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## Aquatic & Fitness Center HVAC Upgrade Is Planned

by Thomas X. White

The agenda for the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, February 8, which was cancelled by the “snowmageddon,” had included a proposed resolution to negotiate a \$550,000 design and installation purchase contract for the Aquatic and Fitness Center. The funds were for the replacement of PoolPak dehumidification units that service the indoor pool and heat exhaust/energy recovery units that service the locker rooms.

The existing units, part of the pool’s original equipment, have been in service since 1991 (for the pool) and 1993 for the fitness center. According to agenda comments prepared for council action at the cancelled meeting, the units have long exceeded their useful life. During their lifetime, in fact, the city had to expend significant funds for costly repairs of failed components in the systems to keep the equipment operating.

Funds for the proposed replacements would come from \$600,000 budgeted in the city’s Building Capital Reserve Fund, 75 percent of which would come from State Program Open Space (POS) funds and the balance (25 percent) from city funds. Two firms qualified to do such work – Shapiro and Duncan, Inc. and Hot and Cold Corporation – were identified by city staff.

After meetings and site visits to the Aquatic & Fitness Center,

these firms were invited to submit proposals for the replacement work. Each firm has submitted three options for the purchase, installation and associated design/engineering necessary for the job.

Each of the three options was designed for varying capacities for two PoolPak models and two Heat Exhaust/Energy Recovery units. The bids ranged from \$517,000 for the SWHP 140 Pool Pak model to \$789,630 for the SWHP 260 model.

### Review Firm

To evaluate the submitted proposals, the city has hired an independent engineering firm, Mendoza, Ribas and Farinas & Associates (MRFA), to assist in the review. MRFA was selected based upon their work on the original engineering design when the pool was constructed in 1991 and their familiarity with all aspects of existing conditions at the facility.

Based on the pricing ranges provided, the site visits, examples of work, references and input from MRFA, the staff has recommended the selection of Option 2 from Shapiro and Duncan, Inc. at a cost of \$530,000 with an additional \$20,000 for contingencies and unforeseen costs.

With the cancellation of the February 8 council meeting, the proposed resolution containing

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## Snow Crew Mostly Keeps Up With Almost Record Snow Fall

by James Giese

“This has been pretty phenomenal! A snow event like this happens only about once every 20 years. I’ve been listening to the weather reports and now more is coming.” These were Greenbelt Mayor pro tem Emmett Jordan’s first observations about the February 5 and 6 snow event that brought an estimated 24 inches of snow to Greenbelt and the Washington Metropolitan area. “My hat’s off to Mike [City Manager Michael McLaughlin] and Greenbelt Public Works for trying to get it all done and doing the best job you can under the circumstances,” he continued, referring to the city’s snow removal efforts.

Jordan’s general satisfactions with the work done was tempered by his concern for the problems the city and its residents could face with a storm, which at the time of this interview Tuesday evening was projected to bring another 10 to 15 inches of snow to an area already having great difficulty managing the large accumulation on the ground.

With Mayor Judith Davis away on vacation during this storm, Jordan served as the acting head of the city’s elected government.

Jordan’s commendation of city efforts was shared by other members of the city council. Councilmember Edward Putens reported that he had heard a lot of com-



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Public works clears snow from the Community Center parking lot on Saturday night after the storm ended.

pliments about city crews getting out and cleaning out the main roads. Councilmember Konrad Herling said he thought the city was doing better than other areas. “[Our streets] . . . are pretty clear,” he also said on Monday. He had heard on television that there were problems in removing snow in Falls Church.

With the federal government and many other work places shut down, Metro bus and Metro surface rail at a stand still, schools and airports closed and even many church services cancelled, most Greenbelters hunkered down from Friday night until Sun-

day morning and then began the heavy job of shoveling out. With difficulty finding places to put the snow blocking their cars and clogging their sidewalks and driveways, residents wondered what would be in store for them when the second blizzard came along.

### City Efforts

Public Works Director Ken Hall reported that by Monday all city streets were passable, although not all were cleaned down to bare pavement and much widening of roadways still needed

See **SNOW**, page 12

## Michael Jones, Cab Driver, Dies during the Blizzard

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelter Michael Jones died during the blizzard on Saturday. Bypassers heard a radio playing and traced the sound to his vehicle. Despite efforts by neighbors and the Prince George’s County paramedics, Prince George’s County fire spokesman Mark Brady said Jones, who died from cardiac arrest, could not be revived. He was declared dead at an area hospital.

Jones of 39 Ridge Road drove a cab for many years. He also served at various times as business or circulation manager and worked on the ad desk at the News Review. Alan Turnbull

of 45 Court Ridge said Jones had taken him and his family on many trips to the airport.

“He was totally reliable,” Turnbull said. “You could count on him.”

Hopi Auerbach of 14 Ridge Road echoed the sentiment. She said Jones was incredibly helpful with her mother, who suffers from dementia. “He used to phone her to remind her that he was coming to pick her up and make an effort to look for her if she wasn’t where she was supposed to be,” Auerbach said. “My family and I will miss Mike.”

## Council Discusses Rental Fees, Window Guards, Used Car Sales

by Jon Aerts

If proposed code changes to the city of Greenbelt sound dull to you, it showed on February 3 at the Greenbelt Community Center, where city councilmembers and management outnumbered local residents 10 to 1.

Among the items discussed during the 130-minute council worksession was a proposal to reduce the annual \$150 fee owed by owner-occupied homes in which one bedroom is rented out to \$50.

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze described the measure as a means to take pressure off residents whose primary purpose for renting out a bedroom doesn’t necessarily include money.

Much like last Saturday’s power outage, however, warmth toward the proposal quickly evaporated.

Councilmember Edward Putens, likened the measure to flattening a flea with a boulder. “I don’t like it – the idea, the concept,” he told council, adding

that there are enough problems with rental properties in Greenbelt as it is.

Mayor Judith Davis opted for the “camel’s nose under the tent,” implying that the reduction may lead to a larger problem for Greenbelters if approved. “If we are not careful, they [residential homes] become boarding houses.”

The lone resident in attendance, Sandra Roberts, argued in favor of the reduction, emphasizing the \$6,000 she pays in property taxes every year. “I don’t understand this,” she pleaded more than once.

While the council empathized with Roberts at length, the general tenor was one of skepticism toward the proposal, especially after Roberts acknowledged her desire to rent out more than one bedroom within her home.

“This change [wouldn’t] apply to you,” Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out. “You want to rent two or three rooms.”

Putens then sealed the deal.

“Is your primary purpose money?” he asked Sandra Roberts.

“Yes,” she responded. “I can’t go out to eat without [rental] income . . . to enjoy the little things that people are accustomed to in our society.”

### Window Guards

The council also discussed a measure requiring safety guards on all windows exceeding 72 inches from the ground and whose sill heights are less than 24 inches from the interior floor.

Craze said the measure would only affect Empirian Village, which has seen more than one incident of a child falling out of its windows.

Depending on the device – a \$7 window stopper or \$45 mesh screen – city manager’s estimate is a \$54,404 (or \$262,305) price tag for Empirian Village, including labor costs. At present, Empirian Village installs window guards upon individual request by Empirian residents, according to a

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### What Goes On

**Monday, February 15** – President’s Day, City and GHI Offices Closed

**Wednesday, February 17**

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with GATE, Community Center, GATE Studio

# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

Thank you for your efforts in getting out the news of Belle Point's receipt of the ReLeaf Grant. I hope the story inspires other parts of Greenbelt and of the county to apply for one also. The funds are there and it would be a shame to have them go unused, especially now that the grant limit is \$10,000.

Germaine Timmermans,  
Belle Point Landscaping  
Committee

## THANKS!

I want to publicly thank my thoughtful, caring neighbors who have dug my sidewalk and car out of the snow at least four times this winter.

So thank you Erv, Bev, Steve, Richard and whoever in the 12 Court of Ridge Road.

Since I'm unable to do it myself, I am one grateful old lady.

Irene Pavlish

## THANKS!

We would like to thank the Greenbelt Department of Public Works for their diligent efforts at snow removal this past weekend. They are to be congratulated for their work. The work they do makes Greenbelt a wonderful place to live!

Rick and Diana Rutherford

## Effluent Impressive

To an inveterate reader in Florida, the lead story headline February 4 truly goes with the flow and is . . . effluential.

Eli Flam

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## Quick Thinking ERHS Boy Scout Saves Day

I would like to recognize and thank Stevie Hunt for his powers of observation and quick thinking when he discovered a gas leak near Lakeside Drive shortly before Thanksgiving. Stevie was walking home from school with a friend when he smelled gas (the smell of rotten eggs). He looked around and saw bubbles coming up from the ground in the puddles left by the rain.

Stevie knew that it was a gas leak. He reported what he saw and the gas company was called. While he waited for the gas company other neighbors came out and asked who had found the leak. Another neighbor also called the fire department while they were waiting for the gas company to arrive. A grateful neighbor shook Stevie's hand and thanked him for being so observant. Stevie responded that his father had taught him to always be aware of his surroundings.

Stevie is a ninth grader at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 746 of Greenbelt. Stevie's observation and quick thinking averted a possible tragedy. He also saved the further loss of a valuable natural resource.

Melinda Hunt

## NAMI Support Group Meets

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (NAMI) New Carrollton area support group will meet at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton on Monday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This supportive work group prepares the NAMI mailing and does other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions.

For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

## Corrections

It has been pointed out to the News Review that we used an inappropriate term in last week's On Screen head about Crazy Heart, the current movie at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The head was unfortunately written for available space not accuracy and should have said Can This Alcoholic Really Recover? The word used does not apply and suggests wrongdoing, something we did not mean to imply.

Our apologies for not identifying the photographer in the photos in the Belle Point tree article on page one last week. Marshall Soto of Brickman took the photo on the front page and Germaine Timmermans the photo on the page 10 jump at the end of the article.

## City Notes

Animal Control found one dog running at large, removed one bird from a house and filed one vicious dog report.

Public Works crews continued working around the clock last week clearing roads and sidewalks during and after the snow storms. In addition, the vehicle mechanics worked hard to keep the equipment operational.

Refuse and Recycling collected 24.20 tons of refuse and 13.91 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Therapeutic Recreation staff arranged to transport some of Greenbelt's blind residents to a kick-off meeting of the National Federation of the Blind's new Prince George's Chapter. All those who went have requested future transportation and the Greenbelt Connection has agreed to provide this service. These meetings will be the fourth Saturday of every month in Bowie.

## Saturday Clothing Swap for Haiti

On Saturday, February 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. (no snow date) there will be a clothing swap of infant clothing and shoes (birth to 18 months), feeding and bathing paraphernalia, nursing and maternity gear and miscellaneous items at the Youth Center multipurpose room, where free will donations will be collected for the Haiti earthquake relief effort. Buyers will offer whatever they want for items, with the money collected being sent to UNICEF and the American Red Cross.

Additional items can still be contributed. Whatever is left at the end of the swap benefit will be taken to the Pregnancy Aid Center. Anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to email dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com.

## Update

### One Rental Escrow Controversy Ends

Empirian Village tenants Billy Miller and Denise Otis returned to Prince George's County District Court on February 1 to pursue their request for a rent escrow account. However, since the inspection report ordered by the judge last month had not been received by the court, the judge was going to continue the matter until a later date. Rather than take another day off from work for the next court date, Miller and Otis ended their court case and accepted Empirian Village's offer to transfer them to another unit with the first month's rent waived.

## Grin Belt



"I could use a snow blower for Valentine's Day."

## Botanic Garden History Tour

A free tour entitled "Plants in American History - from Columbus to the Turn of the Century" will be offered at the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) by volunteer Todd Brethauer on Saturday, February 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m.

From the lure of Indian spices that led to Columbus landing in the New World to the use of corn as food and fuel, plants have been intertwined with American history.

Pre-registration is requested by calling 202-225-1116.

## KPGCB Award Set for Feb. 27

The Keep Prince George's County Beautiful (KPGCB) Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for its 28th Annual Awards Program to be held on Saturday, February 27 at Prince George's Community College. The program recognizes individuals, schools, community organizations, municipalities, businesses and others who, during the 2009 award period, support and participate in environmental programs.

All entry forms must be submitted by Monday, February 15. For details call 301-883-5843 or email htmoore@co.pg.md.us.

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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.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF FEB. 12

#### Crazy Heart (R)

Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday - Monday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Tuesday - Thursday

\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pandgtheatres.com

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Marketing Committee is hosting a

## SELLERS' SEMINAR

Monday - February 22, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

GHI Administration Building

If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI Marketing Committee will be hosting a Sellers' Seminar on Monday - February 22 at 7:00 in the GHI Board Room. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. You will be able to ask questions to the Committee about the procedures on selling your unit. To register, contact GHI at (301) 474-4161 ext. 146 or e-mail klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net.

www.greenbelthomes.net or www.ghi.coop

# 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 must 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 February 15 through 19 are:

Monday – All sites closed for Presidents' Day holiday.

Tuesday – Orange juice, Swedish meatballs with gravy, egg noodles, broccoli, Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday – Creamy celery soup, vegetable lasagna, okra with tomatoes and corn, field greens salad with dressing, fresh apple.

Thursday – Apple juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Orange pineapple juice, oven-fried fish with tartar sauce, brown rice medley, California blend vegetables, applesauce.

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, February 16, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, February 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, February 18, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

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

## Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m. The book discussion will be on "After" by Marita Golden.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Monday, February 15, Offices closed for Presidents' Day (emergency maintenance available: call 301-474-6011)

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

Check out  
**LOVE NOTES**  
on page 10

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**  
Every Thursday 10am – 4pm  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.  
6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

## Exploring Healthy, Simple Cooking

On Friday, February 19 Chef Lou Parker will be the speaker at Explorations Unlimited. He will focus on how to make wholesome cooking simple. He will also have some healthy samples available for tasting.

Chef Lou will also teach a SAGE course beginning in April at the Greenbelt Community Center on Healthy Practical Cooking. He is the owner of Chef Lou's Desserts in Roosevelt Center and has been in Greenbelt for 11 years. His training is from the L'Academy DeCuisine in Gaithersburg and he worked for Marriott corporate headquarters as its executive catering chef before coming to Greenbelt. Some of his accounts were the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and NSA.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Astronomical Society Talk on February 25

On Thursday, February 25 the Greenbelt Astronomical Society will hold a discussion of the weather on Jupiter at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center. The speaker will be Greenbelter Doug Love, founder of the Astronomical Society, whose presentation will combine his love of the cosmos with his knowledge of meteorology.

Love has held every position in the Astronomical Society and currently serves as chair of the Observatory Committee. An amateur astronomer from an early age, he has also done graduate work in meteorology at the University of Maryland.

The H.B. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (across the street from Goddard Space Flight Center). There is no charge and all are welcome. If Prince George's County Public Schools are closed that day, the event will be rescheduled.

**Greenbelt Marching Band**  
March in 2010 Labor Day Parade. First meeting on 02/13, 3 PM, @ Greenbelt Community Center.  
Call Beth 703-980-0667  
bleamond@gmail.com



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

On Saturday, with snow still falling, and power out in old Greenbelt, sledders were out on Southway in search of the perfect hill.

## ERHS Science Café on Tuesday, Feb. 16

On Tuesday, February 16 at 3:15 p.m. Greenbelt Youth will be "Doubtin' it" at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Science Café. Everyone and especially those age 13 to 25 are invited to join others with questions about their future.

Douglas Nmagu from Lanham played offensive tackle for the Roosevelt Raiders and is doing his research practicum at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He is a senior at ERHS who is learning "plays" backward for Wireless Integrating The Sciences (WITS) Theater by DOH!TENET (pronounced "Doubtin' it"). He is hoping others will join him in immersing themselves in Science Café.

The monthly Science Café for middle school and high school students is held on the third Tuesday each month in the ERHS cafeteria. From 3:15 to 5 p.m. is a hands-on project for students, followed by music, food and a lively exchange from 5 to 6 p.m., then a 6 p.m. community science lecture and, at 7 p.m., the PTSA meeting. This month's speaker will be Mark Livingstone from the Naval Research Laboratory and there may also be a call-in from NASA cryospheric scientist Dr. Lora Koenig at Lake Placid.

Parents and community are invited to bring teenagers to the hands-on class for two hours and return for the community lecture.

**\*\*\* Pancake Dinner \*\*\***  
**February 16 at 6:15 p.m.**  
at the Greenbelt Community Church on Hillside Road and Crescent Road.  
Pancakes, sausage and scalloped apples  
Free Will Offering appreciated

**Greenbelt Nursery School Open House**  
Registration for Fall 2010  
Saturday, February 20, 10 am – 1 pm  
Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4  
Two, three, and five days a week. Low child to staff ratio.  
Full day educational programs available.  
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road  
301-474-5570 www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org  
Accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
This Weekend Only  
**INTERACTIVE OPERA**  
Friday, February 12 at 7pm & Saturday, February 13 at 3 & 7pm.  
Tickets are \$12 general admission, and \$10 for seniors and students.  
COMING SOON:  
Postponed performances of Planes, Trains and Automobiles – moved to 8pm Friday, February 19 & Saturday, February 20.  
ALONIZ (Eleanor Roosevelt's High School improv group) – performing a 24-hour fundraiser February 14-15, starting at 5pm, Greenbelt Voices – February 26-27. From Transition Theater  
123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org> Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP  
**Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770**

**Rethink Afghanistan 2009 Film by Robt Greenwald**  
Discussion moderated by Alicia Lucksted Afghan Women's Fund

**Academy Stadium Theatres**  
Beltway Plaza Mall  
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

**Week of FEB. 12**  
FRI. – SUN.  
Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13  
11:50, 2:10, 4:20  
The Book of Eli, R  
7, 9:45  
The Spy Next Door, PG  
11:50, 2:10, 4:20  
Edge of Darkness, R  
7, 9:45  
Wolfman, R (!)  
11:20, 11:50, 2, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 10, 10:30  
From Paris With Love, R (!)  
11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 10  
The Lightning Thief, R (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25  
Valentines Day, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25  
The Tooth Fairy, PG  
11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
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Edge of Darkness, R  
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11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40  
Valentines Day, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40  
The Tooth Fairy, PG  
11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50  
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The Book of Eli, R  
4:50, 7:30  
The Spy Next Door, PG  
12:30, 2:30  
Edge of Darkness, R  
4:50, 7:30  
Wolfman, R (!)  
12:15, 2:40, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40  
From Paris With Love, R  
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30  
The Lightning Thief, R (!)  
12:45, 4, 7  
Valentines Day, PG-13 (!)  
12:45, 4, 7  
The Tooth Fairy, PG  
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40

# Obituaries

## Michael Thomas Jones

Michael Thomas Jones of 39 Court Ridge Road died Saturday, February 6, 2010. He drove an independent local taxi and was found unconscious in his snow-covered car during the power failure which had disabled the heat in his home.



He was born April 17, 1954, the oldest son of the late George and Jeanne Jones of Northway. He attended St. Hugh's Catholic School and became the organist for St. Hugh's masses when he was in fourth grade. He attended Cathedral Latin, John Carroll High and graduated from Parkdale High School. He obtained the rank of star scout in Greenbelt's Boy Scout Troop 746 and a bachelor's degree in journalism from American University.

Over the years, he was a volunteer for many Greenbelt organizations and a mentor to many young men. He authored the News Review's Swim Team News under the byline "Mike Turtle Jones." He was a marshal, keeping order during Civil Rights and Vietnam-era protests in Washington, D.C. He was Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 746. He was both circulation and business manager and worked the ad desk for the Greenbelt News Review for most of the 1980s. During the same time he was an announcer for the Greenbelt Swim Team and was known for leaping fully clothed into the pool to assist young swimmers who had not heard false start signals. He was a volunteer for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. In the 1990s, he flew to Honolulu to rescue a young friend in crisis. He was Registrar for Rapidan Va. Camps, a cooperative founded in Greenbelt, from his mother's death in 1997 until his own death. He was known on the Greenbelters Yahoo group for posting information from past decades of Greenbelt's history with the user name "Benign Anarchist."

He is survived by his adopted son, Ahmed Ali who is married to Lauren and their daughter Lilah Rose; brothers George Stephen Jones of Reston, Va., Ralph Lawrence Jones of Richmond, Va., and Thomas Andrew Jones of Greenbelt; sisters Susan LaVerne Jones of Urbana, Ill., and Karen Jones Beuchel of Elkridge, Md.; and five nieces and four nephews.

The family plans to receive friends at the Borgwardt Funeral Home at 4400 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville on Sunday, February 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a funeral service at St. Hugh's Church on Monday, February 22 at 10 a.m. For more information leave a message for Tom Jones at 301-220-2423.



We were sorry to learn of the tragic, storm-related death of Michael Jones, age 55, on February 6, 2010. He was a lifelong Greenbelter, the eldest son of the late George and Jeanne Jones of Northway.

Greenbelt friends were saddened to hear of the death of Vera Rollo, 85, in Atlanta on February 3, 2010. Originally from Lanham, she was a former longtime member of the Greenbelt Writers Group and was a published author. Friends may contact her daughter Sally, of Atlanta, or son Michael of California at smfoster@mindspring.com.

### Congratulations to:

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School principal, staff and students on leading the nation in helping African American students succeed on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) ex-

ams. One of only six schools in the country and the only one in Maryland, ERHS was named on Wednesday by the College Board as an Exemplary AP School due to the percentage of seniors succeeding on AP Exams and the rise in the percent of exam successes.

– Maura Warner, the daughter of Jeremy and Stephanie Warner of Laurel Hill Road, who was named to the dean's list of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., for academic achievement during the fall semester.

– Marine Corps Pvt. Marquis D. Tabor, son of Jacquelyn D. Anthony, who has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

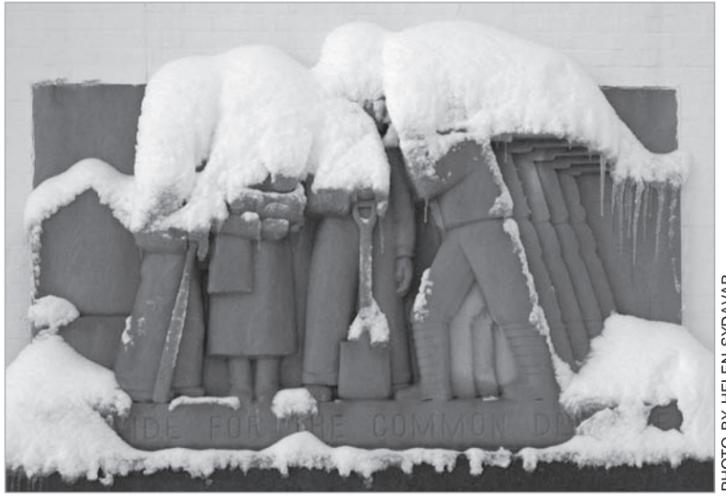


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# Broken Memories of a Very Sad Day in Greenbelt

by John Cooper

Some of this might be tough to read and it was tough for me to write. The story isn't pretty, so please don't read any more than you care to. I had to record it before I forget any more or before I start fabricating other memories. I have been going through randomly spaced distraught, frustrating, weepy episodes because yesterday I tried, with many other people, to save a man from death. And we failed.

I feel compelled to give a personal view – it's the best I can do now – and I feel he deserves some account of his last moments on Earth. Here are some things I remember:

A huge snowstorm dumped more than two feet of snow on our town. Power to our house went out around 6 or 6:30 a.m. After lots of shoveling, my wife, some friends and I decided to go for a walk with Katy, our dog. I think the time was around 1:30 p.m., maybe 2.

As we walked past cars on Ridge Road (near 42 Court, I think) we heard muffled music. We couldn't immediately tell where it was coming from, whether from a nearby house or from a car.

My wife thought it was coming from one of the snow-covered cars parked on the side of the road. A small area of the car's window was not covered and I leaned on the snowbank and peered through. Initially I could see nothing inside.

Because it was dark inside the car and bright outside, I shaded my face with my hands and pressed up against the window. I felt the car vibrating; the engine was running and the car was almost completely covered in a snow drift. I thought I saw somebody inside, however, and knocked loudly on the window. I saw no movement so I started digging snow out with my hands to free the door. My friends joined in then, alternately digging and knocking.

At some point I remember saying that we needed to call 911 or the Greenbelt police. Someone beside me turned on a cell phone and called while we continued to dig.

Time is difficult to estimate in situations like this but it felt like maybe five minutes till we got the door open about four inches, reached inside and shook the man. But he was not responding. By this time several other people had stopped to see what was happening.

After the person with the cell phone got through to the emergency operator and was answering questions, I remember suddenly standing beside her and yelling into the phone, "He's not responding at all. He's not breathing." Then I was back at the car.

## Door Open

Once we got the door open, I carefully tried to wake the man. He did not appear to be breathing. I put my ear to his mouth but could not hear anything. He was still warm and I noted that his lips were not blue, so I felt there was some hope for resuscitation. Otherwise he was limp like a rag doll and heavy. I could not easily move him out of the car and did not want to be too rough. I could not find a pulse.

Memories blur here a bit.

Someone else checked for a pulse but could not find one. I opened his eyes and looked carefully. The pupils were the same size, one like the other, and his eyes did not look glazed but they were not moving at all.

A neighbor called the guy "Mike," so I started yelling, "Wake up Mike," while opening the man's mouth and using my finger to push his tongue out of the way to clear his airway. I think I slapped him a few times.

A friend then went to the other side of the car and dug out snow till she could open the door. Meanwhile I turned Mike's head back, put my mouth up against his and pushed air hard into his lungs. It expelled, but he didn't breathe.

Someone said to push his

chest hard. I did, several times, and heard air suck into his mouth when I released. But still he wasn't breathing. Some clear, reddish, runny mucus came out of his nose.

Someone got the other door open and pulled Mike's legs out flat toward the passenger side, while I moved the driver's seat back on my side, in an effort to get him positioned so we could move him out. He still wasn't budging, however, and I was attempting to be as gentle as I could, while maneuvering Mike to lie as flat as possible.

I tried mouth-to-mouth and pumping his chest a few more times and then felt his neck for his carotid artery. I thought I could feel a weak pulse but couldn't tell if it was just my

own pulse in my fingers.

## Mouth-to Mouth

Someone reminded me to tilt his head back to keep the airway open. I think I pumped his heart several times and pushed air in with mouth-to-mouth maybe six times or more. I can't remember now, as I replay the incident in my head, whether I held his nose and jaw correctly or did anything correctly. But I felt that some air was getting into his lungs.

I put my hand on Mike's chest again and thought I felt a weak beat; he still wasn't breathing though. I swear at one point it looked like he smiled, peacefully



and almost mockingly at me. But it could have been the way his face was relaxing.

A fire truck arrived and the driver came over and said in a command voice, "We've got to get him out of there. Get him out. Now." At that point I knew I could be as rough as necessary. I grabbed Mike's belt, cradled his head and thrust him out of the car onto the snow-covered road. Other emergency responders showed up. I unzipped Mike's sweatshirt and backed away.

Then I was sitting on a snow

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# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15-19

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, with GATE at the Community Center, GATE Studio.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, Room 114. On the agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

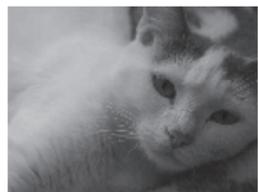
**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.** Vacancies exist on: **Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and the Youth Advisory Committee**  
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**Greenbelt Animal Shelter is located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124. Thank you to all for your donations. The shelter is still in need of KITTY LITTER! Please drop off donations at the shelter.**

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

## REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 15th

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, February 19th.

## SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Throughout the recent snow emergencies, the City of Greenbelt has been working to keep citizens informed through the City Website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov); the City of Greenbelt FACEBOOK page; TWITTER, and the Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646. Please use these resources for the latest information on closings, snow removal and more.

Please make sure that you have provided a clear path to your refuse and recycling containers to facilitate collection.

During major snowstorms, please try to keep your cars parked off the roads. Use your driveways, garages and City facilities lots. This greatly enhances the snow removal process.

**THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS, THE GREENBELT POLICE, THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND ALL OTHERS WHO HELPED GREENBELT GET THROUGH THESE STORMS. THEY HAVE ALL PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS IN THIS EFFORT.**

## SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

**THE CAMPS PROGRAMS BROCHURE FOR 2010 IS NOW POSTED AT [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV). Registration is now being accepted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Download the camp brochure and forms now and secure your child's spot in the City's very popular programs.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF THE BROCHURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION BUSINESS OFFICE AT 301-397-2200.**

## 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants soon.

## SAD DAY

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drift, crying. I felt like someone had hit me hard with an emotional brick. I glanced back and saw firemen working on Mike, furiously performing CPR. After a couple minutes the truck driver yelled something like, "We need all hands! Get over here!" We ran back; the driver said something about "no ambulance available, we have to get him in the truck." About four firemen and one policeman lifted Mike into the truck.

A policeman talked to me and told me there was a counseling service – Greenbelt CARES – that I could call anytime. I told him I had the number and I would use it if I needed to and thanked him for advising it. He said something like, "Everybody has a first time; I had mine too. This is very traumatic and I know you feel awful." He told me the emergency crew found a pulse, so again I had some hope.

I had some hope during the day that Mike was OK but later heard that Mike didn't make it.

### The Next Day

It's the next day now. I didn't sleep much. I'm very sad, especially for Mike's family. I've had many conflicting, crazy thoughts. I remember walking home last night, resisting the urge to look into every car window we passed. No matter how I play it in my mind, I can't remember whether I was holding Mike's nose when I gave mouth-to-mouth. I should have held it, I know that, but I can't remember, so I keep mentally hitting replay. I'm so frustrated. I feel like we got so close to saving Mike. He had a pulse and then he slipped to the other side. What could we have done? What did we miss that could have saved him?

I want impossible things. I want Mike Jones to be alive. I feel like I've lost a close friend, even though he's a complete stranger. I've let Mike down in the most ultimate, irreversible way. I want a do-over that I'll never get. I want to learn more about Mike's life. I know he was a taxi driver and he looked about 60 years old, give or take a few years. I remember that so many people who cared about Mike were there, trying their best and working together as a group. I hope that if he had any sensation left, Mike felt the people nearby, trying to help him and caring a lot about him.

I want everyone to take a CPR class and basic first aid.

I'm afraid that I'll forget certain things, and I need desperately to forget other things, and then seconds later I don't want to forget those, either. Many of yesterday's memories are already vague or choppy but one – Mike's relaxed smile – is vivid and keeps haunting me.

Please, if you get a chance, take a CPR class. The last one I took was decades ago and I think I put aside refresher courses because I unconsciously thought this would never happen to me. Even if you feel that you couldn't perform CPR or couldn't take the responsibility – which is a very reasonable feeling – it helps tremendously to be a coach for someone who's in the thick of it.

## Co-op Grocery Is the Hub Of the Community Tuesday

by Altoria Bell Ross

Business is good today at the Co-op grocery store. It is Tuesday afternoon, and assistant manager Dave Brinks is pacing the floor as he watches the check out lines grow. Carts and baskets are all gone as shoppers go up and down the aisles preparing for the next big snow.

For Windsor Green resident Pam Moody, this is her first outing since last week's snow. As she stands in the pharmacy line, Moody says her daughter, son-in-law, neighbor and husband Walter were able to dislodge two of their three vehicles from the snow. He says the process took two hours. "The third car is a block of ice," she says.

On the other hand, Wendy Turnbull of 45 Ridge Road says her family didn't worry about the car. Instead they have been knitting, playing card games, watching snow drift off the roof and walking to the Co-op.

Greenbriar Pauline (who did not want to give her last name) says she walked across the bridge connecting Greenbelt East to Old Greenbelt to get to the Co-op. Although Pauline does not own a car, she says her grandson organized his friends to dig neighbors' cars out.

For others who do not have cars or do not possess the ability to get to the Co-op themselves, Linda Benco of Green Ridge House shops for four of its residents, her folding shopping cart full of popcorn. After knocking on doors of her elderly neighbors, she took orders and made her initial trek to the grocery store at 10 a.m. Benco plans on making repeat trips to the store for her neighbors until it closes at 9 p.m. "I'm a people person," says Benco as she unloads her goodies on the conveyor. "I like helping people out."

## COUNCIL

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memorandum supplied by the city manager.

### Miscellaneous

In an effort to curb the sale of used cars within residential neighborhoods, council was receptive to a proposal that would allow the city to plop wheel boots on unregistered vehicles. Beyond a \$40 parking ticket, dealers would be forced to have the boot removed at \$100 a pop.

A proposal, however, that would allow the city to impound large moving vans and work vehicles that block traffic received less support among the council. "Why should it be illegal to have to do something that you have to do?" Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked in wonderment.

Finally, the council also pondered proposals that would double the fees associated with unneutered animals caught "running at large" within the community. Thus, watch out. Whereas Cujo used to run you \$100, his next escape could cost you double . . . the trouble.

## UPGRADE

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the staff's recommendation is expected to be placed on the agenda of the next council meeting, scheduled for February 22. City staff has indicated that, at that meeting, the item may be considered for first reading and then suspension of the rules for second reading and immediate adoption by council.

That option, however, would depend on the wishes of council. If that scenario is accepted, the MRFA representatives would be invited to the meeting to answer any questions council may pose.

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### Burglary

January 31, 5:51 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

### Drug Arrests

January 31, 7:16 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. A 22-year-old resident male was arrested after a traffic stop and charged with possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, possession of distribution paraphernalia and failure to obey a lawful order. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 1, 11:28 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. An 18-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with possession of ecstasy. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Trespassing

January 29, 8:40 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A non-resident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on school grounds and released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

January 29, 6:43 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 20-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 29, 7:42 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Two non-residents, a 31-year-old male and an 18-year-old female, were arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. They were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 30, 12:35 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 20-year-old nonresident female was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

January 29, 1:25 p.m., 7700

### Police Offer Drug Abuse Program

The Greenbelt Police Department will host a Drug Abuse Prevention Program called "not MY kid" on Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at Greenbelt Middle School, 8950 Edmonston Road.

Cpl. Marty Parker will lead the program, which is designed to increase awareness of the challenges kids face today and offer resources to support students, families and educators. The program will provide parents with information about current drug-related issues and provide guidance about how to use a drug test as a drug prevention tool. Each family will receive a complimentary First Check drug test kit.

For questions email Cpl. Parker at [martyparker@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:martyparker@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-397-2288.

block Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was found on a sidewalk.

February 3, 10:11 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A bedroom window was broken.

February 4, 8:40 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A kitchen window was broken.

### Vehicle Crimes

One stolen vehicle was reported, a black 1994 Honda Civic with MD tags taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered by Howard County Police February 2, a tan 1995 Saturn stolen from 19 Court Ridge Road and a gold 1997 Saturn taken from 7800 block Cloister Place. No arrests were made in either case.

One theft from an auto occurred in the 6200 block Springhill Court when a rear MD tag was taken.

There were two incidents of vandalism. At Beltway Plaza Mall a car was scratched and a headlight was broken. In the 6200 block Breezewood Drive a car window was broken.



Barbara Meehan (left) and Patricia Davis (right) add snow to the pile in 11 Court Ridge Road.

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### National Gallery Hosts Concert

On Wednesday, February 17 at 12:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will offer a concert by the Suitland High School String Orchestra with Darryl Hunt as guest conductor. Music by Mozart, Grieg and other composers will be presented in honor of Africa American History Month.

### Aviation Museum Has Theater Event

On Saturday, February 20 at 2 p.m. "Flying High" will be presented at the College Park Aviation Museum. The Motivational Theatre will perform three monologues on the lives of aviation pioneers Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Bessie Coleman and Neal Loving. Free with admission.

### CPAE Book Club

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 Your beloved library and Co-op store,  
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 Wonderful people, wonderful town,  
 I am fortunate to call you my own.  
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To Katie –  
 Happy Valentines Day  
 You're kind, sweet and  
 really neat.  
 Love, Mom

To Gabe –  
 You're funny,  
 strong,  
 and steady.  
 Be ready for a  
 Happy Valentines Day.  
 Love, Mom

To Brian –  
 Your laughter  
 and grace  
 put a smile  
 on my face.  
 Love, Renauta

To JMF  
 No matter how far  
 your body departs,  
 Warm YELM is cuddling  
 with your deepest heart.

Roses are red, violets are blue,  
 To MaryLou, Trina, Tommy and  
 Kathleen,  
 I love you.  
 You give me treats  
 And let me in and out.  
 I'm such a lucky fellow  
 I just have to shout  
 Happy Valentine's Day from  
 Mr. Stripes

To our good neighbor John  
 Tossing Snow hither and yon  
 Keeping our pathway so clear  
 We think you are such a dear.  
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Dear H,  
 Thank you for supporting my novel  
 writing.  
 And for helping me rearrange the fur-  
 niture so I could move the coffee maker  
 into the bedroom  
 And for asking me what I was waiting  
 for.  
 I have run out of answers.  
 Love, W

Kristel and Billy –  
 You make me so proud  
 So I'm here to shout it out loud!  
 You both work so hard and go to school  
 and still manage to be so cool!  
 Love, Dad

Love endures when times are tough  
 We stick together whether it's smooth  
 or rough!  
 You know love is true when it feels  
 right  
 and we feel it every day and night!  
 Avis, you know you have my heart  
 You've had it from the very start!  
 So we'll be happy through all kinds of  
 weather,  
 Just as long as we are together!  
 Love, Tom

Mom & Dad you've always provided  
 love and support  
 and helped all five kids through every  
 test  
 Though we are all grateful, I wanted to  
 repeat:  
 Mom always like me best! LOL!  
 Love, Tom

Winter Welcome  
 Coming home after dark  
 I pause to check on  
 My sleeping wrens.

The nesting pocket,  
 Made of grasses and sticks,  
 Hangs close to my front door.

Two small brown tails show me  
 they are tucked in for the night.  
 The pair bed early and prefer  
 Not to be disturbed.

I've only seen their tails, for  
 They are long gone when  
 I get up.  
 Last year, toward the end  
 Of January, there was only  
 One tail each night.

This winter there are two, again.  
 I'm happy to provide them  
 With a winter welcome.

It's snowing out, there's cold and  
 there's wind,  
 I'm sure this will go on for a while,  
 But with Shobha here, I like being  
 snowed in,  
 With her, I look out and just smile.  
 Happy Valentines Day!  
 Love, Bill

To Bill:  
 Roses are red  
 Violets are blue  
 I sure have enjoyed  
 Being snowed in with you!



Roses are red  
 Violets are blue  
 Almost 35 years of marriage  
 and I still love you!  
 Happy Valentine's Day!  
 Shobha

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 Violets are blue –  
 Your Gran  
 Surely loves you!

To Muriel –  
 Roses are red  
 Violets are blue  
 Your Mom  
 Definitely loves you!

B.  
 It snow fun Being All Alone  
 It snow fun if you're the only one  
 It's real fine if you're snug and warm,  
 If you're with your love  
 throughout the storm.

Let the wind blow  
 Let it snow, let it snow  
 The clouds will lift, the sun will shine  
 If you're with me, my Valentine.  
 J.

To Big Bear  
 We've moved and have a new address  
 Our "cozy den" means lots less stress  
 So thanks for making all this possible  
 You're my one and only huggable.  
 I love you Valentine.  
 Little Bear

Dearest Gina,  
 I love you more than you love choco-  
 late.  
 Dearest Katy,  
 I love you more than Gina loves choco-  
 late.

To Susan  
 I drove on my bike through the snow  
 to say  
 I love you in every way.  
 From Paul

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### Public Hearing Site Added to Schedule

An additional site has been scheduled for public hearing(s) on Phase III of the high school boundary review worksessions. The site recently added is Parkdale High School, scheduled for February 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Rosalind Johnson, Prince George's School Board member for District 1, has requested that a site also be scheduled for either Eleanor Roosevelt High School or DuVal High School.

The locations of the planned hearings had originally been scheduled for the central and southern portions of the county only. Mayor Judith Davis requested that "at least one hearing be established for the northern part of the county, since the Phase III review could impact all of the high schools in Prince George's County."

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No, this is not a coffee break – Fredy Herrera (left) and Les Stampfer (right) are waiting for parts. The vibrations from hours of constant use had caused the retaining nuts to fall off the wheels of the snowblowers. Each wheel has two retaining nuts but one snow blower was missing both nuts from one side, so nothing was holding the wheel on. The other snowblower was missing one nut from each wheel. Notice that the snowblowers also have snow chains for traction.

## Roads and Parking Lots Here In Widely Varying Conditions

by Mary Willis Clarke

In snowplowing, as in life, it seems that what you get depends on where you're at.

Leaving her somewhat passable but by no means cleared driveway on Tuesday, February 9, this reporter enlisted her driveway-shoveling husband to drive for a sampling of the status of pavement in other parts of the city of Greenbelt.

Streets maintained by the city were in amazing shape considering the amount of snowfall over the weekend. Yeah, Kenny Hall and the public works crew! Most streets were plowed down to pavement with only a few areas still maintaining patches of plowed-smooth snow covering. Many streets were plowed to almost full width although a few areas were narrowed by gigantic snowbanks on the roadside.

Our first stop was the front parking lot at Beltway Plaza. The parking lot was passable and there were open plowed-to-pave parking spaces. Not bad.

At the Metro station we saw clear parking spaces and humongous piles of snow where the crews had piled as much snow as possible so as to leave more parking spaces. Crews were still working to improve the already passable Metro Drive and kiss-and-ride lot.

In Empirian Village, the city maintains only Springhill Drive, part of Edmonston Road, Breeze-wood Drive, Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Lane. The other streets are the responsibility of the property owner. There was a backhoe/front-end-loader working on the Empirian Village parking lots along Cherrywood Lane, leaving clear pavement behind. Inspired by the site of bare pavement, we turned onto Cherrywood Court. One lane was passable but there was a lot of rough snow and ice between our wheels and the pavement. Same with Cherrywood Terrace, where we had to back up at one point to get enough momentum to get up the slight rise. There may have been a plow through those management-maintained streets at some point but the rough appearance of the piled snow seemed to indicate that individuals had piled much of that snow as they shoveled out their parked vehicles. The rough ice and packed snow of the single travel lane did not

have the plowed-smooth appearance of other areas of the city. I couldn't tell if the state of those roads had been exacerbated by snow shoveled from cars into the travel lanes but they definitely hadn't seen a plow in a while.

On the other side of Empirian Village, the difference between city maintenance and Empirian Village maintenance was starkly defined at the "end city maintenance" sign on Edmonston Drive. Mostly bare pavement and large roadside snow piles were on the city-plowed roadway while the Empirian Village responsibility roadway was mostly snow covered with smaller roadside snow piles. We measured the depth of the city snow piles at 33.5 inches and the private snow piles at 23 inches; the width of the city piles was commensurately wider than the private piles. The nearby Empirian Village Lakeside Drive looked impassable with deep, almost assuredly unplowed, snow. A car was spinning in an escape attempt as we passed.

### Greenbelt East

Things looked much better in Greenbelt East. Parking lots in Greenbriar were plowed to bare pavement. The courts in the Ora Glen subdivision, which are not city responsibility, were plowed and mostly bare pavement except where snow shoveled from cars had been tossed onto the plowed area.

I had heard that Greenbelt Homes 7 Court Southway was not in good shape. It was completely snow covered but smoothed by plowing. There had also been complaints about 13 Court Ridge, also in GHI. Thirteen Court had a single lane down the center plowed, with snow piled against the garage doors. I couldn't see how much of the parking area at the far end had been plowed.

We ended our snow, ice and pavement tour at Lakeside North apartments. There was only a single lane passable on Ridge Road beyond the city maintained portion; that lane was bumpy and icy. However, we could see pavement in the parking areas of the complex although there was a significant amount of slush remaining. Those parking areas were definitely in better shape than our own driveway to which we returned to await the next snow dump.

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to be done. With Street Maintenance Supervisor Gene Diest about to retire, Hall said that Frank Kellaher led the crew's removal efforts. Hall said that in his time with the city he could only remember one other time when the city faced two snowfalls back to back. Then, the first one was about eight inches deep.

When the snow began Friday afternoon, it was heavy and wet. It melted on the pavement. But it began to accumulate on trees. That night, when plowing efforts began, work was hampered primarily along Crescent Road but also elsewhere by falling trees. Over 30 trees, mostly Southern pines, fell. City crews quickly pushed them off to the side of the road until they could be cut up and removed at a future date. Fortunately, most trees that fell caused little damage and did not bring down wires.

Putens noted that other trees and branches fell in Schrom Hills Park, Greenbriar and elsewhere in Greenbelt East. Councilmember Leta Mach reported that one tree fell against an apartment building on Crescent Road opposite Roosevelt Center without apparently causing significant building damage.

In the early morning hours of Saturday and during the day it became windy and the snow came down in force, Hall said. Snow removal efforts were hampered by equipment breakdown. Four or five trucks were out of service temporarily. That delayed city plowing efforts.

"We had to split up snow plow routes," Hall said, because of the lack of equipment. We fell way behind."

Even so, most main streets were kept open to traffic. Some side streets and cul-de-sac streets became impassable but they were mostly reopened by Sunday afternoon. Hall commented that it is more difficult to plow snow on streets lined with vehicles, as is the case in many of the apartment communities. Residents in these areas also complain frequently about clearing out the snow next to their vehicles so that they can use them and then having the plows push snow back into the cleared areas. However, city crews must continuously push the snow further off the roadways, particularly when more snow is forecast.

Hall also noted that plows had had a few minor accidents with parked vehicles or other fixed objects.

### Accommodations

For the first time during such an emergency, the Greenbelt police arranged for a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn to be shared by Police and Public Works employees. In addition, Hall arranged for cots to be set up at the new Public Works facility.

During snow emergencies, city crewmembers work up to 12-hour shifts, then are relieved to get sleep for at least four hours. In the past, crewmembers and police officers would travel to their homes, often having great difficulty both coming and going. By having sleeping accommodations on hand, the city could rely on rested employees getting back to work.

McLaughlin reported that the city has brought in outside contractors to help with snow removal. They will use equipment such as front-end loaders and Bobcats that are capable of lifting snow and placing it off the roads. City



PHOTO BY WALTER MOODY

Snow began to accumulate on the rooftops of buildings and cars in Greenbelt East early Saturday.

plows can move only so much snow.

The city has also been working to clear sidewalks. By Monday, most walks at Roosevelt Center and around city buildings had been cleared of snow. Hall noted, however, that in many areas plowed snow from streets have had to be pushed back onto sidewalks as there was no place else for it to go.

### Power Outages

Most of the central section of Greenbelt was without power for varying lengths of time on Saturday. By mid afternoon power was mostly restored. Councilmember Leta Mach reported power at her house was out for about seven hours. Then in the afternoon, various sections of Greenbelt East were without power. Putens said that his development was without power from about 11 a.m. Saturday until about 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

Some residents took to their cars to get warm. Others used their vehicles to recharge cell phones. Putens was thankful that he still had a wired landline that worked throughout the outage.

One resident, Mike Jones of Ridge Road, was found unconscious in his car and pronounced dead at the hospital according to police reports.

### Private Roads

The city is not responsible for cleaning the parking lots and roads in apartment, townhouse, condominium and co-op communities. In general, comments were satisfactory about snow removal in the Greenbelt Homes community. Contractors for Greenbriar condominiums in Greenbelt East also seemed to be doing a good job under the circumstances.

City officials heard some complaints from Empirian Village residents about snow removal there. One complaint related to difficulty in gaining access to trash rooms. On Tuesday, the city received a request from Empirian Village management for assistance in snow removal. With much work of its own still to be done, the city had to refuse according to McLaughlin.

Putens, who formerly lived in that apartment complex with massive parking areas, noted that there was just no place to pile up the snow there. He said residents shoveling out their own vehicles were creating snow piles that were causing roadways to be blocked. He noted some of the residents were unprepared to deal with the snow and were trying to get their vehicles freed with dust pans and brooms.

### Police Problems

Police Chief James Craze commented "this snow event was not like anything I've seen before in my time here. It is quite something to behold." Police cruis-

ers couldn't operate in the deep snow. However, the department had four-wheel drive vehicles at its disposal.

"I'm happy to report that there is not much to report in the way of crime," Craze continued. "No news is good news." Besides the snowfall hampering criminal activity, he credited the Super Bowl as a major crime deterrent. "There's never much crime taking place during it."

In past snowstorms, the city has experienced problems with residents in parking lots or along streets freeing their cars and then parking them out in the plowed roadway, often narrowing the roadway so much as to prevent access by emergency vehicles. Police then have had to call out tow trucks to open up the roadways. Craze reported that there have been some problems with this occurring this time at Empirian Village. "We've had to impound a few cars," he said. Police have also received citizen complaints of one person cleaning out a parking space and another taking it.

### Costs

McLaughlin felt that the city was financially in good shape to handle the extra snow removal costs. He noted that the six month report showed revenues were somewhat greater than anticipated at budget time while expenditures were somewhat behind. He also hoped that this time the city would get federal financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). The city's application for funds for the December snowfall was turned down because it was not a record event. Hall noted that his staff was keeping track of all costs just in case.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts worried that the city may have the funds now to meet the expenses but may not six months down the road. City staff is still trying to evaluate the impact of the economic downturn on future city revenues.

### Que Sera, Sera

All city officials interviewed expressed concern with the forecasted additional snowfall. "Where do you put the snow?" Herling asked. He was aware of many instances of one neighbor helping out another and expected more of that would be needed. Mach hoped residents would have Sterno warmers or other devices to warm meals in case of power failure. Roberts, whose business involves repairing trucks and vehicles, worried about how well city snow removal equipment would hold up. "I don't know what 20 more inches will do."

"People need to be patient," Jordan advised. "With more snow coming it will really be a problem."