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Council Comments on Metro Plans; Opposes CSX Intermodal Site

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council agreed to comment on plans of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to build a facility to commission railcars and a parking garage for employees on Sunnyside Avenue at its current Greenbelt Service and Inspection Yard at its December 12 meeting.

The planned facility would include two tracks with inspection pits alongside to accommodate four two-car trains, a work area and offices for up to 200 employees. In addition, a 30- by 40-foot storage room and a room of equal size for traction power equipment would be built.

The facility is to be constructed in the southeast corner of WMATA's railyard on an existing parking lot. The garage will be located on the southwest corner

of the same property, also on an existing parking lot.

Last June the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration declared the project a Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE). It therefore requires neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement.

Council's Concerns

Staff recommended council send WMATA a letter taking no position on the DCE but presenting three concerns on the project's effect on water quality. Specifically, staff wants to review the construction's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and the conceptual design and approval for its Stormwater Management Plan as soon as both become available.

Staff also recommends that

WMATA include pervious surfaces, consider using green roof technology on the commissioning facility and attempt to gain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification if possible.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts shared concerns that the parking garage may be visible from the beltway and he said he was not pleased with the look of it.

Mayor Judith Davis suggested that council's letter include a fourth comment asking WMATA to provide as much screening as possible. Councilmember Emmett Jordan's motion to send WMATA a letter covering the four points discussed was unanimously approved by all five

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75th Anniversary

War Changes Life in Greenbelt

by Sandra A. Lange

As early as 1938, residents of the new town of Greenbelt were concerned about the growing political turmoil in Europe and Asia. The Greenbelt Citizens Association recommended against purchasing any goods from aggressor nations. Thus in 1939 Greenbelt stores refused to sell items made in Germany or Japan. Nevertheless, echoing isolationist sentiment prevalent throughout the country, Greenbelt residents opposed entering the conflict abroad.

Once the war began for the U.S., however, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, scores of Greenbelt men joined or were drafted into the services. The median age of Greenbelt residents was 24.7 years old; thus an unusually

high percentage of husbands, fathers, sons and brothers left their homes for military service.

This prompted the designation of Greenbelt during the war years as a "Woman's Town." It also served to empower many women to secure full-time jobs outside the home to support their families. Before then, women were expected to stay home to raise the family's children.

By September 1942, 661 of the original 3,200 residents were gone, either serving in the military or having been transferred to jobs in other locations. The Cooperator (forerunner to the Greenbelt News Review) urged residents "to enlist to 'sweat, bleed and die' for democracy." At war's end, 13 young Greenbelt men had perished.

In fall 1941, 52 men ages 18 to 64 who were not in the military enlisted in the Minute Men of Maryland, a local militia authorized by the state. They had uniforms, guns and ammunition. Members of the Greenbelt Gun Club gave rifle training.

Aircraft Spotting

Aircraft spotting was an important civil defense activity carried out by men in the evenings, housewives during the day and school children on weekends. These volunteers stood on the roof of the drug store (now Beijing Restaurant) trying to identify enemy aircraft.

The task was difficult because nearby Schrom Airport (whose runways now comprise part of Hanover Parkway) was a Civilian Air Pilot training site. Residents felt vulnerable to enemy attack because of the airport's proximity to Greenbelt, the "barracks" style housing which could be mistaken for military housing and, of course, the nearness to countless government facilities in Washington, D.C.

Air raid sirens on the roof of the fire station (now Domino's

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GREENBELT MUSEUM

In April 1943, the General Federation of Woman's Clubs honored the Woman's Club of Greenbelt for being one of its most active chapters by painting its name on the side of a P-51 Mustang fighter plane.

Greenbelt Icon Golden Joe Dies, Resident 47 Years

by Joseph Natoli, Jr.

Joseph Natoli Sr., "Golden Joe" to many Greenbelters, died on December 12, 2011, at Washington Adventist Hospital. Nine days earlier he had suffered a severe stroke. He was a Greenbelt resident for 47 years.

Mr. Natoli was born in Georgetown in Washington D.C. on March 18, 1922, to Sicilian immigrant parents, Philip and Grace Natoli. After high school he joined the Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific Theater with the highly regarded "Little Beaver Squadron" under Captain Arleigh Burke, who later became Admiral Burke, Chief of Naval Operations. The unit was known for its aggressive and innovative tactics during its many battles. Byron "Whizzer" White, who later became a Supreme Court justice, also served on the ship. For his service Mr. Natoli was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Pacific Theater Ribbon with Five Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation with Bronze Star.

After the war he worked at the U.S. Navy Yard for a short while until he opened a grocery store with his brother on Florida Avenue in Northeast D.C. For 18 years he and his brother were a staple of the neighborhood offering credit to families who needed groceries. In May 1952 he married Barbara Lee Dawson in Takoma Park. They moved to



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Joe Natoli, Sr. behind the counter at Generous Joe's Deli, a Greenbelt favorite for the past 45 years.

Greenbelt in 1964 and in 1966 opened a small deli and named it simply the Greenbelt Carryout. Mr. and Mrs. Natoli and two of his sisters worked together at the shop for many years.

In 1983 when his son Joe, Jr. got involved, they doubled its size and added a seating area, renaming it Generous Joe's Deli. While Joe Sr. took pride in the food he served, his real joy was talking with customers. He had lots of humorous sayings that made people laugh.

Through the years many customers came back to visit him at the store to relive their childhood memories. They spoke

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St. Hugh, Fire Department Hold Food, Toy Outreach

by Jonathan Taylor

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and Ladies Auxiliary teamed up with Saint Hugh of Grenoble Church on December 17 to deliver food and toys to 44 Greenbelt adults and children. The items arrived by fire engine, delighting one five-year-old boy who led his whole family outside at once for a closer look.

According to GVFD Public Relations Officer Kelly Lawson, who organized the first-ever event with an in-person Santa, the teamwork enabled the church's food pantry to add perishable items like turkey and rolls to its traditional holiday stock. The pantry selected recipient families – drawn from all three sections of Greenbelt – ensuring they would be available on Saturday for their special delivery.

Santa's sleigh-engine was piloted by GVFD member Wayne Lewis. Though lacking a red nose, he has the distinction as

GVFD's oldest riding member. Lewis joined in 1975. "As long as I can do it healthily, I will healthily do it," Lewis said.

Numerous elves helped gather donated food and toys into family-sized bags. Grandkids of one proud Greenbelt Nana helped also. Her youngest grandchild – Sydney – was clearly touched by the whole experience. "It really connects with God," she said.

Sydney's Nana agreed. "I think it teaches a lesson. It's a good act of kindness and I'm very proud of them," she said, praising their participation.

The GVFD responds to over 200 fire and emergency medical service (EMS) calls a month. It is always on the lookout for new volunteers with an interest in community service (info@engine35.com).

The St. Hugh of Grenoble Church pantry always welcomes new donations (301-474-4322). (See photo on page 8.)

What Goes On

Monday, December 26

– City and GHI Offices

Closed in observance of the holiday



The Greenbelt News Review wishes everyone
a safe and happy holiday season.
A special thank you to the volunteers and advertisers who
make it possible to publish the newspaper each week.

Letters to the Editor

Holiday Blood Drive

Please join us for the Special Holiday Blood Drive!

You never really understand how much we all rely on each other until something cataclysmic happens. Last March my family experienced such an event and it truly shook our world. My son Robert was rushed to Doctors Community Hospital with what turned out to be a life-threatening illness. After five days at Doctors, he was transferred to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore where teams of doctors worked around the clock to figure out what had gone wrong and how to fix it.

It turned out he has an autoimmune disease called Lupus, but it is far from a typical case. During the most critical time of his illness he received massive amounts of blood. I thought the six units he was given at Doctors was a lot, but before his case settled down he had received more than 30 units at Hopkins. Robert has responded very well to treatment and continues to receive excellent medical care as an outpatient.

I cannot express how profoundly grateful my family and I are not only to all the skilled medical people who took care of Robert, but also all those who supplied the blood he so desperately needed. We hardly ever thought about the blood supply till we needed it. Now I want to make up not only for what we used, but also to raise awareness of the need to have the supply maintained so that it is there for anyone who has the need.

The blood drive, sponsored jointly with the American Red Cross by the Greenbelt Lions Club and me is on Thursday, December 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Doctors Hospital.

People are encouraged to make

appointments.

I will be giving blood at Doctors Hospital on December 29 and am signed up as an organ donor. I hope that many of the people who sent me their good wishes and prayers during our time of crisis will join me now as I try to "pay it forward."

For more details about the blood drive or to make an appointment, please call 301-552-8060.

Together we can ensure that other families have blood when they need it. Please roll up your sleeves and join us!

Delegate Anne Healey

THANKS!

I would like to thank City Manager Mike McLaughlin and his staff, including Assistant City Manager David Moran and City Clerk Cindy Murray for making the Greenbelt city council packet available on the city's website. The council packet includes the background materials which are provided to city councilmembers for items to be considered at regular council meetings.

I appreciate this effort as it moves the city in a direction toward greater transparency and accountability. Making the council packet available will allow residents to become better informed on matters before council. It will also provide residents the opportunity to comment on proposed matters prior to action being taken by the council.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the city manager's staff for answering various questions I have asked over the past few months, as I try to gain a better understanding of city taxes, the city budget process and various matters before the council.

Molly Lester

Lions Holiday Blood Drive at Doctors

On Thursday, December 29 the Greenbelt Lions Club and Maryland Delegate Anne Healey will partner with the American Red Cross to bring a special holiday blood drive to Doctors Community Hospital from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood is a precious commodity at all times of the year and especially during holiday seasons when people are busy, traveling and the usual short supplies become even more critical. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and have not donated blood within the last 56 days. Donors must present a form of positive identification such as a driver's license, blood donor card or work or school photo ID. Donating takes only about 20 minutes.

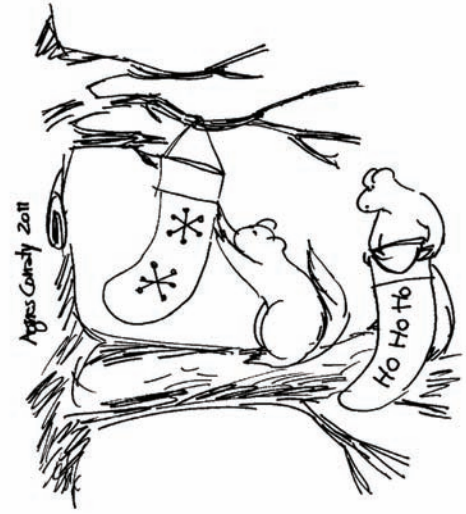
For more information or to make an appointment call 301-552-8060.

Creative Wrapping

Fully half of the paper America uses goes toward wrapping and decorating consumer products. The 2.65 billion Christmas cards sold each year could fill a football field 10 stories high. Opt instead for reusable, creative ways to package gifts. As for cards, choose the recycled kind, make them from 2011 wall calendars or send greetings.

- Sierra Club

Grin Belt



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Tax Aide Volunteers Sought by AARP

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which provides tax preparation assistance in Greenbelt, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

All kinds of volunteer opportunities are available from tax volunteers to greeters, as well as communications, technology and administration. If one of those might be a good fit, it also provides joy and satisfaction from helping others.

For further information or to apply, call Tom Moran at 301-345-1429 or apply online at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Computer Efficiency

It is estimated that computers in the business sector waste \$1 billion worth of electricity per year. Turn off computers and power strips when leaving work for the day.

During the day, setting computers to go to sleep during short breaks can cut energy use by 70 percent.

Remember that screen savers do not save energy.

- Sierra Club

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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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HOLIDAYS
&
SEASON'S
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WEEK OF DEC 23

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Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5

Sunday
*5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*2:30, *5, 7:30

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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 December 26 through 30:

Monday – All sites closed – Christmas holiday.

Tuesday – Orange juice, beef rib barbecue, northern beans, cauliflower and peas, applesauce.

Wednesday – Grape juice, beer-battered fish with tartar sauce, red potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, baked ham with pineapple sauce, baked beans, seasoned zucchini, ambrosia.

Friday – Apple juice, beef stir-fry, brown rice, stir-fry vegetables, pineapple tidbits.

GHI Notes

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.

Rhythm & Rhyme Time for Toddlers

Rhythm & Rhyme Time is offered on Wednesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Youth Center for children from birth to four years and their caregivers. Siblings and friends are also welcome to attend.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Mamas and Papas, the program includes stories, finger plays, action rhymes and music.

Volunteer leaders are also being sought. Contact Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 23 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and BanjerDan's Farewell Show (he's going to California) takes the stage from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Café will be closed December 24 and 25.

Next Week

Tuesday, December 27 brings the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet to the stage from 7 to 9 p.m. The Cajun Music Jam will be held on Wednesday, December 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tom Gleason hosts Open Microphone on Thursday, December 29.

The New Year's Eve schedule begins with Bruce Krittr's classical guitar playing from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Then the Unruly Blues Band takes the stage from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to celebrate with eclectic fun-filled blues evoking traditional electric blues, R&B, blues-tinted rock, jazz, funk, reggae and even some blues on the "outer fringe." There is also a special New Year's Eve Menu. The cafe will be closed on Sunday, January 1.

At the Library Storytimes

The library will be closed from Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas and on Saturday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 29, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

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

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmli.info.

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Happy Hanukkah



PHOTO BY MARY MOJEN

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, is being celebrated from December 20 through 27.

Co-op Holiday Hours, Wine & Food Sampling

The Co-op Supermarket will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day. New Year's Eve it will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's Day.

There will be a wine tasting on Friday, December 23 from 4 to 7

p.m. On Wednesday, December 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be a food demonstration and sampling of avocado salad with Kalamata olive dressing, along with wine tasting. December 28 is also Patron Appreciation Day, with a five percent savings on all purchases and a discount on wines.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is closed until Thursday, January 5th!

Merry Christmas!

Holy Cross Thrift Store
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Upcoming Winterization Workshop for Members of Greenbelt Homes Inc.

GHI's Buildings Committee will be holding a winterization workshop for its co-op members on **January 7th 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Committee members will demonstrate measures that members could implement to stay warm and save money on heating costs during the winter season.

Members will also be provided with updates on the community-upgrade pilot program.

The workshop will be held in the multi-purpose room (#201) within the Greenbelt Community Center.



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December Events

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Saturday, Dec. 31st
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Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, R (!)
11:40, 3, 6:40, 10
Tintin, PG (!) in 2D
4:35
Tintin in 3D, PG (!)
11:55, 2:20, 6:45, 8:45
Alvin and the Chipmunks, G (!)
11:55, 2:20, 4:25, 6:35, 8:40
Happy Feet Two, PG, in 2D
11:50
Happy Feet Two in 3D, PG
2:20, 4:50
Immortals, R, in 2D
7:05
Immortals in 3D, R
9:15
Mission Impossible 4, PG-13 (!)
11:45, 3:45, 7, 10
Sherlock Holmes, PG-13 (!)
11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
The Sitter, PG-13
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SAT

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SUN

War Horse, PG-13
2:25, 5:25, 8:30
Sherlock Holmes, PG-13 (!)
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Tintin, PG (!), in 2D
4:35
Tintin in 3D, PG (!)
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Mission Impossible 4, PG-13 (!)
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Darkest Hour, PG-13, in 2D
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Darkest Hour in 3D, PG-13
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Alvin and the Chipmunks, G (!)
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Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, R (!)
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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year From The Greenbelt Arts Center!

Coming Soon:
How I Learned to Drive
Written by Paula Vogel
Directed by Patrick Miller

January 20, 21, 27, 28,
February 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8:00 PM
January 29 and February 5
at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices for each event:
\$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org
or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon:
February 17 - 19, 2012 - Truth Be Told, guest production from Alight Dance Company
March 9 - 31, 2012 - Pippin
April 7, 2012 - Celtic Concert with The Homespun Ceilidh Band

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of his kindness and generosity when they were kids. Newer customers also liked to come in and talk to the funny old guy who had lots of personality. At age 89, he was still coming into the shop on a daily basis until the day before his stroke.

Mr. Natoli's favorite hobby was gardening and landscaping, spending many hours in his yard moving bricks and planting shrubs. From his boyhood days he loved baseball, remembering when he watched Babe Ruth play. He sponsored the Greenbelt Little League Indians for over 40 years. During the war he wrote the sports page for a Navy newsletter. His ashes will be scattered off the stern of a Navy ship.

Mr. Natoli is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Lee Natoli, son Joseph Natoli Jr., daughter Deborah Campbell, daughter-in-law Sharon Natoli, four sisters and six grandchildren.

At his request no funeral will be held. An informal gathering for close friends and family will be held at the Greenbelt Com-

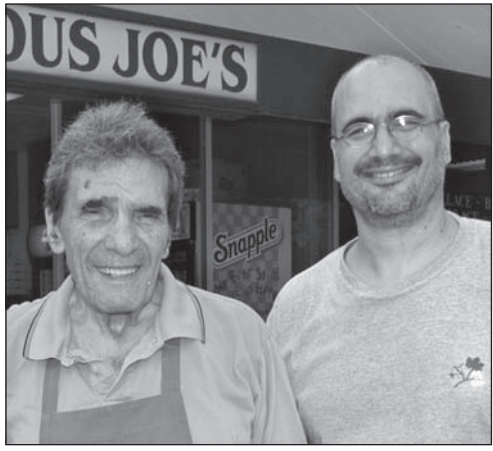


PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Joe Sr. and Joe Jr. outside of Generous Joe's, the Greenbelt establishment that bears his name.

munity Center on January 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Donations can be made in his name to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD.

Mowatt Service On Christmas Eve

On Saturday, December 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. Mowatt United Methodist Church will hold a special Christmas Eve service, "Amazed, Then and Now," to which all are invited.

Bring family and friends to a joyous time of religious reflection. The birth of Jesus as told by the Gospel of Luke and the story of The Crooked Tree will be presented, as well as other stories. Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road.

Be Bright about Light

Artificial lighting accounts for nearly half the electricity used in office buildings. Turn off lights whenever leaving a room and invite a natural light wherever possible. Buy Energy Star-rated lightbulbs and fixtures, which use at least two-thirds less energy than regular lighting and install timers on motion sensors that automatically shut off lights when they're not needed.

— Sierra Club



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10am

Christmas eve service 7 pm
Christmas Day 10 am

See the Christmas story in a new way. Join our journey to Bethlehem.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



Saturday, December 24, two candlelight services
4:30 p.m. – All Ages Service with carols, storyteller and PBUUC Youth Singers

8 p.m. – Rev. Diane Teichert, carols, stories, the choir and Chalice Dancers

Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m.

"On Christmas Day" with Rev. Diane Teichert and Worship Associate Ken Redd. Christmas stories and carols. No RE or nursery care.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770



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.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

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- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
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Christmas at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).

December 24th Christmas Eve

12:15 p.m. (Spoken Communion Service with Hymns)
9:00 p.m. (Festive Candlelight Service with Choir, Handbells and Communion)

December 25th Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Communion Service
(No Sunday evening service this day)



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt RD
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Phone: 301-345-5111
Website: Myholycross.org

Festival of Lights Is at Watkins Park

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation's 25th Annual Winter Festival of Lights for all ages will run through January 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park. This season's drive-through displays feature more than a million twinkling lights.

Bring canned goods for donation to local food banks. There is a nominal fee for each car. The festival is free on December 25.

The park is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For details call 301-699-2456.

Mormon Temple's Lights and Music

The 34th annual Mormon Temple holiday lights and free programs are open to public view through January 1. Exhibits inside the Visitors Center and extensive outside lighting are on display from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Free music programs are offered nightly at 7 and 8 p.m.

The Mormon Temple Visitors Center is located at 9900 Stoneybrook Drive in Kensington. For details call 301-587-0144 or visit www.dctemplelights.lds.org.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SATURDAY DECEMBER 24 6 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NO SUNDAY MASS

DECEMBER 25 ALL ARE WELCOME



Congratulations to:

– the following employees who received recognition and service pins for 25 years or more of service: James Craze, Police, 40 years; Edward Putens, councilmember, 30 years; Karl Skaggs, Public Works, 30 years; and 25 years each for Theresa Barfield Skaggs, Human Resources; Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development; Steve Keller, Police; Michael Lanier, Police; Julie McHale, Recreation; Marie Triesky, Police; Michael Rall, Public Works; James Donovan, Police; and Tim Houchens, Public Works. The pins were handed out at the employees' annual holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 13.

– Hope McCalla of Greenbelt East, who made the dean's list for 2011 at the University of Maryland University College.

– Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda on receiving Certified Parks and Recreation Professional status in the National Recreation and Parks Association professional status exam.

Happy Holidays to all our Greenbelt neighbors!

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

– Kathleen McFarland

Happy Wanderers Mark Year's End

Local residents are invited to finish 2011 at the Freestate Happy Wanderers walk event on New Year's Eve and to begin 2012 at a New Year's Day walk celebration at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. The walk events will feature two 5-km trails and one 10-km trail for walkers to enjoy each day.

Participants will start between 9 a.m. and noon and finish by 4 p.m., enjoying the friendly walking atmosphere with fun, food and fellowship. Prizes will be given to children. Bring a can of nonperishable food for the local food pantry.

For brochure and information call 410-437-2164 or email whasse@ix.netcom.com. There is a small fee; kids are free.

National Gallery Shows Seashore Images

A new National Gallery of Art exhibit of Geoff Delaney photographs will be shown through December 31 in the Library Gallery. Images on display are unique views of the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, California.

Holiday Greetings
To all our Greenbelt friends, may this holiday season be filled with the joy of family and friends and the New Year filled with peace and fulfillment.
Bernie and Jim Giese

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Linda Loy - 301-675-0585
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Holiday Greetings
To Friends, old and new, And a Healthy and Happy New Year, too.
Elizabeth Pels Nash and Philip Pels



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.

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 Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 26 and January 2
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 30, and Friday, January 6.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, December 26; and Monday, January 2.

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

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)
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Bob is a young fellow whose owner could no longer take care of him. He is very handsome and sweet.
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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



Free ZUMBA Demonstration Class!
Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101Cherrywood Lane at 6pm.
Come out and see what it is all about. Regular class begins on January 10th.

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Season's Greetings
from
Mary Lou Williamson

MEMORY ACADEMY

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

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Enhance your brain fitness with this 5 week memory workout. for more information call 301-754-8800.

To register, call 301-397-2208.

Presented by the Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source.

COUNCIL
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councilmembers present. (Councilmembers Edward Putens and Konrad Herling were absent.)

CSX Rail Facility

In April council sent a letter to Beverly Swaim-Staley, secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, voicing its opposition to a site east of the Camden Line and west of Edmonston Road between Sunnyside Avenue and Powder Mill Road for construction of a new rail intermodal facility. The facility's purpose is to enhance the ability of the Port of Baltimore to compete for increased shipping when the Panama Canal is enlarged. (See the News Review, April 28, 2011, page 1.)

The Beltsville site is among four under consideration for the intermodal facility and the mayor attended a public forum on the site selection process on November 21. She has been concerned that the Beltsville site may be a front runner in the site-selection process.

She proposed sending a new letter of opposition to MDOT along with an additional copy of the first letter. She wanted the letter to note that, as Councilmember Leta Mach had pointed out, the Beltsville site is the furthest away from the port of Baltimore, causing more air pollution, expense and traffic than would be the case with closer sites. The other three sites, two in Jessup and one in Hanover, Md. are much closer to the Baltimore harbor.

Davis also said she thought the traffic study done by CSX was flawed because she had learned that the study showed no traffic problems on Kenilworth Avenue/Edmonston Road at several key intersections where delays already occur during rush hours.

Opposition Suggested

Roberts suggested council oppose use of any of the four sites currently under consideration. He wants to know about all sites that had been looked at originally and why some had been rejected.

He suggested the site at Montvideo Road, adjacent to a large parking lot, could be used instead of destroying forested wetlands in Beltsville. Roberts also suggested the Greenbelt City Council should work with the other communities that could be affected, opposing construction of the intermodal facility and advocating for addressing the Howard Street tunnel issue.

The tunnel, too low to permit double stacking of railcars, is the impetus for construction of the intermodal facility. Davis said she feared there was not time for organizing a group opposition but she agreed the letter could include Roberts' other concerns.

Mach agreed with Roberts that fixing the tunnel would be the best solution but she pointed out that this is currently impractical. Mach wanted to include in council's letter that this would be the best option in the long term but if that is not possible, the facility should be located closer to the port. Davis said it could take 20 or 30 years to gather funding required to improve the tunnel.

Davis' motion to send another letter opposing use of the Beltsville site for the new intermodal facility, which would include the concerns raised at the meeting, was approved with no opposition.



PHOTO BY LINDA DREYER

Greenway Center worked with the city to identify 50 needy children to attend a Morning with Santa on December 10 at the shopping center. Santa gave each a child a gift selected from their wish list and their parents received gift cards for Safeway. There was face painting and the children watched "Home Alone." Then they were escorted into a Secret Store to select gifts for family members, courtesy of the merchants at Greenway Center. Mayor Judith Davis stopped by to mingle with the children and talk to Santa (Warner Tyree) and Mrs. Claus (Alisia Tyree).

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Fresh Crisp Apples Braeburn/Gala/Fuji/Delicious/Granny Smith \$1⁴⁹ lb.	Nutritious Broccoli Crowns \$1⁹⁹ lb.	Del Monte Golden Ripe Pineapples each \$2⁹⁹

Fresh Quality Meats

Fresh Lean Boneless Whole Pork Loins 9-10 lb. average \$2²⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless & Skinless Chicken Tenders \$1⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts \$3⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Bone-In Center Cut Pork Chops & Roasts \$2⁴⁹ lb.
Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef \$2⁴⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Chicken Thighs or Drumsticks \$1¹⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Rib Eye Delmonico Steaks \$7⁹⁹ lb.	Silver Floss Fresh Sauerkraut \$1⁹⁹

Dairy

Deli

Frozen

Kraft Natural Cheese Chunks Assorted 8 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Breakstone's Sour Cream Assorted 16 oz. \$2⁰⁰	Deli Gourmet Honey Ham \$5⁵⁹ lb.	Celeste Pizza For One Assorted 5-6.15 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Healthy Choice Complete Entrees Steamers/Classics 10-12.5 oz. \$2⁰⁰
Shurfine Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick \$1⁵⁰	Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice Assorted 59 oz. \$3⁰⁰	Deli Gourmet Roast Beef \$8⁷⁹ lb.	Stouffers Red Box Entrees Assorted 6-20 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Hanover Vegetables Select Varieties 16 oz. \$1²⁵
Health & Beauty		Natural & Gourmet		Bakery

Seafood

Customer Appreciation Discount Day
Wednesday, Dec. 28
5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)

Colgate Bonus Size Toothpaste Mint/Luminous 4 oz. 99[¢]	Fresh Catch Salmon Fillets \$7⁹⁹ lb.	Wasa Whole Grain Crispbread Lt. Rye/Multi-Grain Fiber/Whole Grain 8-9.5 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Fresh Store Baked Rye Bread loaf \$1⁹⁹
Western Family Contour Toothbrushes 6 pk. \$1⁹⁹	East Coast Fresh Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz. \$5⁹⁹	Rice Select Rice Whole Grain White and Brown 36 oz. \$6⁹⁹	Fresh Store Baked Pretzel Sandwich Rolls 4 pk. \$1⁹⁹

Grocery Bargains

Progresso Traditional Soups Select Varieties 18-19 oz. \$1⁵⁰	Muellers Spaghetti & Macaroni Assorted 12-16 oz. \$1²⁵	Bumble Bee Chunk White Tuna 5 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Red Pack Pasta Sauces Assorted 26-27 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Shurfine Canned Tomatoes Assorted 14.5 pk. 60[¢]
Silver Floss Canned Sauerkraut 27 oz. 99[¢]	Cheer Laundry Detergent 50 oz. \$4⁹⁹	Glad Cling Food Wrap 100 sq. ft. 99[¢]	Shurfine Assorted Soda 2 Liter 89[¢]	Lay's Potato Chips Assorted 10-10.5 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Beer & Wine

Special Holiday Hours Co-op Supermarket will be OPEN Sat., New Years Eve, From 8am til 7pm & OPEN Sun., New Years Day, From 10am til 6pm HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Milwaukee's Best Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans \$3⁹⁹	Freixent Spumante 750 ML. \$6⁶⁹	Coors Beer Reg./Light 12 pk.-12 oz. cans \$10⁹⁹	Blockbuster \$1 Movie Rentals Now At Co-op!
Yellow Tail Wines 750 ML. \$6⁶⁹	Andre Champagnes Assorted 750 ML. \$4⁹⁹	Ravenswood Vintner's Blend Wines 750 ML. \$8⁹⁹		

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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.

Robberies

December 8, 6:31 p.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. Two males approached a man, assaulted him and took his property. No specific description of the robbers is available.

December 15, 8:58 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A person was approached by four men who displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. They are described as black males, 17 to 25 years old, 5'7" to 6'0" tall, 150 to 185 pounds, wearing black hooded jackets or sweatshirts and black pants.

Attempted Robbery

December 9, 6:18 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two men approached a person and tried to take their property. They are described as black males, 19 to 25 years old, 5'8" to 6'3" in height, each with a medium build and black hair, wearing dark clothing.

Drug Arrests

December 8, 11:18 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 24-year-old Beltsville man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing on private property. He was released on citations pending trial.

December 9, 11:20 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old Lanham man was arrested and charged with possession of, and intent to distribute, marijuana. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DUI/DWI

December 14, 12:42 a.m., 11 Court Ridge Road. A 21-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

December 8, 5:08 p.m., 900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Items were removed from a vacant unit.

December 9, 4:33 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Electronics were taken.

December 9, 7:47 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. An attempted burglary was made.

December 9, 8:29 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics were taken.

December 10, 12:04 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

December 11, 8:19 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

December 13, 6:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

December 14, 6:16 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Electronics were taken.

December 14, 10:06 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Unknown persons broke into a vacant unit.

Vandalism

December 12, 10:30 p.m., 99

Group of Men Attacks Woman

A group of males approached a 24-year-old College Park woman in the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane near Metro Drive in the still-dark morning hours of Saturday, December 17.

They pulled her into a nearby wooded area and over a period of time sexually assaulted her.

The woman was left in the woods, sustaining serious, non-life threatening injuries but was able to summon help. She was taken by ambulance to Prince George's General Hospital Center for treatment and has since been released.

The assailants are described as African American males, up to four in number, in their late teens or 20s. All are said to have slim-to-medium builds. Some are believed to be about 6 feet tall. One assailant wore his hair in cornrows. No further descriptions are available at this time.

Greenbelt police department patrol officers, detectives, evidence technicians and a canine unit responded. "This is an active investigation," said Greenbelt Police Department Special Operations Commander Captain Thomas Kemp, who describes the attack as not currently fitting any pattern.

Anyone offering information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in this crime is eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Callers may remain anonymous. Call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS or the Greenbelt Police Criminal Investigations Unit at 301-474-7200.

Centerway. Graffiti was found in the skate park.

Automotive Crime

A 2004 Ford Explorer stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Court was recovered December 10 by Montgomery County Police. No arrests were made.

A rear Md. tag stolen from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace was recovered December 14 by the Cheverly Police Department with no arrests made.

An attempted auto theft in the 6200 block Springhill Court was reported December 10.

Seven reports of theft from autos were received: 6300 block

St. Hugh, GVFD Team Up for the Holidays



PHOTO BY JONATHAN TAYLOR

GVFD members (from left) Kelly Lawson (top) and Wayne Lewis; volunteers Nana Kathy Reynolds, Mary Ann Howerton, Sydney and Emily Palmerton; GVFD members Robbie Tripe and Kathy Legendre in front of one of the two 400hp fire engines used to deliver food and toys to 44 Greenbelt adults and children last Saturday.

City Notes

Code Enforcement staff reports 17 warning notices were mailed and four municipal infractions were issued for two or more noise complaints.

Recreation staff met with representatives from Franklin Park to discuss ways to improve marketing within Greenbelt West, ways to generate greater community involvement and enhance services.

CARES staff reports that five families have graduated from the Strengthening Families program. The next session will begin in March 2012. Three Support Groups at Springhill Lake Elementary School have completed a six-week program for 3rd and 4th graders; the groups focused on conflict management, anger management and social skills.

Golden Triangle Drive (bags of items were taken from three vehicles), 6200 block Greenbelt Road (rear Md. tag), 6500 block Capitol Drive (set of wheels), 100 block Westway (gas was taken from a gas tank), 23 Court Ridge Road (set of Va. tags), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (rear Md. tag), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (set of Md. tags). An attempted theft from auto was reported in the 6200 block Springhill Drive.

Vandalism was reported in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (window was broken) and 13 Court Ridge Road (vehicle was scratched).

To All My
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Judith "J" Davis

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Pizza) were tested weekly and sometimes sounded during evenings and early morning hours. Residents were told to turn out all lights and place blackout curtains over their windows. Air raid wardens patrolled the streets, being required to enter homes when they saw lights. Those who violated blackout rules faced fines of \$2 to \$100 and 10 to 90 days in jail.

Greenbelters supported the war effort with patriotic fervor. By April 1943, students at Greenbelt High School bought over \$900 worth of defense stamps. These were placed into books and when the books were filled, they were converted into Victory Bonds – enough to purchase a jeep. Elementary school kids purchased more than \$6,000 worth of bonds.

Countless bake sales were held at the Center Mall (now Roosevelt Center). Residents also collected emergency food and first aid supplies, raised money for polio victims and for the Russian Relief Fund.

Residents also helped to purchase fire fighting equipment and an auxiliary pump to siphon lake water in an emergency. Woman's Club members served in the Red Cross, organized salvage campaigns, collected clothing, sold war bonds and stamps and participated in entertainment programs for convalescent veterans.

Rationing at Co-op

Early on, the Greenbelt Co-op (Greenbelt Consumer Services) instituted its own form of rationing. In 1942, sugar was rationed and GCS appealed to residents to return sugar. About 375 pounds of sugar were thus returned and repurchased by the store and then re-allocated to residents on an "as needed" basis.

Meat rationing occurred in 1942, butter rationing in 1943 – before any nationwide program began. The cooperative adhered to a policy of fairness when everyday commodities became scarce. Gasoline, rubber tires, chlorine bleach, light bulbs, grease, metals of all kinds including cooking pots, leather shoes and fabric were all needed by the military.

The biggest impact on the town was construction by the federal government of 1,000 new homes begun in March 1941. Housing was scarce in Washington with thousands of wartime workers desperate for places for their families to live. With utilities already in place in Greenbelt, the government was quickly able to build the so-called war-time or defense housing to help satisfy this need.

At a total cost of \$4,481,023, the new frame homes included 148 one-bedroom apartments, 602 two-bedroom homes and 250 three-bedroom homes. These were sited on super blocks on Southway, along Ridge, Hillside, Laurel Hill, Research Roads and Plateau Place.

These new homes retained many design features of the original 885 dwellings. But, there were no funds for "amenities" and they lacked much of the interior walkway system.

Muddy Yards

Nor were there underpasses or playgrounds. Landscaping was lacking and residents complained about muddy yards until the government, six years later, finally installed trees and hedges.

There were no garage courts. Homes faced parking courts or the street itself, where children often

played. The first child fatality in Greenbelt occurred during this period when a youngster was run over by a truck in a parking court.

With the increase of nearly 5,000 new residents, town services were severely strained. The town council had to borrow \$10,000 to provide basic public services such as fire and police protection and refuse collection.

Schools operated on double or triple shifts. The elementary school had 700 students and the kindergarten 175 children.

Residents thus petitioned the government for more facilities and a school for 200 kindergartners, first and second graders opened at 53 Ridge Road in six two-bedroom units. Not until 1945 were additional classrooms constructed – a 12-classroom North End Elementary School (where Greenbelt Elementary School now stands) and four classrooms, a science lab and an assembly room added to the high school (currently Greenbelt Middle School).

In 1943 citizens pleaded for a food store in the north end. In response the government designated a row of houses in 3 court of Laurel Hill to provide limited supplies of groceries, fresh produce and dairy products. A daycare center also opened in apartments at 14 Parkway to care for the children of 150 to 200 working mothers.

Newcomers Resented

Whether it was the more than doubling of the population, the strain on public services or an attitude of superiority by original residents, an undercurrent of resentment developed toward newcomers. Some people were angry that the government had abandoned its careful selection process, no longer balancing religion, family size, income, age and occupation. Only two selection criteria were used to approve new residents: that they were employed by the war or navy department and that their income was less than \$2,600 a year.

By the time the war ended in 1945 the community had changed in many ways. With fewer men available, some organizations, such as the Greenbelt Players, the Greenbelt Chamber Music Society, the Hobby Club, Better Buyers and the Men's Glee Club folded. The annual Town Fair, cancelled in 1942, did not resume until 1945 after much urging by the Cooperator.

In 1944 the Drop In Center, in the basement of the fire/police station (now the Step Club), opened to provide a positive outlet for boisterous teenagers.

Before the war residents had embraced the idea of an interfaith building to serve all religions. After the war, however, each major faith wanted its own building.

When the war ended over 200 Greenbelters participated in a Victory Day program. The band played John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March," the glee club sang, Navy Wives Club filled the stage with red, white and blue flowers and taps was played for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the 13 local war dead.

Then men began returning home. That is when Greenbelt residents began to worry about what would happen if the federal government sold the Greenbelt towns, as many members of Congress began to urge.

Reminiscences

War-time recollections from Looking Back, compiled by the late Dorothy Lauber during the City of Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1987.

I was drafted in 1944 – we had two boys. I went down to the rental office and notified them that I was being drafted. They changed my rent on the two bedroom house at 1-B Eastway from about \$80 a month to \$32 a month. My wife was able to stay in Greenbelt with the two boys until I returned 14 months later.

J. Walsh Barcus

On the night of December 7 when the war began, Johnnie Bolton and I were sent to guard the water tower because there were rumors that Germans or sympathizers might try to poison the water supply All during the war we had a very active civil defense unit and a lookout post over the drug store.

Robert Dove

I recall what a big happening it would be when there would be an air-raid practice and we would go to the adjoining basements and black curtains hung at every window; our fathers were out in the streets with their white hats and flashlights [The day the war ended] we piled in the car with pots and pans and any noisemaker we could find and rode all around the streets of Greenbelt yelling and singing.

Patricia Dunbar Gray

The air raid wardens would walk throughout Greenbelt and . . . if they saw any lights, they had to knock on the door and get them turned off. At one time my sister-in-law, her daughter and baby came to stay with us and so I had to get black material and make curtains so we could feed the baby at night during air raids. Even then, we had to use flashlights while we heated the milk We would put our daughter, our niece, my sister-in-law and her baby in the big closet under the stairs because it was safest there. Most of the air raids were just alerts but some were the real thing.

Lucille Howell

During the war we purchased war bonds with every penny we could get together As a school we were able to purchase at least four jeeps with the bond money. One day the army brought the jeeps to the school grounds and all of the children assembled outside to examine them.

Louise Steinle Winker

In the 1940s, gas was rationed, everyone walked to the Center to do their shopping and carried their groceries home. People whose children had wagons used them to help get the groceries home.

Cassie Mae Stone Snow

The building of the defense houses was a blow. We thought it was such a downgrading of the town that this would ruin it. But we were soothed by being told that they were temporary, it was just during the war and they would be torn down. And they look fine today but we considered it really practically slum housing We felt the people in the defense houses were just sort of camping there for the duration of the war.

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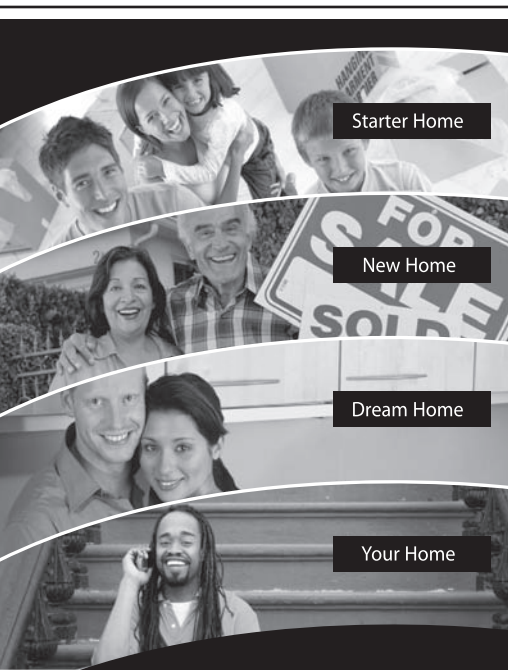
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