

City Considers Bike Sharing, New No-dumping Regulations

by Barbara Hopkins

At its regular meeting on December 12, the Greenbelt City Council agreed to apply for grant funds to conduct a study on the feasibility of instituting a bike-share program in the city. A program of the Maryland Department of Transportation offers to reimburse local jurisdictions for 80 percent of the cost of either a feasibility study or implementation of a bikeshare program. The city must contribute the remaining 20 percent, either through funding or use of in-kind services.

Councilmembers had numerous questions about details of such a program, including how it might integrate with bikeshare programs in the District of Columbia and nearby communities such as College Park. Councilmember Leta Mach questioned whether people would use such a program. She supported funding a study to find out.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city has money it could apply to its 20 percent share of such a cost. Jaime Fearer, a city planner for Greenbelt, said the city has done

some outreach to other communities and that possibilities exist for partnering with other jurisdictions, reducing the cost to Greenbelt. Fearer hoped the cost of such a study would not exceed \$25,000 but said it could be as much as \$50,000.

Councilmembers Edward Putens and Konrad Herling did not attend the meeting but all five present approved a motion to apply for the grant for such a feasibility study.

Solid Waste Code

Councilmember Silke Pope introduced for first reading a new ordinance to amend Chapter 17 (Solid Waste) of the Greenbelt City Code to add specific penalties for dumping and to increase penalties for general violations of provisions of this chapter. Such violations are municipal infractions.

City staff worked with members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) in developing revisions to address the fact that dumping has become an increasing problem in Greenbelt's Forest Preserve and at Northway Fields. Members of FPAB unanimously

approved the changes.

The new ordinance imposes fines for general violations of Chapter 17 of the city code from a minimum of \$50 (\$10 in the old version) to a maximum of \$250 (up from \$25 in the old version). It also adds specific violations with a fine of \$500 for disposal of waste in waterways or fountains or thrown from vehicles.

The revised definitions are consistent with those used in the solid waste collection industry. New ones have also been added for compost and recyclables.

The definition of dumping applies to solid waste measuring one cubic foot or greater in volume (with some exceptions listed). Every cubic foot of waste improperly dumped becomes a separate violation subject to a fine of \$1,000.

The proposed new ordinance also moves the appeal process from the city council to the city's Board of Appeals.

Council will consider the ordinance for second reading and adoption at its next meeting on January 9.

Eleanor Roosevelt Quidditch Team Competes in New York Tourney

by Jim Link

A clutch of teenagers frolics joyously on an autumn afternoon on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Community Center. Shouting, laughing, running, riding broomsticks, ricocheting off of each other, they collapse into a chaos of flailing arms and legs – rise, regather and repeat the raucous ritual.

In one word, without a woeful excess of amazingly annoying al-

literation, this queer, quaint company is practicing . . . Quidditch.

Quidditch – the fictional, magic-saturated game invented by J.K. Rowling in her Harry Potter novels, played by two teams of seven players each, is often described as a cross between rugby, tag and football. It involves Chasers, Keepers, Seekers, all on broomsticks, attempting to catch the snitch, a tennis ball in a sock

attached to the waist of a player.

Even without levitation and wizardry, Muggle Quidditch or human quidditch is a blast, according to Matt Williams, an Eleanor Roosevelt senior. “Yes! It's fantastic!” he said.

Matt and classmate Olivia

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What Goes On

**Thursday, December 15
7:30 p.m.,** Greenbelt

Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board Meeting, GHI Administration Building

**Friday, December 16
Noon to 5 p.m.,** GHI Closed for Employees' Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 18
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** Special Holiday Farmers Market, Roosevelt Center Parking Lot

3 p.m., Greenbelt Concert Band's Annual Holiday Lights Concert, Community Center



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDVAR

Quidditch practice on the Community Center lawn.

American Education Week November 13 to 19, 2011

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from schools serving the Greenbelt community in a multi-week series. Organized by David Lange, the stories feature two staff at each school – Greenbelt Middle School, Greenbelt Elementary School, Turning Point Academy, Springhill Lake Elementary and, finally, this week Magnolia Elementary (below) and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools (see page 12).

K. Ager Returns to Teach In her Childhood School

by Rebecca Boggs

I enjoyed interviewing Kathleen Ager, who is being recognized as an excellent teacher as part of American Education Week. I have personal experience with Ager's teaching because she is my daughter's first grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School.

This is Ager's third year of teaching at Magnolia, where she attended elementary school through the fifth grade. “I went to Magnolia for so long I built relationships with the teachers and my family got involved. It is a family-oriented school. I feel like I give a little bit more to teaching here, because this is where I grew up. I



Kathleen Ager

want to give back to the school that gave so much to me,” Ager says.

When asked when she decided she wanted to teach, she says, “First grade actually. I just loved my first grade teacher, Mrs. Bleach, and I loved playing school. It's pretty ironic I'm teaching first grade now.”

Ager is from Bowie. “I've

lived in the same house since I was three months old, with the exception of the year I lived at Towson University,” she says. She graduated from Towson University with a bachelor of arts in early childhood

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Jan'es Canty Is Magnolia Elementary Music Teacher

by Rebecca Boggs

“I love making a connection with children and introducing them to a new way of thinking about music,” says Jan'es Canty, music teacher at Magnolia Elementary School for the last three years. Canty, a veteran music teacher of 22 years, is being recognized as an excellent teacher during American Education Week. As a parent of a first grader at Magnolia, I appreciate Canty's joyful presence and creative expression that inspires the children to sing with gusto.

Canty was born and raised in Baltimore City. She lives in Upper Marlboro with her husband, two daughters and her son, Josiah who attends Magnolia in



Jan'es Canty

the fourth grade. Canty has a bachelor's degree in music and education from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, a master's in education with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction from Western Maryland College and a certificate in administration from McDaniel College, formerly Western Maryland.

Canty decided she wanted to teach music in the 10th grade, while she was attending Northwestern High School in Baltimore City. “In 10th grade I was influenced by a wonderful music teacher, Mrs. Gloria Street,”

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Editorial

Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

This year our carriers will again leave envelopes. These newly-designed envelopes have both the year 2011 and News Review printed in red along with lines for your carrier's name and address. Please do not use any envelope for your News Review carrier that does not have these identifying marks.

We hope these new envelopes will be helpful to you. If you are not sure that an envelope is from your carrier, call 301-474-4131 and leave a message with your address and the carrier address on the envelope or email us at newsreview@verizon.net.

Jill Lau Chosen Water Polo Coach of the Year

The Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) recently selected Greenbelter Jill Jou-Waih Lau as the coach of the year for the Atlantic Division. As the University of Maryland's Men's Club water polo coach, she was also selected as the University of Maryland Sports Clubs Coach of the Year in May.

While Lau is coaching the University of Maryland men's water polo club, she is also the Volunteer Assistant Coach for the University of Maryland women's varsity water polo team and a coach for the Naval Academy Aquatic Club's water polo team.

Lau is also a member of the Hong Kong (China) Women's Water Polo team. She was the top scorer of the 2010 Asia Pacific Water Polo Tournament.

In addition to coaching water polo, she is the head coach of the Elizabeth Seton High School varsity swim team in Bladensburg. Lau was the Greenbelt Swim Team's head coach from 2005 through 2007. During her tenure the team won two PMSL division championships. She swam on the Greenbelt team as a child, joining when she was six.

Lau grew up in Greenbelt, attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School and received her bachelor's degree in ecology and



Jill Lau stands at the edge of the water polo pool at Maryland

evolution from the University of Maryland in 2009. She is now studying for her master's in environmental policy with the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland and expects to graduate in 2012.

— Clement Lau

Greenbelt's Mayor Honored by COG

Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis has received the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award from COG (Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments).

Davis was honored for being a collaborative, catalytic force behind many of COG's recent initiatives, including her role as a key member of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition that developed Region Forward. Davis is a perpetual spokesperson for COG and for the effectiveness of regionalism. She has also worked at the local and regional level to promote environmental and sustainability issues, such as COG's recent "We Can" residential energy efficiency campaign.

"In addition to her direct work with COG, Mayor Davis has been a strong advocate for the region and our environmental concerns before the state legislatures in Annapolis and Richmond and the Council of the District of Columbia," said Andrea Harrison, COG Board Chairman and Prince George's County Council Chair. "Mayor Davis skillfully leads a small community that always has understood the importance of working within a big metropolitan region and we honor her today for all of her work."

Aviation Museum Features Trains

The College Park Aviation Museum will present Holiday Trains and Planes from Saturday, December 17 to Friday, December 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The National Capital Trackers brings a constantly moving display of model railroads to the museum. Admission is covered in the regular museum fee.

National Gallery Hosts Holiday Caroling

Caroling in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda is a favorite at the National Gallery of Art. Guest choirs lead afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on December 17 and 18. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.

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Thursday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmlls.info.

Saturday Bird Walk Offered in Bowie

Prince George's Audubon Society will host its monthly half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 a.m. At this time of year, waterfowl and resident and migrating woodland and field birds may be seen, with a good chance of spotting raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Birders should meet at the parking lot. There is no fee.

For details call 410-765-6482.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals 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 December 19 through 23:

Monday – Apple juice, chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, green beans, diced pears, red velvet cake (holiday lunch).

Tuesday – Orange juice, chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, Oregon-blend vegetables, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Grape juice, cheese egg omelet, turkey sausage patty, hash brown potatoes, escalloped apples with raisins.

Thursday – Apple juice, pork chops with Hawaiian sauce, baked beans, butternut squash, fruit cocktail.

Friday – All sites closed.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 16, Offices close at noon for employees' holiday party. For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011.

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, December 19, 7 p.m. – Communicator Task Force Meeting – Lobby

Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee Meeting – Lobby

Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 23, Office Closed – For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011

Monday, December 26, Office Closed – For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011

Wednesday, December 28, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Monday, January 2, Office Closed – For maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011

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

More Community Events
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Kids Open Microphone At New Deal Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, December 18 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

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

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club held an election of a full slate of officers for the coming year. They will be sworn in at the first meeting in January.

The meeting on December 21 will be the Christmas luncheon. Meat platters will be provided by the club. Members are invited to contribute all other goodies. Let's all come celebrate our December birthdays and enjoy fellowship and lots of good food.

There will be no meeting on December 28.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy holiday season.

Greenbelt Band Holiday Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band, with G. Thomas Cherrix as director of bands/City of Greenbelt, will present a free Holiday Lights concert on Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center Gymnasium. All are welcome and admission is free.

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Objects to be observed include the Orion nebula (a region where stars are being formed) as well as the planet Jupiter with its four Galilean moons. An additional treat may be a sighting of Comet Garradd, currently in the Hercules constellation. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

Greens to Meet Wed., Dec. 21

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Greens will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room at the Greenbelt Police Station.

The agenda will include a discussion of the Occupy movement and the City Council election.

Refreshments will be served. For details call 301-441-2621.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 16 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Cold Hard Cash plays tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m.

Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 17; pianist John Guernsey plays jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Charm City Limits strums bluegrass from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 18 the Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a Kid's open microphone session is held from 1:20 to 2:30 p.m.; and the Darbuka Dawg Hafla brings Middle Eastern music and dance to the Café from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Monday, December 19 is Reel & Meal, vegan buffet at 6:30 followed at 7 p.m. by the film “Forks Over Knives,” with discussion by Dr. Neal Barnard. On Tuesday, December 20 open microphone poetry night is held from 7 to 9 p.m. Anissa Sorokin sings beautiful vocals on Wednesday, December 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Songwriter's Association of Washington hosts open microphone on Thursday, December 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, December 23 pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Banjer Dan's Farewell Show.

The Café will be closed December 24-25.

GHI Homes, Inc. Fall Gutter Cleaning



Petria Inc. and Royal Gutter Cleaning are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on GHI homes from **November 21, through December 30, 2011** (weather permitting.) During this time, workers may appear at your building; at doors and windows. Please close your window blinds/shades to preserve privacy while the cleaning is in progress. Contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext. 141 for further information. Thank you.



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Tower Heist, PG-13
7:15, 10
The Sitter, PG-13
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Hugo, PG
11:40, 9:55
Hugo in 3D, PG
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Alvin & The Chipmunks, G (!)
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Happy Feet Two, PG
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Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1, PG-13
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Obituaries

Virginia Femrite

Virginia “Gini” Femrite, age 81, longtime resident of Greenbelt and summertime resident of Inlet, N.Y., died Monday, December 12, 2011, at Glade Valley Nursing Home in Walkersville.

Born on July 19, 1930, in Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Femrite was the daughter of the late Edward and Marion Newell.

Mrs. Femrite was trained at the Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Syracuse, N.Y., as a diploma nurse. She worked as a nurse for seven years in a variety of locations before getting married, raising a family and being an excellent mother. She loved traveling and went to Europe after getting out of school and continued traveling later with her husband. In addition to going to Europe, she enjoyed trips to the Caribbean, Central America, Alaska and many other locations.

Her true calling was to help others and to take care of people. She enjoyed baking and loved all kinds of music, particularly Latin music. She loved going to her summer “camp” in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. Lastly she had a great sense of humor and loved telling all kinds of jokes.

She was predeceased by her husband, Cyril “Cy” Femrite, who died on April 1, 2009. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Suzanne Rightmyre.

Mrs. Femrite is survived by three daughters, Leslie Bair of Frederick; Annette Kerr and husband Bob of Frederick; and Nancy Femrite and husband Randy of Leesburg, Va., grandchildren Corey, Sean, Ryan, Ashley and Erik and great-grandchild Addison. She will be missed by her good friends Edith Blair, Audrey Boushell and Nancy Hadley.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, 106 E. Church Street in Frederick. The Rev. Anjel Scarborough will officiate. The family guest book can be viewed and signed at www.keeneybasford.com.

Contributions may be made in Mrs. Femrite’s name to Frederick County Humane Society, 217 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701.



In Memoriam

Br. James Sommers

Brother James Sommers, a Greenbelt pioneer and Cistercian monk who died at 89 on December 4, 2011, was one of the most inspiring people I’ve ever met. It wasn’t just that he was joyful, a well-read man who wore his learning lightly or that he chose the simple, rigorous path of St. Benedict and dedicated his life to God. Although he lived separately from the world at Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Va., he had a gift for human connection – which is why one of his jobs at the monastery was running the gift shop, a role in which he interacted with visitors more than in any other work role at the abbey. He also loved Greenbelt.

That’s how I met him shortly after 9/11 when I went on a silent weekend retreat there. He greeted me in the gift shop and said, “Where are you from?” “The Washington area,” I said, “well – actually, Greenbelt.” He gave a little leap of joy behind the counter. “Greenbelt? You’re from Greenbelt?” We were off and running then – he brought out the 50th anniversary Green-

Joseph Natoli, Sr.

Joseph Natoli, Sr., of Generous Joe’s Deli in Roosevelt Center, died December 12, 2011, at the age of 89, after suffering a massive stroke on December 2. In accordance with Joe’s wishes, there will be no funeral service. However, the family is planning an informal gathering for his friends, to be held after the holidays, and a full obituary article will appear later in the News Review.

belt book. All four Sommers boys served their country in WWII but only three returned; he showed me the photo of his mother as a Gold Star mother after the death of her son William in the South Pacific. He told me about his brother Bob, who has given so much to the Greenbelt community and his late brother Dick, who knew so many people here.

Brother James taught me

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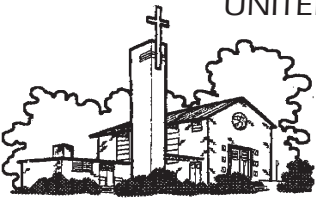
Christmas Eve Service

We invite you to a musical presentation of “A Candlelight Christmas” on Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 pm. Come enjoy the songs of the Christmas season as we remember the first coming of the Savior Jesus Christ.

A reception will follow the performance.

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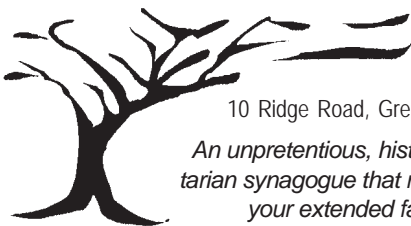
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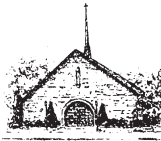
Worship Service 10am

Dec. 18 Interview with a shepherd.

Christmas eve service 7 pm Christmas Day 10 am
See the Christmas story in a new way. Join our journey to Bethlehem.

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
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Christmas Day 9:30 a.m.

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important life lessons. He told me that one doesn't "go on" a retreat; one "makes a retreat" – which I extrapolated to making one's life rather than just going through it. He taught me the virtue of "staying" – which is a vow monks take to stay in their home abbey unless instructed to travel. That taught me about fidelity and patience and acceptance and sticking it out when the going gets tough. When I searched mindlessly for the "perfect job," he said, "All work is equal in the sight of God" – making monastery fruitcakes, washing dishes, talking with visitors at the gift shop, cleaning the monks' dining room or chanting the psalms in the choir.

He taught me about discipline and freedom – that discipline, such as the Rule of St. Benedict, can make you free and open you to joy. It allowed for his creativity, certainly. When he used a metal detector to poke around on the abbey's fields along the Shenandoah River, he found military and personal artifacts from the Battle of Cool Spring, fought on those grounds in the Civil War. But he didn't stop there. He went deeper and found stone arrowheads, hammerstones and notched ax handles from Paleo-Indians who lived on the Shenandoah more than 10,000 years ago. He did meticulous research and brought an archeologist in to consult on the project. He devoted 10 years to this serious – and fun – endeavor.

Now Brother James' collections are displayed in the main house of Holy Cross Abbey but he leaves so much more behind – the fond memories of family, friends, his monastic community – but mainly, the simple beauty of a well-made life.

– Marat Moore

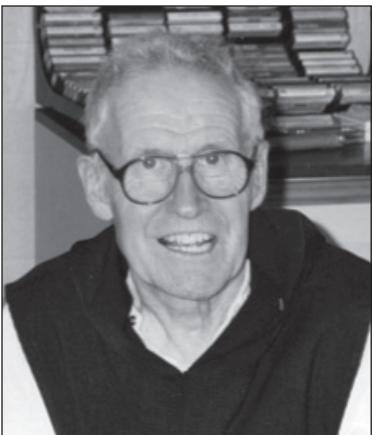
City Notes

Planning staff met with representatives of Greenbelt Station North and South Cores regarding possible revisions to the development agreement and with the city manager and city solicitor regarding changes to Chapter 17 (Solid Waste) of the city code and preparation for the December 14 executive session.

Once again heavy rains have delayed progress on the Greenhill Stream Restoration Project. The coastal plain outfall and step pools down to the pedestrian bridge have been installed. The contractor plans to work on bridge abutments next week and to repair the asphalt path in the upper portion of the project.

Public Works staff met with a solar contractor about the possibility of installing solar power on city buildings.

The foundation for the old light shack on the tennis courts was removed and electrical trenching for the upper courts is complete. Courts 1 through 4 are being prepared for asphalt work. Digging of footer holes between the net posts on the lower four courts is nearly complete. Courts 5 through 8 will remain closed while work continues; the contractor is planning to have them open for daytime play by the middle of January 2012.



Brother James Sommers at the gift shop at Holy Cross Abbey.

Editor's Note: For a feature article about Br. James Sommers and his Greenbelt memories, visit www.newsreview.com and see the Oct. 31, 2002 issue, p. 20.

Artworks Exhibition Through January 14

Artist Tadeusz (Tad) Lapinski's work titled Past and Present will be featured through January 14 at Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood. This event is free to the public.

This solo exhibition of artworks by renowned Polish/American lithographer and educator Lapinski is held in collaboration with the University of Maryland College Park Art Department. This exhibition honors Lapinski, who recently announced his retirement after serving nearly four decades as professor of art at the university.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

For information call 301-277-2863; TTY 301-446-6802.

Join the Greenbelt Farmers Market for a SPECIAL HOLIDAY MARKET SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 11am-2pm



Support the area's best local vendors as you stock up for your holiday festivities—join the Greenbelt Farmers Market for its first-ever holiday market! We'll be featuring:

- Fresh, local fruits and vegetables
- Humanely raised meat, fish, and eggs
- Locally roasted coffee
- Locally crafted personal care products
- Maryland wine
- Local Christmas trees
- Caroling with neighbors and friends!



Join us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. More info at www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

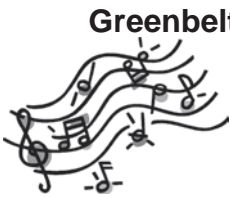


City Information

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

Come out and enjoy the



Greenbelt Concert Band's Annual HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Sunday, December 18 at 3pm
Greenbelt Community Center

A tradition in Greenbelt!

Enjoy this free concert featuring seasonal music.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION

Volunteers are being sought to fill three (3) positions on the newly established Greenbelt Ethics Commission.

- I. In accordance with the Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV "Public Ethics", the Ethics Commission shall consist of three (3) regular members, appointed by the Council. The Commission shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by legal counsel.
- II. The Commission shall be the advisory body responsible for interpreting this Article and advising persons subject to it as to its application.
- III. The Commission shall be responsible for hearing and deciding, on advice of legal counsel, any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of this Article by any person.

Please refer to Ordinance No. 1318 passed by the City Council on September 26, 2011 for details of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance is available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, and in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

To apply please send a letter of interest and resume to: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

MEMORY ACADEMY

Thursdays, January 5-February 2, 2012
1:30-3:30pm

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To register, call 301-397-2208.

Presented by the Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source.

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Need childcare for the winter break? Sign them up for Greenbelt Recreation's COUNTDOWN CAMP!!!



Tuesday, December 27 -

Friday, December 30

Greenbelt Youth Center

9:00am-3:30pm Ages: 6-12

Fee: R: \$133, NR: \$166

Before Care 7:00am-8:45am \$18,

After Care 3:30pm-6:00pm \$22

Countdown Camp will keep your kid's day action packed with a combination of events, including a field trip to the Maryland Science Center.

Registration forms available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/countdown_camp_registration.pdf
For more information call 301-397-2200

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550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

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Congratulations to Gracie, Jitterbug, Tillies, and Roxy on their adoptions. Much happiness in their new homes.



Boomer is a sweet young boy who was found wandering all by himself in an apartment complex. He was very scared and sad at first, but now this friendly guy is all about playing and snuggles

The shelter has many adorable cats and kittens waiting to go home with you. Please come out to see them!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter! Follow us on Facebook!



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 101 Centerway POLAR PLUNGE!

Sunday, January 1st, 11:45 -11:55am

Wake yourself up for the New Year with an invigorating dip in the OUTDOOR POOL!

RESOLUTION SWIM

New Year's Day, 2012, from 9:00am-11:30am

Start the year off right and with a little support from others as you all dive right into your resolutions! Registration Fee \$15.

The indoor pool will have special early hours for lap swimming only. Set a goal and swim in the New Year!

Fee for this event is \$5.

For more information on these events call 301-397-2204 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/GAFC



Shown from left to right are RCCG Church members who helped with the Thanksgiving donation project: Franca Sanusi, Anu Omotayo, Mary Harrison, Seki Sodimy, Pastor Abby Daramola, Seyi Hopewell, Lara Adenikinju, Faith Komanya, Joy Daramola and Grandmai Grace Sodimy.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes Given by RCCG Church

by Pastor Abby Daramola

The Redeemed Christian Church of God Restoration Center annual Thanksgiving food drive this year again partnered with the City of Greenbelt and Camp Fire USA to provide essentials of a Thanksgiving dinner to needy families. Restoration Center made available boxes of food, each including a whole turkey, while Camp Fire USA and Springhill Lake Elementary School identified families qualified to be recipients of the food drive. The distribution of the food was staffed by members of the church, Camp Fire USA and Springhill Lake Elementary. It took place from noon to 7 p.m. on November 22 at three locations – 111 Centerway, the church address, Green Ridge House (Greenbelt CARES) and Springhill Lake Elementary

School. Mayor Judith Davis was also at the school for the food distribution. Altogether 125 boxes of food and turkeys were distributed to provide food for about 500 individuals. **Coat Drive** The church is currently having a coat drive and seeking donations to provide winter clothing essentials (coats, gloves, hats, socks, scarves), books and family friendly games (Uno, Sorry, Connect Four, Scrabble, Monopoly, puzzles, etc.) to children of needy families in Springhill Lake Elementary School. Donations can be brought to the church office, 111 Centerway, or call 301-345-0007. The church will hold a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, December 18 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 5 to 8 p.m.

Café Poetry Is “Life Distilled”

by Jim Link

The generous, rollicking ambience of the New Deal Cafe’s open poetry reading on November 15 lured 18 readers to the microphone and delighted 45 or so poetry fans. Tentative first-timers, ripening second-timers and experienced scribblers sang, sometimes literally, of Kalashnikovs and child abuse, seduction and rejection, the hypocrisy of warmongers and much else. Host Mark Crystal kicked off the evening by asking, “What is poetry?” Crystal’s reverence was palpable as he told us that poets are “messengers of the gods” who had urged him to put “my face into the fire.” According to Shelley, he said, “Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.” And poet Gwendolyn Brooks noted, someone suggested, that “Poetry is life distilled.” The evening’s fare was far-ranging. To mention a few: Shirley read “I Like To Think of Harriet Tubman” by Susan Griffin; Catherine read “After George Sefiris: 2011” – “everywhere I travel, Greece wounds me.” Katrina presented to us “a newly discovered poet – me!” She read “A Hug” and distributed coupons redeemable for free hugs! Lenny read two anti-war poems by e e cummings. Everyone was surprised when

Janet and L’il Dan spontaneously riffed on each other. Janet generated audience participation with her poem about “some random dude” mired in “emotional deafness” who gives relationship advice. So L’il Dan generated an audience sing-along about folk who just want to “chew gum.” This promoted Janet to regale us with “Squirrels just wanna chew gum,” with apologies to Cindi Lauper. Jim pitched woo to Zina by reading Christopher Marlowe’s “The Passionate Shepherd to His Love,” only to be rejected by her reading of Sir Walter Raleigh’s “The Nymph’s Reply.” Amy then treated us with her latest romantic “crisis du jour” while sporting a T-shirt emblazoned with “Poets Do It with Imagination.” Barbara read “Traveling in Light and Inner States” which described her art displayed on the walls of the Café. Julie read her very touching “My Mother’s Pearls,” while Sylvia brought the house down with her 80-year-old brother’s risqué and hilarious “Dorking Girls.” John I read “Escher’s Fish” and poet-warrior John II read an anti-war poem dedicated to his dear friend, a lady journalist. The next open-mike poetry night will be Tuesday, Dec. 20. at 7 p.m. Catch the wave!

QUIDDITCH

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Guerrieri founded the ERHS Ridgebacks, as their Quidditch team is called, three years ago under the sponsorship of Susan-grace DuBose, an English teacher at the Greenbelt high school. “A bunch of kids came to me needing a sponsor and asked ‘Can we play Quidditch?’ How could I say no? I’m an English teacher and a Harry Potter fan myself. It’s been totally fun!” said DuBose. “We couldn’t be happier,” said Matt of DuBose’s sponsorship. He and Olivia and other teammates have read the entire Harry Potter oeuvre. “Multiple times!” Matt emphasized. The Ridgebacks prepared intensely in recent weeks to play in the 2011 Quidditch World Cup tournament sponsored by the International Quidditch Association in New York City the weekend of November 11 through 13. They recruited a couple of team moms to drive them to NYC and to act as chaperones and frantically raised funds for new jerseys and broomsticks. A fundraiser at Franklin’s Restaurant in Hyattsville netted them \$500.

Tradition Matt and his teammates intend to continue playing Quidditch after graduation. “We even check out the Quidditch teams of the colleges we apply to,” he said. “We have four teams at ERHS, one for each year,” Matt added, so the Quidditch trend might evolve into a tradition. The Ridgebacks’ mighty effort in the tournament paid off handsomely, according to Jo Deutch, one of the chaperone moms. “The kids did amazingly well,” she said. They placed third in the high school division. The entire weekend was just spectacular; everything was positive . . . one broken finger but nothing really bad or ugly,” she added. Why is Quidditch becoming so wildly popular on high school and college campuses across the country? DuBose conjectured that “both girls and boys can play it and they get to play together. It appeals to kids who don’t play the typical sports; Quidditch can be learned quickly and it’s kind of tough – pretty physical but definitely not brutal. Plus, it’s enormous fun!” Obtuse reporter: “You mean players don’t have to ingest huge quantities of steroids or bench press (or weigh) 300 pounds?” DuBose: “Correct! Anyone can play.”

Playing Quidditch Means catching the elusive snitch

If you gain sweet victory

You’ll go down in history

Otherwise your life is a bitch.

Two, four, six, eight!

Grab your broomsticks and levitate!

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education, covering birth to third grade; prior to that she received an associates degree from Anne Arundel Community College. This past summer she became certified in elementary education up to sixth grade. When asked what she likes best about teaching, she replies, “I like to be creative and to give students opportunities to have fun and to work together. The most challenging thing is to work with students of all different levels and backgrounds and meeting all of their diverse needs. Their ability levels vary a lot.” Ager’s favorite subject to teach is “Science,” she says. “It is not the most fun to learn. It is my favorite to teach. It provides more opportunities for hands-on experience.” As part of this hands-on experience, Ager has two frogs, Justin and Bieber, in her frog-themed room. The children love taking turns feeding them. “My frog theme inspiration came from my dad because we have a pond in the backyard. The frogs are a family thing and I found lots of classroom supplies and ran with that theme.” Ager explains. Ager says her hope for her students is “that they will, as a long-term goal, acquire skills and

knowledge to face the real world and that they will have success in whatever they choose to do.” Ager has several different roles at Magnolia. This is her second year as First Grade Level Chairperson and she is also part of the technology team. “I work on the school website and I help other teachers who may be stuck and have a technology issue,” she says. Ager also helps facilitate the Robotics club. “Those are my three main roles besides teacher,” she smiles and laughs – “very busy.” Soon, she tells me, “I will be starting a master’s program in administration, when I find a school that fits my schedule.” She wants to continue teaching first grade but is interested in teaching a higher grade eventually. Her long term goal is to become a vice principal or principal. After working with Ager in her classroom every Friday for the last semester, I can say I think she will reach that goal. She is an enthusiastic, organized, intelligent and creative teacher, whom the children enjoy. This year her students have taken pleasure in walking in nature, creating diorama habitats and visiting the Baltimore Aquarium. (I enjoyed the aquarium visit too.)

CANTY

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Canty said. **Performances** Each year Canty prepares students to perform in a Winter and a Spring Music Program. Last year they performed for Black History Month as well and most recently students danced in a Hispanic Heritage Program. “The third grade through sixth grade had a music project,” she says. “They researched Latin dance styles and the music that went along with the dances. Some students danced and they shared information from different countries around the world. It was fun!” “My hope is that when each child leaves elementary school, they take an experience with them that was unforgettable, like singing in the choral group, playing an instrument – doing something they thought they couldn’t do. Also that they put their experience into action and become more aware of music within the world. I went into teaching not just because I was inspired when I went to music class; it was a way to express myself. I want to give my students that opportunity to express themselves.”

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All donations to the Greenbelt Community Foundation are fully tax deductible.

Happy Holidays

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.

Burglary

December 2, 2:37 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, an attempted burglary was reported.

December 2, 6:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, electronics were reported taken.

December 5, 1:31 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, it was reported that electronics and currency were taken.

December 6, 2:03 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, electronics were reported taken.

December 6, 6:46 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, electronics were reported taken.

December 7, 7:03 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that electronics were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a blue and white 2003 Suzuki motorcycle with Tenn. tags from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane and a gold 1992 Toyota Camry with Md. tags from the 6200 block Springhill Drive.

A blue 1997 Dodge Caravan

Greenbelt Burglar Receives 20 Years

Kevin Lee Coleman, 31, of 7915 Mandan Road, was sentenced on December 1 to 20 years in prison, with three years suspended after pleading guilty to burglary charges in Greenbelt, according to the Greenbelt Police Department.

In August Coleman pled guilty in Prince George's County Circuit Court to first degree burglary and conspiracy to commit third degree burglary in two April burglaries in the 8000 block of Mandan Road.

with Md. tags was taken from the 9200 block Springhill Lane and later recovered by Laurel City Police. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas; 9100 block Edmonston Road (three incidents – Md. tags, clothes, purse); and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (speaker).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
Call 1-866-411-TIPS.
People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Laurel Park Exhibit Will Close Dec. 18

Time is running out to enjoy "And They're Off! 100 Years at Laurel Park." The Laurel Historical Society exhibit marking the track's 100th year closes on Sunday, December 18. "And They're Off!" explores the glamour and grit of racing, life behind the scenes at the Laurel Race Track and the track's impact on the town for which it is named.

The exhibit takes visitors from 1911, when the track began as part of a Four County Fair with high wire acts, to the Golden Age of the Washington International, through today's controversies over slots, bankruptcy, limited racing schedules and threatened shutdowns.

"And They're Off!" is filled with articles and memorabilia, including such items as Willie Shoemaker's boot last, jockey silks, race cards and famous winner's circle photos.

There are celebrities, both human and equine, including Secretariat, Count Fleet, Kelso, Tip O'Neill and Elizabeth Taylor. At its heart the exhibit focuses on the people who make up the racing community at the track and in Laurel.

The Laurel Museum is located at 817 Main Street. For more information call 301-725-7975 or visit laurelhistoricalsociety.org.



CPAE Has Kids' Arts Drop-Ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) children's Arts Drop-in programs led by Aaron Springer and Ann Potter on Saturday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, December 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Saturday drop-in is held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. The December project features the limitless possibilities of air-dried clay.

These free creative arts workshops are for children ages 3 to 8 who are accompanied by a parent. For details email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Extraordinary Exhibit Winds Up on Jan. 2

The National Gallery of Art is currently showing an exhibit, "From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection" through January 2 in the West Building, Ground Floor. This is the first exhibition in 45 years to explore the extraordinary legacy left to the nation by this passionate collector.

Tour Viewing Stones Free at Arboretum

The National Arboretum is offering a free guided tour of its "Viewing Stone Exhibit" on Sunday, December 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. An expert collector from the exhibit will lead this informal drop-in tour and discuss viewing stone topics including philosophy, collection and display at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum.

Local Cops and Kids Enjoy Trip To Shop for Holiday Presents

by Jim Link

The happy faces were everywhere. This was purely a feel good event, a win-win situation. It was the annual Shop With a Cop shopping spree at the Target store in Beltway Plaza on Saturday, December 10.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32, the spree showered 20 needy kids from Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools with \$100 each to spend, after which the kids lugged their booty down to the Laugh Out Loud Kiddie Playland where they wrapped their gifts and gobbled free pizza from Three Brothers Restaurant.

"It's a great opportunity to serve the public in a relaxed setting, have some smiles. Most of us helping today are volunteering our time," said MPO Young Hur of Greenbelt's K-9 squad.

"It's different from pursuing a fleeing felon or making an arrest?" asked the obtuse reporter. "Oh yeah! Very different," smiled Hur.

Hur's little sidekick Mohamed said, "I am getting clothes for my brother, shoes too, then maybe some toys for me."

Asked if giving up his time on Saturday morning felt good, Capt. Carl Schinner said, "Sure it does! Anytime you can get kids like this to feel good, so do I."

It was difficult to tell which police officer was happier, MPO Carlos Torres or MPO Beatrice Sullivan. "I'm having more fun than they are," said Torres, nodding at the four excited children crowding around him. A native of Puerto Rico, Torres had the advantage of speaking Spanish to his crew.

"I have the best two kids," said Sullivan. "Sadibu and Alex are so clever, they teach me so much, are so much fun," beamed Sullivan.

The insouciant Sadibu pointed at my silver hair and quipped, "White is the new black." "See!" laughed Sullivan. Sadibu had a Nerf sword for himself and two baby dolls for his two little sisters.

Chief James Craze and his wife, Celia, had Chris, Brandon and Matthew in tow. "I've been doing this more years than I can remember, ever since its inception," said Chief Craze.

His assistant, Jackie Curley, added, "I do it every year and I love it!"

Sarah Headley pointed out that the kids "buy more for their parents and siblings than they do for themselves. That shows the true meaning of the holidays."

Franklin Park's leasing manager Myra Granados explained that "Franklin Park donated the money or at least half of it, Laugh Out Loud donated the space and Three Brothers Restaurant donated the pizza."

Corporal Tim White of Greenbelt's Emergency Response Unit, the liaison officer to Franklin Park, coordinated the whole affair expeditiously and capably.

At least two children began using their toys before wrapping them. As Jayquan happily riffed on his plastic guitar, his buddy, the aforementioned Mohamed, happily played around with a plastic rifle.

What's not to like? 'Tis the season to be jolly!



MPO Tammy Harris and Captain Carl Schinner with Kayla, her brother Cameron and their bear, Chocolate.



Mohamad cheerfully playing with guitarist Jayquan.



Mohamed clowns for MPO Beatrice Sullivan

PHOTOS BY JIM LINK



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Sunday, Dec 18 – 2 pm

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Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway
Greenbelt MD 20770

Tickets:
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The news of the death of Greenbelt icon Joseph Natoli, Sr., on December 12, 2011, has saddened Greenbelters old and new. Joe was still working at his deli in Roosevelt Center, now known as Generous Joe's, right to the end. Condolences to Joe's wife Barbara Lee, son Joe Natoli, Jr., and his wife Sharon, Joe's daughter Debbie Campbell and other family members.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former longtime resident Virginia (Gini) Femrite of Frederick, who died on December 12, 2011, at Glade Valley Nursing Home in Walkersville.

Congratulations to:
– Mayor Judith Davis, who was presented the Council of Governments' highest honor. The Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award was made in recognition of Davis' role as a key catalyst and collaborative force in the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition.

– St. George's Episcopal Church where numerous Greenbelters attend, which was chosen as the national favorite by the Humane Society's Top Dog Hymn Video project for its video of the hymn "O God Your Creatures Fill the Earth," by lyricist Pastor Carolyn Gillette, in a contest celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The church received The Green Bible (Harper One) and DVDs to support animal protection ministry programs and St. George's youth ministry received "Catherine of Tarragon" plush cats from the Society and Washington National Cathedral.

– Jean Cook and the Greenbelt Combined Choir on their lovely performance of Christmas music Sunday evening at the Community Church. Cook started this ecumenical choir 40 years ago; two of the members, Martha Folk and Rena Hull, have been with the group since its inception and were singing with them Sunday. The choir presents a concert each December as part of Greenbelt's "Festival of Lights."

– Jill Lau, who has been selected as the Atlantic Division coach of the year by the Collegiate Water Polo Association.

– News Review staffer Virginia Beauchamp and the entire family on the arrival of first great-grandchild, George Orion Beauchamp, born on December 13, 2011, just in time to meet our news deadline. The baby's grandparents are George Ward Beauchamp, who grew up in Greenbelt and his wife Deborah. His parents are George Aaron and Star Beauchamp, all of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Wildlife Art Displays At Research Refuge

The Laurel Art Center is providing an exhibit of wildlife artwork in the Hollingsworth Gallery of Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center during the month of December.

Note that there will be no display on the Visitor Center Gallery walls during the month of January due to repairs.

The Visitor Center is off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197, south of Laurel.

For additional information call 301-497-5763 or visit patuxent.fws.gov.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will hold a regular meeting of its New Carrollton Area Support Group at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, December 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each others' challenges and solutions.

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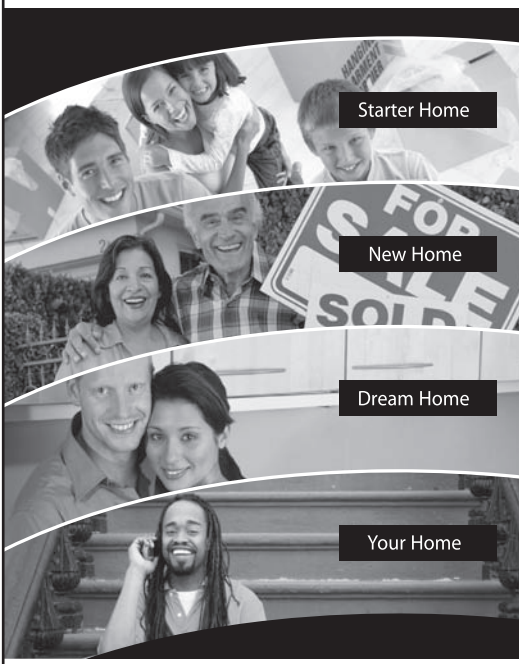
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— Sierra Club

Book Club Discusses Pearl Buck in China

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club meets monthly to talk about literary non-fiction by women authors. This month’s meeting will be Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park to discuss Hilary Spurling’s recent book, “Pearl Buck in China: Journey to the Good Earth.” The program is free and open to all.

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Loving Sports, Fuller Also Loves his Job

by Analucy Benavides

The outstanding achievement in female athletics at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is due in part to the hard work and dedication of Delton Fuller, a physical education teacher.

Fuller has taught physical education since 1992 after graduating from Delaware State University with a degree in health and physical education. He received his first job in this area in 1992 after visiting several job fairs. Accompanied by a close friend, he drove from Delaware to Maryland for a job fair in Prince George’s County. “I would have gone to Alaska if they had a job opportunity there,” he says.

He began his teaching career at Kenmoor Middle School in Lanham in 1992. Fuller later transferred to ERHS in 2000, seeking the opportunity also to become a coach. He coaches many sports throughout the year: during the fall he coaches ERHS junior varsity girls soccer, during the winter he coaches girls varsity basketball and during the spring he coaches girls varsity softball.

Fuller enjoys coaching every sport, he says. His favorite part of coaching is when the players “buy into [his] philosophy.” His philosophy consists of growth. His goal is to make players mature mentally so they will learn to work collaboratively in order to form a “team chemistry.” In his opinion “the more [chemistry] the team gets the more we do.”

He always knew he wanted to become a physical education teacher. He “love[s] working with children” and he also “love[s] sports,” he says. Although Fuller enjoys spending time with children and coaching, his grandparents inspired him to pursue a job in the field of education. His grandfather, Richard Fuller, 87, was a physical education teacher in 1947 in the state of Florida. He then became a principal from 1966 until he retired in 1982. Richard Fuller served as a role model to his grandson, Delton Fuller. He [Richard Fuller] made me the man I am today,” said Fuller.



Delton Fuller

The latter also knew he wanted to be involved with sports because that was something he had done all his life. He spent eight years in the boys and girls club; from the age of 10 to 18 Fuller “spent so much time playing sports.”

Although he enjoys every sport, he has spent and continues to spend most of his time playing softball. Through his school career he played soccer and tennis for his high school, Linton High School, in Tampa, Florida, and he also played in college.

Activities

Fuller enjoys being active. He is in a co-ed softball league in addition to an all mens softball league. His hobbies include “sports, sports, sports” and “family.” He is happily married to his wife, Nichole, with whom he has children Dominique, 20, Haleima, 10, and fraternal twins Desiree and Delton, Jr., age 10.

Fuller also interacts with hundreds of different students on a daily basis during and after school hours. “I enjoy motivating [students] and getting to know them outside of school,” said Fuller. He has a unique opportunity to see students and interact with them not only as a teacher but also as a coach. He is able to see their competitive nature and other characteristics that students are not able to demonstrate throughout the school day.

According to Fuller, one of the most rewarding experiences is “watching them grow and ma-

ture” and “helping students go to college.” He enjoys motivating students by helping them reach their full potential, not only on the field but also in academics. On many occasions Fuller has received emails from former students who are doing well in college and continue to play sports. Fuller “enjoys seeing how well they are doing.”

Part of his motivation in helping students throughout the college process has to do with his own experience. “I will never forget what my guidance counselor told me,” said Fuller. He was an average student with a 2.5 GPA and his counselor told him that he should “just try community college.” Fuller knew that he was capable of going to a four-year school and so began his college visits.

He went to Delaware State University for a football game and it was then he realized that was the school he wanted to attend. “I loved the campus and the atmosphere,” said Fuller. He received a “special tour on a Saturday,” he jokingly added, “I think it was because they saw my dad had a BMW.”

He spent five-and-a-half years at Delaware State University, where he double majored in physical and health education.

In Fuller’s time at ERHS he has helped many young female students not only improve in their athletic skills but also in their academics through his motivation, dedication and coaching. He appreciates the “diversity” in ERHS. He has had “different students from all walks of life,” he says.

He has met students from all over the world with different cultures and beliefs. “ERHS is like a big melting pot,” he adds. Although he appreciates the diversity, there is one thing he appreciate more – the bonds he establishes with student. “Students see me as a counselor, step-dad, teacher and coach; once they walk across that stage on graduation day, I also become their friend.”

The author is a senior at ERHS and also took the photograph.

American Education Week – November 13-19, 2011

Guidance Counselor Enjoys Working at Roosevelt High

by Alyssa Howard

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Guidance Department is one of the most important resources for students from the minute they enter school until the moment they graduate. Students need help with grades, transcripts, letters of recommendation and, ultimately, making sure they



Lolethia Lomax-Frazier

take the correct courses in order to graduate. Parents need a person with whom they can discuss their child’s high school career and teachers often need another voice or insight into their students. The guidance counselor needs to be a resource for everyone involved in the school.

Guidance Counselor Lolethia Lomax-Frazier has been a part of the Guidance Department at ERHS for the last 17 years. She graduated from Bowie State University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling. Lomax-Frazier says that she, just like the students she has been helping all these years, is a product of Prince George’s County education.

For a short time, Lomax-Frazier worked at the University of Maryland, College Park, Admissions Office. She came back to counseling because she missed “helping out kids.”

As a guidance counselor her schedule can be hectic. She usually has parent meetings in the mornings, school meetings in the afternoon and everything from writing college recommendations for seniors to orientation

for freshmen to fill up the rest of the day. Lomax-Frazier is happy to deal with everything she has to do every day, from dealing with children in crisis, college admissions offices and requests from teachers, principals and agencies outside Prince George’s County to just making an adjustment to help students fix their schedules.

“My favorite part of my job is about being with the young people,” she said. “I like always having to be flexible and having different challenges every day.” Being flexible is a big part of her job and she always caters to the needs of people in the school.

According to Lomax-Frazier, as counselor, “There is always something new every day; always a new challenge, a different experience or a better opportunity.” She feels this is what makes her job interesting.

She enjoys working at ERHS and feels the teachers, staff and students are what really make the job great. She got into counseling to “help out kids” and she gets to do that every day.

Lomax-Frazier has been married for almost 25 years and has a daughter who graduated from ERHS two years ago and is in college and a son who currently is a sophomore at ERHS. She feels that ERHS is her “second home” and “there is nowhere else I would rather work.”

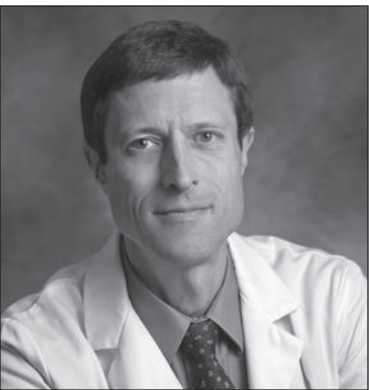
Alyssa Howard is a senior at ERHS and also took the photo.

Dr. Neal Barnard Visit Is Reel & Meal Coup

The December Reel & Meal at the New Deal, to be held on Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m., features a visit and talk by renowned health advocate Dr. Neal Barnard and screening of the film “Forks Over Knives.” A vegan buffet is available for sale at 6:30 p.m.; the film is free.

Since 1985 Barnard and the Physician’s Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) have been on the cutting edge of healthcare issues in the U.S., challenging the harmful health effects of the standard American diet. As founder and president of PCRM Barnard has been a principal investigator on numerous clinical trials investigating the effects of diet on health, including serving as president of The Cancer Project. He has written several books and has appeared on scores of television shows such as Dr. Oz, The Today Show, The Ellen Show and PBS. He is a featured expert in Forks Over Knives.

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Dr. Neal Barnard

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Forks Over Knives, a 90-minute 2011 documentary, examines the claim that most, if not all, degenerative diseases can be controlled or reversed by adopting a plant-based, whole foods diet and rejecting processed and animal-based foods. The film traces the personal journeys of a pair of pioneering researchers, Dr. T. Colin Campbell of Cornell University and the Cleveland Clinic’s Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, detailing their extraordinary, life-

saving conclusions. The film is a must see for anyone concerned about personal and societal health and the health of the planet.

Potter’s House Books

A new component of the monthly Reel and Meal program is the Potter’s House Bookstore satellite shop. Greenbelter Tom Taylor, manager of the DC-based social justice, spirituality bookstore, sets up “shop” with books pertaining to each monthly evening’s topic. Reel & Meal organizers encourage the community to check out Taylor’s extensive collection, including a selection of Barnard’s books. Dr. Barnard will also be available to autograph copies.

Food Donations

In the Reel & Meal holiday tradition of giving back to the community, attendees are asked to bring a vegan, nonperishable food for needy Greenbelt neighbors.

This month’s Reel & Meal program is sponsored by Green Vegan Networking; for more information contact Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com.

Sen. Cardin to Speak, Install Dems Officers

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 16 at the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The special speaker for the meeting will be U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, who has completed six years in the Senate and is running again in 2012. Graduating first in his class at the University of Maryland Law School, Cardin began his public service career in 1967, serving in the Maryland House of Delegates and rising to Speaker of the House from 1979 to 1986. He was then elected to the U.S. House of Representatives until winning his Senate seat in 2006. Cardin’s special focus in Congress has been in health care, retirement security, the Chesapeake Bay and

environment in general, homeland security and fiscal issues. In the 110th Congress he received a grade of A from the NAACP, a score of 100 from the Human Rights Campaign and 100 percent from the League of Conservation Voters. The Washington Post has called him “A Legislator’s Legislator.”

Cardin will also officiate over the installation of new Roosevelt Club officers for 2012. All are welcome.

Registration

The Maryland primary election has been moved forward to April 3. Every vote counts. Voters who have moved their residence within Maryland since the 2010 national election need to re-register. Teens who will be 18 by the November 6 national election need to register now.

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