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## Legion's 2010 Public Safety Awards Includes Public Works This Year

#### by Carol Griffith

This year for the first time employees from the Greenbelt Public Works Department were honored by American Legion Post 136's Public Safety awards, adding their stories of courage and dedication to duty and the community to those for which all award recipients received a standing ovation.

The 22nd Annual Public Safety Awards ceremony and dinner was held on November 5, at the Post Home on Greenbelt Road. Held each autumn, the event is sponsored and organized as part of the "Americanism" promotion of the American Legion.

Attendees included officials of the Legion, including Commander Kathleen Linkenhoker, who presented honorees with awards. Mayor Judith Davis, all members of the city council and City Manager Michael McLaughlin represented the City of Greenbelt.

#### Awards

There have been more filings

in the lawsuit between Greenbelt

Ventures and WMATA (Wash-

ington Metropolitan Area Transit

Authority). WMATA has asked

U.S. District Court Judge Alex-

ander Williams, Jr., to reconsider

his decision to allow the lawsuit

to proceed on Greenbelt Ventures'

claim that there was an implied

contract for WMATA to approve

Greenbelt Ventures (in place of

Greenbelt Metroland) as the de-

Greenbelt Police Department Chief James Craze began the presentation by awarding this year's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year to Greenbelt native Corporal Ronald F. Walter. Noting that all officers in the department are "well-deserving," Craze explained this year's choice and detailed Walter's career.

Walter began working in Greenbelt in 1984 at first in the Public Works Department. Two years later he joined the Police Department as a communications specialist. He became a police officer in 1988 in the Patrol Division.

Walter has received 64 commendations, letters of appreciation and other awards and has been active in helping the families of fallen police officers. Craze described how Walter helped save the life of a woman involved in a car accident and, in great detail, how Walter had assisted earlier this year with the arrest of a crime suspect armed with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Walter thanked his family who

were present, including his mother, and noted that only through a "team effort" was the department able to overcome obstacles.

In presenting the city's award to Walter, Davis' statement was greeted with laughter when she said she had met Walter "on a professional basis." She added quickly that he had assisted her after an auto accident. She noted Walter's "high level of judgment and self-control, tremendous restraint and professionalism" as displayed in the arrest situation.

**Park Police Award** 

Commander Warren Boyer of the U.S. Park Police Greenbelt Station introduced Officer Brian H. Phillips as Officer of the Year. Phillips, as Boyer described, joined the Park Police in 2003 and has been assigned to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

This is the second time he has received the award, having received it in 2004 for his

See AWARDS, page 10

## American Education Week November 14 to 20, 2010

In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary. It follows last week's feature on Greenbelt Elementary School teachers Stephanie Barber and Dara Case. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy.

## **Special Education Teacher** Finds Joy in Kids' Success

#### by Jim Link

There was a brief moment - not of embarrassment, just a fraction of hesitation - when I was talking to Ayanna McSears, chair of the Special Education Department at Magnolia Elementary School. She had explained to me that the past five years of her 15-year ca-

reer had been spent at Magnolia, that she loved her job despite the fact that her constituency, her charges, her students are often considered . . . challenging . . . yes, "challenging" was the adjective she suggested, smiling, after I obtusely offered a few politically incorrect adjectives for her to reject summarily.

"I like the challenge of taking your kids whose skills blossom



later and nurturing them. It's thrilling to work with students who take longer to come around. Then that 'Aha!' moment is very special. It's a special joy to see a student struggling and then eventually getting it," McSears said. Her students

Ayanna McSears

range from kindergarten to grade 6 and are included in general education most of the day. But they come to her to improve or, in some instances, to acquire, reading skills. Five to ten is the norm per period. "My focus is teaching kids how to read. Too many kids have missed out on acquiring early skills. Helping them catch up gives me

See McSEARS, page 6

## WMATA Asks for Reconsideration Or, If Unsuccessful, a Full Trial

#### by Mary Willis Clarke

Magistrate but by a full trial and that early settlement discussions are unlikely to lead to resolution of their dispute.

As reported earlier in the News Review (April 29, September 23), Greenbelt Ventures (consisting of Petrie Ross Ventures backed by Prudential Insurance Company funding) sought to assume the rights to develop the Greenbelt Metro parcel originally granted by WMATA to Metroland (a venture of the A.H. Smith Companies and Prince George's County developer Daniel Colton) See WMATA, page 10

in a 2000 Joint Development Agreement. When WMATA did not approve the transfer of development rights, Greenbelt Ventures sued WMATA on a variety of counts (grounds). WMATA sought dismissal of the lawsuit arguing that as a creation of the governments of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, it shared in their sovereign immunity and was immune from lawsuits except as it has agreed to be liable to lawsuits. On

## Magnolia 6th Grade Teacher Closes out 44-year Career

#### by Jim Link

Our county school system – Magnolia Elementary School in particular – is about to lose a treasure. Camille Dorsey is retiring this June after 44 years of teaching. Of those 44, 33 years were in the District of Columbia, a handful at Longworth Elemen-



just explaining. The diminutive grandmotherly lady is giving me a tour of her colorful, richly decorated classroom before school begins, as catchy marching music permeates the corridors. Very admiring **Camille Dorsey** interviewer: "What's that?" Dorsey: "Today is walking day. Our teacher-sponsors join the students in walking around the perimeter of the building and inside on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exercise, you know," she smiles. "Ms. Nachman, Ms. Julie Provino, the school nurse, others join the students to walk maybe one or two miles.' Dorsey's metier, teaching English, "is quite demanding. It involves grammar, writing, spelling,

veloper of the land adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

In a Motion for Reconsideration and Motion to Amend/Correct Scheduling Order, WMATA indicates if the Motion for Reconsideration is denied, WMATA will take an immediate appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Va., in order to continue to assert its rights to sovereign immunity. In describing the factual background of the Greenbelt Metro development saga, WMATA indicates that the previous agreement with Greenbelt Metroland for the sale of the land will expire on March 2011 if the developmental milestones established pre-conditions for the completion of title transfer have not been accomplished.

In an additional court filing, both WMATA and Greenbelt Ventures have indicated that they do not wish to have their dispute resolved in a hearing by a U.S

#### What Goes On

#### Friday, November 19

12:30 to 6 p.m., Red Cross Blood Drive, Greenbelt Community Center

Sunday, November 21

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Final Farmers Market of the year, Roosevelt Center Parking Lot

#### Monday, November 22

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building **Thursday November 25** 

8 a.m., Registration Begins for Gobble Wobble Race Thursday, November 25 and Friday November 26

City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Monday, November 29

8 a.m., Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Closed for Replacement of Major Mechanical Equipment. The Fitness Wing will Reopen on Saturday, December 11 at 8 a.m. and the Indoor Pool will Reopen Saturday, December, 18, 8 a.m.

tary School in Forestville and five years at Magnolia. Having this total convinced Dorsey, at last, to "rest" and travel. She has already visited every state in the Union. She will also continue her ministry as a Jehovah's Witness.

Almost always Dorsey has been teaching sixth grade English but recently social studies and health have been added to her duties. "It's a matter of our economy; we are asked to do more with less staff," she says. But Dorsey is not complaining,

See **DORSEY**, page 6

## A Review Neil Simon Play Scores High on Greenbelt Stage

by Carol Griffith

Long before seemingly everyone in show business was in rehab or had their every indiscretion described in detail in the tabloids (if even the tabloids existed) and when rotary dial landline phones were all that existed, there were wonderful plays by Neil Simon. One of his best, "Chapter Two" is now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) in a wonderful production.

The play was first performed in 1977 and later made into a movie starring James Caan and Marsha Mason.

most popular playwrights for good reason. Many people can relate to the

situations he portrays; some of his plays are at least partly drawn from his life experiences. There is a sweet and timeless innocence about the situations and characters.

"Chapter Two" is no exception. It is the story of recently widowed author and playwright, George, whose brother Leo insists he should resume dating. George, while working on his book, accidentally calls one of the prospective dates, Jennie, whose phone number Leo has left for him. Jennie, a recently divorced actress, has a friend, Faye, who pushes her to start dating again. George and Jennie talk and are so intrigued with each other they decide to meet for a 5-minute "look." They soon fall in love but are they each ready to make a commitment?

Zachary Brewster-Geisz and Jenna Jones, both well known to the GAC stage, give their usual superb performances as George and Jennie. They bring much energy to the witty repartee of Simon's dialogue.

The subplot of the relationship between Leo and Faye adds most of the comedy. Their hilariously drawn characters are played perfectly by GAC favorite Bob Kleinberg and newcomer Ronda





George Schneider (Zachary Brewster-Geiz) and Jennie (Jenna Jones) fall in Simon is one of the love in the Neil Simon comedy "Chapter Two" now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

#### Ansted.

Director Sheilah Crossley-Cox and producer Stephen Cox have put on a topnotch production. The staging is excellent, down to the rotary dial phone.

Because of sexual situations the play is inappropriate for children and young teens.

"Chapter Two" will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of November 19 and 20, 26 and 27 and December 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled: November 21 and 28 at 2:30 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441- 8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



#### **News Review Deadline** Thanksgiving Change

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week the News Review will move all deadlines back by one day. Naturally the printer is closed Thanksgiving so its employees are able to celebrate the holiday.

All copy - ads, articles, photos, letters - must reach us by no later than Monday, November 22 to be included in the November 25 issue. All material received after Monday evening will need to be held for the issue of December 2.

neighbor

Our sympathy to friends and neighbors of longtime Hunting Ridge resident Elaine Magdalen Cardenas, who died on October 19, 2010.

Condolences to the family and friends of former resident Barbara Scheibel, who died November 14, 2010.

#### **Congratulations to:**

The several hundred students, teachers, principals, parents and staff of Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Vansville Elementary Schools, who participated in the first annual Walk for Health at Buddy Attick Park last Saturday.

- Recreation Coordinator Andrew Phelan and his wife Jackie on the birth of their first child, Avery Olivia. The Recreation Department's Administrative Coordinator Debbie Coulter and her husband Bruce, along with city former Assistant Public Works Director Bill Phelan and his wife Jackie are proud grandparents.

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

- Kathleen McFarland



For those members who cannot pick up their allotted free leaf bags during regular office hours, only two Saturdays remain to get them from the Parkway garage #21 site. November 20 and November 27 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.





#### "I'll consult the oak leaves about attending the royal wedding."

#### Café Seeks Artists For January, Later

The New Deal Café has issued a call for 3-D artists who wish to have their work shown at the Café's glass display case. Those who live in, work at or use Greenbelt as their recreational venue are invited to contact the Café about use of its glass display case (size is about 5 x 2 x 2). The case is reserved for showcasing community members' sculpture, pottery and crafts for two-month periods beginning in January.

Those interested should contact New Deal Café Arts Coordinators Kristin Stenson (301-257-2095) or Julia Wade (301-467-2843) or email newdealcafearts@yahoo. com.

#### **GHI Notes**

Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Board meeting - Board Room

Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., leaf bags can be picked up from Parkway Garage #21

Tuesday, November 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee meeting – Board Room

Thursday, November 25, Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Friday November 26, Offices closed (For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011)

Saturday, November 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., leaf bags can be picked up from Parkway Garage #21

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

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Come stock your freezer for winter with local produce, humanely raised meats, specialty ice creams, baked goods, seafood, fresh-roasted coffee beans and more! Plus enjoy special events this week:

- Performances by the Arlington Northwest Morris Dancers at 10:30, 12:00, and 1:30
- Free lotion-making demonstration
- Learn about the Greenbelt Museum
- Mystic Water Soaps for sale
- Last chance for a Victory Garden Walking Tour!

#### This Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Roosevelt Center, west parking lot. For more information and directions, visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

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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.

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## **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 November 22 to 26:

Monday - Apple juice, sliced ham with fruit sauce, broccoli florets, scalloped potatoes, fresh pear.

Tuesday - All sites closed. Special event menu.

Wednesday - Grape juice, macaroni and beef casserole, California mixed vegetables, garden salad, brownie.

Thursday and Friday - All sites closed for Thanksgiving.

#### Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, November 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Children age 17 and under are invited to perform, play a musical instrument, sing, dance or recite a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.

#### **Traffic Issues Focus** Of Senior Forum

About 25 people attended the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Open Forum held on September 25. Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach, Konard Herling and Edward Putens were among them and had a chance to hear attendees' areas of concern firsthand. Those who attended had the opportunity to express concerns, compliments and anything else on their minds relative to the city of Greenbelt.

A major topic of discussion was the persistent violation of traffic laws by drivers throughout Greenbelt. Specific violations mentioned were failure of drivers to obey stop signs, failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and drivers exceeding posted speed limits. Davis and Greenbelt Police Capt. Thomas Kemp reminded the audience that, effective October 1, it is illegal to use any hand-held electronic devices while driving. Other issues raised and discussed were the question of whether the city has the ability to give status reports to residents during emergencies such as prolonged power outages and a question about how the city and GHI deal with residents who are hoarders. The committee is in the process of preparing and finalizing a report on the forum and expects to present it to council before the end of the year.

#### **Upcoming Events** At New Deal Café

On Thursday, November 18 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose, and storytelling is from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey taps out lively jazz and blue notes on Friday, November 19, as he does every Friday and Saturday. Lizzy Pitch plays Indie pop from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 20 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. Jazz legend Buck Hill and the Not2Cool Jazz Trio play from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, November 21 from 10:30 a.m. to noon is the Sign Language Brunch Discussion Group meeting. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the monthly Kids' Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Black Muddy River Band closes the day with Grateful Dead music from 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Next Week

Tuesday, November 23 Steve Haug, a.k.a. Maugorn The Stray, a wandering minstrel, plays folk music from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. is the Cajun Music Jam. The Café is closed Thanksgiving Day. Friday, November 26 Schatzy plays original roots music and classic New Orleans tunes from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, November 27 The Omsteaders Jam Band is jamming from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, November 28 Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed in the evening from 5 to 8 p.m. by a jazz jam with the Hot Club of DC gypsy jazz band.

Currently displayed at the Café are two art exhibits - "Fire Inside Alive," a unique sticks sculpture art exhibit by Greenbelter Paul Downs and a second exhibit by Carolyn Bourne and her young son Mason.

For details call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

#### **Holy Cross Thrift Store** Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

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## Greenbelt Girls Ace, End Soccer Season

#### by John Pedersoli

Greenbelt's Girls' Soccer team, the Green Geckos, has finished a fantastically successful soccer season.

Greenbelt residents Julia Pedersoli, Madison Maragliano, Jasmine Goggins, Sophie Bernheisel, Alexandra Sherman, Sofie Dabelko, Marzieh Branyan, Catherine Peterson, Elaina Perry and Clare Alexander, along with teammates Alexis Gifford, Kathleen Von Stein and Hope Micallef compiled a record of 8-0.

Playing in the Takoma Park Soccer League in the 6th-7th Grade division, the Green Geckos outscored their opponents 28 to 4 with starting goalie Elaina Perry earning shut-outs in each game. Leading scorers were Julia Pedersoli and Madison Maragliano but 10 out of 13 players recorded goals for the team. The Geckos completed their season last week by taking second place in the Beltsville Harvest Classic Tournament, losing a hard fought game against College Park.

John Pedersoli coaches the Green Geckos and is their official photographer.



Greenbelt Girls Soccer Team, top row Julia Pedersoli, Madison Maragliano, Alexis Gifford, Jasmine Goggins, Sophie Bernheisel and Alexandra Sherman. Bottom row Kathleen Von Stein, Sofie Dabelko, Marzieh Branyan, Catherine Peterson, Hope Micallef **Elaina Perry and Clare Alexander.** 

Registration for the 2010/2011 **Basketball Season** begins November 8, 2010\*\* at the following locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway Mondays and Thursdays\* in November, 7 to 8:30 pm Saturdays in November, starts Nov. 20, 11 am to 1 pm (\*No registration, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010) Springhill Lake Rec Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane Fridays\* in November, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Saturdays in November, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (\*No registration, Friday, Nov. 26, 2010)

#### Chevy's Fundraiser For Middle School

There will be a fundraiser for the newly-formed Greenbelt Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Chevy's Restaurant on Monday, November 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

If patrons tell their server that they are with the Greenbelt Middle School, 25 percent of food sales will go to the PTA. There is also free face painting for the kids. Come enjoy the food and support Greenbelt's local Middle School.

Chevy's Restaurant is in Greenway Center at 7511 Greenbelt Road.

#### Academy Stadium Theatres Beltway Plaza Mall Center Court 301-220-1155 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 NOV. 19 <u>FRI. – SAT.</u> Skyline, PG-13 11:15, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:30 Due Date R (!) 11:15, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:30 Megamind 3D, PG (!) - (No Fees) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 Unstoppable, PG-13 (!!) 11:15, 12:10, 1:20, 2:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30 The Next Three Days, PG-13 (!) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10 Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows, PG-13 (!) 12:20, 3:35, 6:45, 10 For Colored Girls R (!) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10 <u>SUN.</u> Skyline, PG-13 11:15, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8 Due Date R (!) 11:15, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8 Megamind 3D, PG (!) – (No Fees) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15

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The Next Three Days, PG-13 (!)

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Harry Potter & The Deathly

Hallows, PG-13 (!)

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For Colored Girls R (!)

12:30, 4, 7:25

MON. – TUE.

Skyline, PG-13

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Due Date R (!)

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Megamind 3D, PG (!) - (No Fees)

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More Community Events see pages 2, 4 and 6.

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Additional December registration dates to follow.

For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

#### Greenbelt Arts Center

Chapter Two

#### Fridays and Saturdays, Nov 19 - Dec 4 at 8:00 PM Sundays, November 21 & 28 at 2:30 PM

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Upcoming:

December 9 - 12: Lions and Penguins and Bears (Oh, My!) December 14 - 15: Auditions: Reefer Madness

301.441.8770 for more information Call

## by Neil Simon, directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

## **Obituaries**

#### Elaine Cardenas

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Elaine Magdalen Cardenas, 59, died at Holy Cross Hospital on October 19, 2010, after a long illness.

The second of five children, she was born December 20, 1950, to Alice Bertha and Horace Cardenas in San Antonio, Texas.

Ms. Cardenas attended St. Paul's Catholic School and Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio from which she graduated as class salutatorian. She attended Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., on scholarship, earning a B.A. in psychology with a minor in Spanish. She completed master's work in bilingual/bicultural studies at the University of Texas San Antonio while becoming involved with the local arts community. She studied arts administration at Cincinnati Conservatory in Ohio before taking a position with the Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in Washington, D.C. She resided in Greenbelt in the Hunting Ridge community for 20 years, retiring in October from the Bureau of Labor Statistics with over 25 years of service.

Ms. Cardenas was a lover of history, culture, nature and the arts. She was a docent at the National Museum for Women in the Arts. She also enjoyed painting, drawing and singing. While in Texas she was a member of the Texas Bach Choir. She was an active supporter of the College Park and Greenbelt Farmers Markets.

Preceded in death by her father, she is survived by her mother, her siblings Kenneth Cardenas and his wife Rosemary and children Ben and Nina; Russell Cardenas, Frances Cardenas-Landswick and Cynthia Cardenas-Buecker and her husband Bernard.

Ms. Cardenas touched many lives and will be missed.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated in her honor at St. Paul's Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas, on November 13. A local memorial service will be held here in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Fund of America or one's favorite charity.

school she moved to Maryland when she accepted her first secretarial job. Over the years she worked in both private industry and the Prince George's County Public Schools as an administrative assistant.

In 1979 she moved to Greenbelt where she lived in 45 Court Ridge Road until 2007 and then moved to Hanover, Md., to an assisted living facility.

Mrs. Scheibel enjoyed gardening, cross stitching, watching the Orioles and Ravens and caring for her dog Muffin. She was an active member of the Greenbelt Community Church.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Janet Ethel.

She is survived by her daughter Gayle and her husband Michael Rogers of Pasadena; son Timothy Scheibel and his wife Lola of College Park; brothers Richard and his wife Charlotte of Ocala, Fla., and Robert and his wife Gina of Gilbertville, Mass.; grandsons Glenn and his wife Chrissy of Pasadena and Kyle of College Park; and great-granddaughters Makayla, Taylor and Samantha of Pasadena.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 22 at 6 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads.

contributions may be made to the Christmas Project at Greenbelt Community Church.

301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:** 

301-474-7573

: 9:30 am

11:00 am

Sunday School

Office Hours

Child Care Available

Worship

**Parents Time Out** 

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, is offering a free parents' afternoon out on Saturday, November 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. Parents can shop or run errands without kids four years old and up while Mowatt staffers keep them busy with a kid-friendly movie, crafts and games. Children can bring their own snack and drink.

Register in advance by emailing Betty@GreenbeltUMC.org.

#### Berwyn Presbyterian **Has Interfaith Service**

This year's community interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road. All are invited to attend.





Greenbelt Baptist Church **101 Greenhill Road** Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org Welcome! Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Sunday Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study ALL are Welcome!



#### Barbara J. Scheibel

Barbara Jean Scheibel, 79, died on Sunday, November 14, 2010, at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born on February 27, 1931, in Ware, Mass., she was one of seven children. After graduating from high school and business

> Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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is losing its dominance, and mental alertness, intuition, and the

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and mind. But the balance is already shifting; force

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#### Berwyn Book Club Takes on Generosity

"Being Generous" by Theodore Roosevelt Malloch is the book for discussion by the Berwyn Book Club at its free monthly meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights. The group meets for about two hours, usually on the fourth Sunday of each month to discuss books that foster spiritual growth.

The next discussion for December 19 will be on "The Christmas Blessing," by Dona VanLiere. Refreshments will be served.

#### Santa Visits The Boulevard at Cap Centre

On Saturday, November 20 at 3 p.m. Santa arrives by horsedrawn carriage in a parade at The Boulevard at Capital Centre to officially launch the 2010 holiday season there. The program, from 3 to 5 p.m. has a fireworks display as its grand finale. The free celebration is open to all. It will feature strolling holiday characters including Frosty and Gingerbread Man and a brightly lit holiday tree. WKYS personality Angie Ange and team will be present.

#### **Trainspotting Day**

Bowie's annual Trainspotting Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 28 at the Bowie Railroad Museum and Old Town Welcome Center.

High traveler traffic results in all kinds of different, unusual cars being brought into service to accommodate the spike in passengers.

**City Information** 

#### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 22, 2010 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

#### COMMUNICATIONS Presentations

#### - Recycles Right Awards

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

\* Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

\* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION-none

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Proposed 2011 Legislative Program

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #10-2 (Proposed Smoking Restrictions in Parks and Recreation Facilities)
- -Other Reports
- -\*Employee Special Holiday

#### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

#### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Park & Recreation Advisory Board

For information call 301-474-8000.

#### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER CLOSING.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closed for replacement of major mechanical equipment starting Monday, November 29th at 6:00am. We anticipate that the Fitness Wing will re-open on Saturday, December 11th at 8:00am and the Indoor Pool on Saturday, December 18th at 8:00am. Please know that should circumstances beyond our control develop we may need to extend the closure. Notifications will be made via email, a message will be left on the GAFC main number, and a notice will be put on the City's website.

All current memberships to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

#### **REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of November 22 Monday Route – Regular Schedule Tuesday Route - Regular Schedule Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday – No Recycling Collection There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 26.

#### GOBBLE WOBBLE Thursday, November 25th

All ages welcome

Spend your Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 2010 Gobble Wobble. This is a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park

lake path, which is an ideal way to get some exercise in before your Thanksgiving feast. All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. Awards will be given to top finishers. All youth participants receive a medal.

Race-day registration begins at 8am, Race begins at 9am Starting Line located in front of Youth Center; Race will be around Buddy Attick Park Lake Path Fee: Pre-registration-\$15/racer (\$5 for each additional family member) Race-day registration - \$20/racer (\$5 for each additional family member) For more information call 301-397-2200



#### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

Congratulations to Wilbur, Violet and Lucky on their adoptions! We wish them and their families much happiness!

COME OUT AND VISIT: Buddy, a super sweet male Rottweiler, 7 years old. Loves to play catch. Teddy, a young retriever mix. Simba, a cute and friendly yellow tabby. Open Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124

#### NOVEMBER IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH!

Students in grades K-6th can win a \$10 gift card to Target just by playing **GREENBELT WORKS!** Visit www.greenbeltmd. gov and follow the link to the game. At the end of the game, print out the form and fill it out. You can either bring it in or mail it to the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 to get your prize. Make sure that you write GREEN-BELT WORKS on the envelope. You must either live or go to school in Greenbelt. One prize per student. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026

#### Part-Time Position: Arts Education Specialist Greenbelt Recreation Department

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Center will be extended by one month because of this closure. We regret the inconvenience this may cause you and thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact our staff at (301) 397-2204. A list of other facilities in the area will be posted on Greenbelt City Link at www.greenbeltmd.gov/aquatic\_fitness\_center



#### **LEAF COLLECTION**

The following areas will be collected in the coming weeks: November 22 – 26 Lakewood

November 29–30

(November 25-26 Holiday) Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

#### **REMINDER:**

Help keep our green areas healthy and free of invasive plants. Remember to dispose of leaves properly. Do not put gathered leaves in woods, parks or playgrounds. Thank you! The Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the GHI Woodlands Committee Thank you for your donations! We are in need of collars and leashes. Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

#### WANTED: INVOLVED AND CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE

Applications are being accepted for a task force of Greenbelt citizens to consider future uses of the existing historic school building. This building could become a great asset to our community! For information call 301-474-8000. RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 19th from 12:30pm-6:00pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Donate Blood and Save a Life. Co-Sponsored by the American Red Cross and The Greenbelt Recreation Department. Information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

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reading comprehension, vocabulary," she says. One shtick she uses to motivate the students is to cook up a Rewards Popcorn Treat on the hot plate tucked away among the myriad books. "The butter smells so good," she says, smiling. Her classroom rules, posted prominently, help guarantee courtesy and mutual respect: Work quietly; Raise your hand; Follow directions; Speak in a respectful and positive way to classmates; Keep the floor clean and tidy.

#### **Student Reading**

Dorsey's students read independently every day from books they've selected on their own (with choices provided by Dorsey). They often immerse themselves in Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time," C.S. Lewis's "Chronicles of Narnia" and Lois Lowry's "Number the Stars."

At Dorsey's sweet urgings her students respond creatively in three ways. First, they have built a box with figurines from "The Lion and The Wardrobe" (C.S. Lewis), for example, Lucy and her lion are there in the wardrobe.

They've also created board games requiring participants to answer questions about the fictional characters in their chosen books. Was Lucy crying when Mr. Tunmus was captured? Why did Edward get put in jail? Whose island are the beavers on? A correct answer lets you move around the board toward "home."

Last, Dorsey points proudly to letters on the wall students have written to the authors, thanking them or asking questions. Does Madeleine L'Engle know she has such adoring fans?

Dorsey's teaching career began informally when she started helping her elementary school classmates with their homework. She tutored in middle school - free - and even helped a neighbor's son, a high school student, with his math. His mother "gave me a lovely gift – a big pie. I liked the whole process so I stuck with it," she says.

#### Letters

So many students are lucky she did! Dorsey showed me a handful of letters written by students years after they had passed through her class. One boy, a product of foster care, wrote Dorsey that he "dreaded your class because you were so tough on me. But you are the best thing that ever happened to me."

Another boy tracked Dorsey down though she no longer taught at the school he had attended and wrote, "You have saved me from the mean streets. I never imagined that I would go to college." Another boy asked for help with his college research paper. Yet another boy brought his fianceé up from Georgia to meet Dorsey. And one girl wrote 20 years after leaving Dorsey's class, "I'm sorry I let years go by before thanking you for being such a wonderful teacher. If the country had more teachers like you,

#### the kids would stay in school and graduate."

As she folds up her album of precious testimonials, Dorsey says, "The kids are what keep me going."

A highlight of her career was teaching a unit on the Holocaust. "Then we took a field trip to the Holocaust Museum," Dorsey said.

Very admiring interviewer: "What frustrates you about your iob?'

Dorsey: The public does not recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers, the many hats we wear, the hours we put in."

Very admiring interviewer: "What change would you like to see in the system?"

Dorsey: "The School Board and politicians should walk a few miles, a few days in our shoes."

Very admiring interviewer: 'What do students need today?" Dorsey: "They need to know

we care about them." Sometimes the echoes a teach-

er triggers are endless. Like another teacher from Prince George's County, Christa McAuliffe, Dorsey has every right to say, "I touch the future. I teach."

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the most fulfillment," she says McSears also runs the SPIRE (Special Program for Inculcating Reading Excellence) intervention program for students two years or more below reading level. This is a high-intensity program which deals with only two or three students at a time.

Principal Phyllis Gillens says that McSears "is an exemplary educator, committed to our students in and out of the classroom. She gives an effort above and beyond the call of duty."

#### Honors Assembly

McSears has shouldered the responsibility of coordinating the Honors Day assembly four times a year. These assemblies recognize students from second to sixth grades who make the honor roll. Parents are invited; students walk across the stage and receive gift incentives from local businesses like Domino's Pizza, Friendly's Ice Cream

Parlor and Chevy's Restaurant. She also brings in a variety of speakers for the Honors Day assemblies.

Also, on her own time. Mc-Sears tutors at home one-on-one.

This is paid work but "for single moms who can't afford it," she says, "I have a low fee. I like to think of it as community service; at least it gives me some extra gas money."

On the wall in her classroom are the following three criteria for permissible talk, which our politicians and we ourselves could profitably heed: Listen to each other; Express yourself in clear, audible sentences; Agree or disagree with each other but explain why.

And McSears' very positive quote of the week is "It's OK to ask for help. "I'm worth it."

Ayanna McSears's students are challenging. But she is obviously up to the challenge.

#### A Review Local Author's Book at Co-op

Greenbelt resident and published poet Marjorie Gray has written a book which will be available for purchase at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

Entitled "Mulled Words - A Word a Week from God's Word," the themes of the book's Christian observations and Biblical guidance are arranged alphabetically. Such concepts as prayer, love, hope and understanding are explored through Gray's relating of life experiences and observations, supported by prayers and quotations from the Bible and other religious materials. Each page-long entry ends with a short prayer.

Gray's roles as poet, journalkeeper, wife, mother, grandmother and sister inspire her writing. Her poems have appeared in Evangel, Everyday Blessings, Penwood Review and other publications.

- Carol Griffith

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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. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Kidnapping

November 6, 7:41 p.m., a man was approached in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road by several males, who pushed him into their vehicle, assaulted him and robbed him. They then drove the man to Howard County and dropped him off along Interstate 95. The suspect vehicle is a silver Dodge Charger. The five suspects are described as a black male, 30 years old, 5'8". 150 pounds with black hair; a black male, 25 years old, 6', 150 pounds with black hair; a black male, 40 to 45 years old, 5'8", 220 pounds with short black and gray hair, a mustache and a goatee; a black male, 28 to 30 years old, 5'10", 180 pounds with braided shoulder-length hair; and a black male, 22 years old, 5'8", 150 pounds with short hair. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

#### **Robberies**

November 8, 6:34 p.m., Lakecrest Drive at Prince James Way, a man was approached by two males, who assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as black males, both 20 to 30 years old, 5'5" tall and wearing dark clothing and masks.

November 8, 8:01 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a man was approached by two males, who grabbed him and removed his property. The suspects are described as black males, 18 to 22 years old, 6' to 6'2", 170 to 190 pounds, wearing dark clothing.

November 10, 11:04 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, a person was approached by two men, who demanded his property. One of the suspects is described as a black male in his 20s, 6' tall with a medium build.

November 10, 5:25 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, a person was approached by two young men, who demanded his property. The suspects are described as black males, 15 to 20 years old, 5'8" to 5'10", 150 to 170 pounds, wearing hooded jackets.

#### Handgun Arrest

November 7, 11:13 p.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood

Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with wearing/ carrying a handgun and transporting a handgun in a vehicle after a suspicious vehicle stop. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### **Drug Arrest**

November 7, 1:50 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 9, 3:32 a.m., Southway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine and false statement to a police officer. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### **DWI Arrest**

November 10, 3:11 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop and released on citation pending trial.

November 10, 12:55 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 11, 4:25 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

#### Trespass

November 5, 12:15 p.m., a resident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on private property. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

November 6, 1:01 a.m., Springhill Drive at Springhill Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with trespassing on private property and released on citation pending trial.

November 10, 11:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court,

a nonresident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on private property. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services

#### **Disorderly Conduct**

November 6, 3:04 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

#### **Failure to Obey**

November 5, 11:16 p.m., Cherrywood Lane at Springhill Drive, a resident juvenile was petitioned for failure to obey a lawful order, disorderly conduct and obstruction and hindering, among other charges. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

#### Vandalism

November 8, 11:24 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a window was broken

#### **Open Container**

November 9, 2:06 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested, charged with possession of an open container of alcohol and released on citation pending trial. **Burglaries** 

November 5, 3:37 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, nothing was taken.

November 7, 1:52 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, laptops, an iPod, jewelry, a TV, clothing and currency were reported taken.

November 8, 3:20 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a computer, laptop, game system, camera and jewelry were among the items reported taken.

#### Vehicle Crimes

A white 1996 Honda Accord with Md. tags was reported stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

A blue 2006 Audi 4D with Md. tags, reported stolen from Annapolis, was recovered using the License Plate Reader in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. No arrests were made.

Four tires were reported cut in the 7700 block Belle Point Drive. Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 5900 block Greenbelt Road (GPS) and 7600 block Mandan Road (CD/DVD system).

## Johnsons' Charges to Date Do Not Involve Greenbelt

#### by Mary Willis Clarke

On Friday, November 12 local and national news outlets reported the arrest of Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson and his wife, Councilwomanelect Leslie Johnson. They were charged with witness tampering and destruction of evidence.

A press release by the Maryland U.S. Attorney's office indicates these arrests are part of a wide-ranging criminal investigation into "allegations that certain real estate developers in Prince George's County, Maryland were bribing public officials in exchange for official acts favorable to the developers and their companies."

The press release further states: "The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") administers the HOME Investment Partnerships program, which provides federal grants to states and localities to fund the construction, purchase and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing for rent or home-owner-

ship. According to the complaint, the Director of DHCD has the authority to recommend which developers should receive HOME funds for development projects in the County. A developer with projects in Prince George's County sought and obtained HOME funds from the County for the developer's projects. The complaint alleges that Jack Johnson received cash and checks, including a \$100,000 check, from the developer in return for Johnson's help, in his official capacity as County Executive, in securing HOME funds for the developer's projects."

It is not known at this time whether the investigation involves any development activity in Greenbelt. No housing involving federal grants for affordable housing is known to be planned for Greenbelt but there was a proposal for senior housing, which might have involved subsidies, on a parcel in Berwyn Heights adjacent to Greenbelt's borders.

#### Wildlife Photo Exhibit

The Publick Playhouse in Cheverly will display an exhibit by Richard Weiblinger featuring nature and wildlife photography through December 6. Weiblinger is a self-taught photographer whose work ranges from fleeting expressions of nature's mutability to striking landscapes. His wildlife photographs convey intense intimacy and remind viewers of the diversity and uncertainty of nature.

#### **MVA Schedule**

All Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offices will be open for regular business Monday, November 22 through Wednesday, November 24 next week.

MVA full-service and express offices will be closed from Thursday, November 25 through Saturday, November 27. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed. MVA and VEIP stations will reopen on Monday, November 29.



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

#### National Gallery Offers Aviation Museum Free Classical Concert

The National Gallery of Art will present a free concert by Camerata Philadelphia, Stephen Framil cellist-conductor on Sunday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Gallery Court. Music by Haydn and Shostakovich will be featured.

## Seeks Scouts

The College Park Aviation Museum invites Girl and Boy Scouts of all ages to a special afternoon of aviation-related activities on Sunday, November 21 from noon to 4 p.m.

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## AWARDS continued from page 1

dedication to duty. While also serving as a field training officer, Phillips has made 94 arrests this year, including four fugitive arrests and another in which a stolen car was recovered.

Phillips' father, wife and daughter were present. After thanking them for their support, he also thanked his coworkers for their "true friendship."

Deputy Chief Jason Morgal of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad named Firefighter Robert Harmon as Firefighter of the Year, praising him for his initiative and enthusiasm and the "exceptional amount" of work he has taken on. Morgal described how Harmon was instrumental in purchasing materials for safety drills at the firehouse.

After receiving his awards, Harmon thanked his family and friends for understanding his obligation to the Fire Department.

#### **Berwyn Heights**

Representing Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Chuck Fusco explained how he was "blessed to have a good team of people." He then announced the selection of Emergency Medical Technician Jane Schmidt to receive the award for the department.

Schmidt joined the Prince George's Fire Department in 1994 and transferred to Berwyn Heights that same year. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in electrical engineering and has twice been in Iraq to train soldiers.

During one of the snows of the past winter, Fusco explained, while on a call for a victim having a cardiac emergency, Schmidt's ambulance got stuck in the snow. After walking a distance through deep snow to the victim's home, she was able to "commandeer" the SUV of a police officer who lived nearby to take the victim to the hospital.

Delegate Anne Healey, in her award presentation, said she was "touched" by Schmidt's service in Iraq.

Last but not least, Kenny Hall, director of the Greenbelt Public Works Department, and assisted by Assistant Directors Lesley Riddle and Carolyn Clemens, named four employees to receive awards. Karl Scaggs, Frank Kellaher, Michael Fox and Robert Tripe stood as Hall detailed their many accomplishments.

Skaggs, Hall said, has accomplished many things in over 30 years of service but has not been concerned about who gets credit for them. Hall called Kellaher the "snow czar" and praised him for orchestrating snow operation for the department. Although Fox was not able to attend, Hall praised the tree technician for "working tirelessly to maintain public safety" after 400 trees were lost in last year's storms. Tripe was honored for his "Herculean efforts" in keeping sidewalks passable during the snowstorms.

Hall concluded that his crew had showed an amazing amount of dedication to the city and residents of Greenbelt. No doubt his comment could apply to all recipients of this year's Public Safety awards.

The entire council aided in presenting a Greenbelt City Proclamation to each award recipient. District 4 County Councilmember Ingrid Turner awarded Prince George's County Council Certificates of Appreciation and Delegate Anne Healey presented each honoree with citations from the Maryland General Assembly on behalf of the entire delegation, including Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross who were not present.

#### WMATA continued from page 1

September 1, Judge Williams dismissed all counts but one of the Greenbelt Ventures lawsuit. The surviving count claims that there was an implied contract between Greenbelt Ventures and WMATA based on WMATA's acceptance of Greenbelt Ventures efforts to accomplish the infrastructure approvals and improvements required by WMATA's original agreement with Metroland as preconditions for the actual transfer of ownership of the land and WMATA's from Greenbelt Ventures of annual payments that are required to be paid by Metroland as a condition of the original Joint Development Agreement.

The whole matter is entwined with an intricate series of legal arguments. WMATA argued that there is no written contract between Greenbelt Ventures and WMATA (WMATA's Joint Development Agreement is with Greenbelt Metroland) so the legal doctrine of the Statute of Frauds (no oral or implied contracts for the sale of land or for matters that will not be executed within one year) should defeat the claims of Greenbelt Ventures.

However, if a party accepts benefits or partial performance as if there is a legal contract, this may constitute a defense to the Statute of Frauds and allow a legal action based on implied contract to proceed notwithstanding the Statute of Frauds. Greenbelt Ventures claims that it sought local government developmental approvals, designed a multi-storied parking garage to replace surface parking at the transit station and paid annual amounts to WMATA required under the Joint Development Agreement Greenbelt Ventures argued that this constitutes partial performance by them of their contract to become developer of the Greenbelt Metro parcel.

Judge Williams did not dismiss

the lawsuit, allowing the matter to proceed to trial, because WMATA having allegedly accepted partial performance, i.e. the benefits of the "contract" as asserted by Greenbelt Ventures, may be "estopped" from asserting the Statute of Frauds requirement for a written instrument. But WMATA in the Motion for Reconsideration argues that its sovereign immunity doesn't allow it to be subject to the "estoppel" claims of Greenbelt Ventures; WMATA argues that while it has consented to contract claims ("waived its immunity"), it has not waived immunity against the defenses to the Statute of Frauds that Greenbelt Ventures argued should allow the lawsuit to continue.

Not surprisingly, Greenbelt Ventures does not agree with WMA-TA's interpretation of the application of the doctrine of immunity to defenses to the Statute of Frauds. (Readers should recognize that the legal arguments described could only apply if the facts underlying the theories are established at trial or are uncontroverted as this case proceeds toward trial or other resolution.)

Judge Williams will resolve this "disagreement" when he rules on the Motion for Reconsideration.

In its Motion for Reconsideration, WMATA suggests that if Judge Williams doesn't dismiss the remaining count of the lawsuit, WMATA will take an immediate appeal to the Fourth Circuit. Normally, a party to a lawsuit who is unhappy with a ruling by a judge must wait until the lawsuit is over to appeal the judge's decision. However, for a very small number of reasons, including denial of a claim of sovereign immunity, an appeal can be made in the midst of the lawsuit.

WMATA's assertion that the 2011 Joint Development Agreement expires in March 2011 and that the conditions for the real estate closing have not been met is another aspect of the whole Greenbelt Metro Station development quagmire mentioned in the additional court documents. As that March 2011 date rapidly approaches, additional controversy and potential litigation are expected to develop over the date of expiration, the accomplishment or failure to accomplish the conditions necessary for final transfer of title and which party is to blame for any failure to accomplish those conditions. Greenbelt Ventures has claimed that WMATA thwarted its efforts to build a "billion dollar" project.

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Jane Schmidt of the Berwyn Heights Fire Department receives an award for her outstanding service from Delegate Anne Healey.



Officer Brian Phillips receives an award from the American Legion, presented by Commander Kathie Linkenhoker.

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### Local Spooks Carry on Holiday Tradition

#### by Jim Link

For 14 years on Halloween night Amethyst Dwyer and her husband, Dorian Winterfeld, have transformed their home into a haunted house worthy of the Addams family or the fiction of Edgar Allan Poe. With plenty of help from friends and neighbors they have made the 36 Court of Ridge Road arguably the spookiest spot in Greenbelt on trick or treat night.

Escorted by their parents, over 100 kids stricken with fear and desire for candy screwed their courage to the sticking point and toddled, ran, tiptoed or were carried through the labyrinth of horrors prepared by Dorian and Amethyst.

Typically, to increase their plunder, children entered the Ushaped court at the far end, crisscrossed back and forth to accept goodies ladled out by neighbors, themselves costumed, sitting on the stoops of their homes. Then came "the main event," as one neighbor described running the gauntlet of choreographed apparitions prepared by Amethyst and Dorian's Groovy Ghoulies of Greenbelt.

Signs saying "Danger" and "Beware" pointed the tykes past a glamorous, swashbuckling pirate (Ms. Petrie), scythe-wielding Sister Death (Gina Mai Denn), hideously cackling Ming the Merciless (Rob Petrie), Angelica the Undead (Susan Barnett), a huge black red-eyed gyrating mechanical spider operated by blue-haired Janet Morton, the rabid and predatory Dog Monster (Amethyst Dwyer), the murderous and repulsive Goat Man, who sensibly wishes to remain anonymous, Vampire J (Jsun Maggio) and, climactically, Dracula himself (Dorian Winterfeld), fanged and malevolent, a fashion plate in tux and cape.

Mingling among this unholy crew was witchy Beth Leamond, tall, gaunt, drinking a longstemmed glass of red wine – or



Amethyst Dwyer and Dorian Winterfeld with their Groovy Ghoulies.

was that blood? – and Werewolf (a very hirsute Art Abrams) and his ugly buddy, a stitch-scarred Frankenstein monster with a bolt through his skull (Zachary Voith).

Amethyst and Dorian used a plethora of props to enhance the horror: skeletons, cobwebs, gargoyles, a smoke machine and candelabra. Carved, lit pumpkins, gauzy curtains, grotesque statuary, flying bats and tiki torches completed the spooky decor.

Amy Headley, a resident of 36 Court, has been bringing her son Jason, now 12, to the Spook Show for nine years. "Dorian and Amethyst are great with kids. They are very open and embracing, really put Josh at ease," Amy said.

Other court residents include Chris Farago and his wife, Angela Hennessy, who have enjoyed "the main event" for five years. "We know we're going to get a lot of customers for our candy," they said.

Dave Wilmes and Samantha Fitschen brought their daughter Fionnula dressed as Dorothy looking for the Wizard of Oz, before distributing candy at their own home. Neighbor Betty has lived in 36 Court for 15 years; sitting next to her bucket of treats, she said, "We get a lot of trick or treaters because they put this big thing on and the kids love it."

One youngster dressed as Indiana Jones (Devin, age 7) ran laughing and screaming from the ghostly mansion.

Intrepid interviewer: "Why are you laughing and screaming?" Devin: "Because I saw a lady

eating a bat." Intrepid interviewer: "That was no lady, that was Beth Lea-

was no lady, that was Beth Lea mond."

Intrepid interviewer overheard at least two hilarious comments. A glamorous, dark-clad, bloodymouthed witchy woman said to a girlfriend: "I love administering the kiss of death, but it does ruin my lipstick." And Angelica the Undead said to Werewolf as he "mauled" her: "Hey, be careful now, dear; I need those eyeballs for later."

It was quite impossible to say who was more gratified by the whole, magical, eerie evening – the enchanted, dazzled children or the tired, ghoulish adults.

## Early City Resident Moves To New Home in Bowie

#### by Kathleen McFarland

Longtime Greenbelter Lossie Falter has moved from Greenbelt after living here almost continuously for 72 years. Happily, her new home is in nearby Bowie, well within visiting range.

Falter had been a Greenbelter since the age of 17, when her parents, Harry and Amer Thurston, moved from Washington, D.C., where her dad worked at the Navy Yard. They settled here at 35-K Ridge Road in the new town she described as "out in the country."

Falter finished out her senior year at McKinley Tech High School in Washington but quickly found friends in her new neighborhood, like Varina Craig (now McGowan), a member of the Class of 1939 at the new Greenbelt High School.

The two girls became lifelong friends and Falter was considered an honorary member of that class, through the years joining in all the GHS reunions.

Lossie and Varina attended USO dances in Laurel during WWII (driven there by Dr. James W. McCarl, the town's dentist). In fact that's where Lossie met Dave Falter. They were married at Fort Lincoln chapel in 1944, while Dave was still in the service.

After the war the Falters moved to an apartment in Greenbelt, then to 1-H Gardenway and later to 4-B Gardenway as their family grew to four sons: first, Ron and Tom, and nine years later, twins Bob and Bill.

An only child herself, Lossie was always close to her cousins, aunts and uncles in the Richmond, Va., area, her family's roots. Keeping up those relationships and car-



#### **Lossie Falter**

ing for her husband and the boys made for a busy life.

At several times during this period Falter was a working mother, too, putting in nights at the Government Printing Office for several years and later at the Greenbelt City offices. Always a caring person, she continued that aspect of her life after the boys were grown and had their own families, especially in her activities at the Greenbelt Baptist Church, where she has been a member since 1966.

In retirement Lossie and Dave moved to Greenbriar and later to Green Ridge House. Dave Falter died in 2004 and since then Lossie has continued on alone, happy with friends and church activities but with increasing health problems which will be easier to manage in her new home in Bowie.

She can be reached at The Anne Dalton Home, 13220 Idlewood Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Her many Greenbelt friends look forward to visiting her there.



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