop together, Wichtendahl said. There were a number of siblings in the group of students who ranged from kindergartners to fifth-graders.

The Greenbelt Police work with this school because it is near the transitional homes in the area, Wichtendahl said. Other communities in the area are "more stable." A large part of the event

was corralling the children. "This is going to be an interesting shopping trip," said Jackie Curley, administrative assistant to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, before the group left for Target.

### Individualized

The trip was individualized for each child or group of children. Each adult was assigned a child before they headed out in police vans to Target. Some of the students made lists of what they wanted to get. Others decided what to get when they saw the merchandise in the store.

Jessie Houle, a dispatcher for the police department, got to work with sisters Ridda, 7, and Mishal, 6, who had vastly different ideas about what they should and could get. The girls did not know what gifts to buy but did know whom they wanted to shop for, their parents and their younger sister.

"I always wanted to do it and my supervisor said I could this year," Houle said. She had been scheduled to work but was able to get off in order to participate with the outreach-shopping trip.

Each adult needed to make sure their children stayed within their \$100s budget while still getting all the gifts they wanted for their families and themselves.

After the snacks provided by Target the group headed back to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center where the adults helped the kids wrap their gifts. Seven tables were set up for wrapping and one was set up with the 10 pizzas provided by Three Brothers and assorted candies.

Everyone pitched in to wrap the gifts. But even so, there were a few wrapping mishaps, with paper cut too short or with oddly shaped presents. When nearly everyone was finished, the pizzas were opened.

"As long as we brought everybody back and their parents come to pick them up, I think it went pretty well," Kaiser said, joking.

Even so, there were discussions about what should be done differently next year to make the program run more smoothly. The Fraternal Order of Police and Springhill Lake Elementary School staff both want to continue with the program.

### Riversdale Holds Holiday Fete

The doors of the stately 200-year-old mansion open. George Calvert and his wife Rosalie Stier Calvert welcome visitors into their home as the smells of gingerbread, spices and pine and the sounds of festive music waft through the air.

Riversdale House Museum invites everyone to relax during this busy season in the warm glow of a candlelit evening on December 27. The house will be festooned with seasonal greens and period music will play as costumed interpreters representing family, friends and servants of the house interact with visitors on their self-guided tours of the illuminated mansion. Cooking over an open-hearth fire in the kitchen, children's activities and warming refreshments are all part of the spirit of the evenings.

There is a fee for adults; this event is free for accompanying children 12 and under. No reservations are necessary. The house is open 6 to 9 p.m. and refreshments are provided with admission.

For more information call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

### Kids New Year Fest At Laurel Museum

The Laurel Museum located at 817 Main Street in Laurel will hold a New Year's Celebration just for kids from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30. Activities will include learning the history of New Year's, making hats and noisemakers and playing games. Advance registration is required. There is a nominal fee per child with payment at the door and free admission for accompanying adults. Call 301-725-7975 or email [info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org) for more information.

### Kids Can Print Wrapping Paper

On Sunday, December 21 from 2 to 4 p.m., Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead a free, fun and creative drop-in arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents to print their own wrapping paper for the holidays. The College Park Arts Exchange is sponsoring the event, which will be held at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Contact CPAE at [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information.