

A Trio of Kids, Police, Bikers Shop for Christmas Presents

by Jim Link

Multiple Santas in the form of Greenbelt's Finest came early this year on Saturday morning, December 15 to the Target Store in Beltway Plaza.

Thirteen officers and six civilians (dispatchers, secretaries, etc.) from Greenbelt's Police Department escorted 20 happy campers from Springhill Lake Elementary School through Target's treasure-laden aisles, according to Master Police Officer (MPO) Kelly Lawson. Each wide-eyed student had \$100 to play with and most plunked gifts for their family members into their carts before thinking of themselves.

Christian Ways, 10, bought "ointments for my mommy." Brianna Ayafor, 10, bought a Rapunzel doll for her little sister Nola and a race car for her brother Ryan.

Sadibu Kabba, 12, garnered goodies last year, so this year he came only to help his brother Osman, 11. Together they picked out a watch for their dad and ear-



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Christina Foster (left) and Jason Cressman (right) of the Greenbelt Police Department shop with Jessica Osorto during the Shop with a Cop program December 15 at the Beltway Plaza Target store.

rings for their mom.

Officer Jermaine Gullede was this year's coordinator, inheriting the job from last year's coordinator Corporal Tim White.

Obtuse reporter: "So you

shunted the job off to Officer Gullede?"

White: "No. I prefer to say I am sharing the load." White

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75th Anniversary

The Selection of Greenbelt Pioneer Families in 1937

by Sally Sims Stokes

Seventy-five years ago, in October 1937, employees of the Farm Security Administration (FSA) were completing the first phase of the tenant selection process for Greenbelt. Families who moved into the 881 housing units during the subsequent 12 months had been the subjects of in-home observations and interviews by FSA selection personnel and had earlier filled out a government form or two indicating their desire to move to the model community.

More than a year before the Greenbelt pioneers took up residence in the new town, staff of the Resettlement Administration (RA) – predecessor of the FSA – had begun discussing the criteria by which to select the new Greenbelters. In May 1936 Rexford Guy Tugwell, administrator of the RA, informed some of

his staff in a confidential weekly report that a preliminary selection plan was in place.

Tugwell implied that the plan would involve quotas but did not reveal particulars of how such quotas would be applied.

Since then official records of the Greenbelt selection process have either been destroyed or have been filed in such a way as to make them just about impossible to find. We may never know how a given family won a place in Greenbelt.

Fortunately, we do have a few details about the people in charge of the process and about the factors those selectors apparently took into consideration.

Wendell Lund

The man responsible for designing the quota-based plan for Greenbelt was Wendell Luther Lund, Ph.D. According to his 1995 memoir, "My Good Life," Lund, a Midwesterner, joined the U. S. Department of the Interior's Division of Subsistence Homesteads (precursor to the RA), in 1934. Lund had been detailed to an assignment in the high-poverty 10-county region of the Upper Monongahela Valley of West Virginia. After completing his work as executive secretary of the Upper Monongahela Valley Committee (UMVC), he

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Auerbach Killed In Hit and Run Near Post Office

by James Giese

Long-time Greenbelt resident and liberal political activist

Robert Auerbach was struck by

a hit-and-run driver near the Greenbelt Post Office on Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, December 12 at about 6:30 p.m., according to the Greenbelt Police Department. Auerbach was walking from the Greenway Center area toward the post office, crossing the southbound lanes of Hanover Parkway, when struck. The vehicle, initially described as a light silver, full-size Mercedes Benz 4-door sedan, left the accident scene, continuing southbound.

Auerbach was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. He died at approximately 11:15 p.m. By that time, police report that the suspect driver had been identified. Investigation by the police and Maryland State's Attorney's Office is continuing.

Auerbach, 92, was an activist for social causes that promoted peace, justice and equality. He ran three times for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District,

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American Education Week November 12 to 16, 2012

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle and Magnolia Elementary Schools. In coming weeks we will visit Springhill Lake Elementary School and Turning Point Academy. In previous weeks we featured Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Teaching Is a Family Calling For Magnolia's Shari Gant

by Altoria Bell Ross

Shari Gant comes from a family of educators. Her mother is a retired special education teacher of more than 30 years; her brother teaches at Howard University and Wesley Theological Seminary. Gant is a third-grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School.

The Hyattsville native went to the all girls Catholic school, Academy of the Holy Names in Silver Spring. When it came time for her to complete her Christian service hours, she was assigned to a child care center and thereafter was hooked on educating children.

To prepare for teaching, Gant studied special and early childhood education at Hampton University and Bowie State University. She used this training to work as an educational specialist in private practice for a couple of years. In this role, Gant provided infant stimulation, therapeutic daycare through kindergarten



Shari Gant

and educational inclusion while working alongside occupational and physical therapists to serve the needs of students with special needs. In Prince George's County, she has taught at Cooper Lane Academy, Riverdale, Potomac Landing and Waldon

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Magnolia's Faeldonia Leads First Graders with Energy

by Altoria Bell Ross

First-grade teacher Mercy Faeldonia thinks green and she applies this approach liberally in her classroom at Magnolia Elementary School that serves children in Greenbelt East.

Faeldonia is a chief recycler. She converts the energy she once used to coach gymnastics in the Philippines to teach reading, writing and arithmetic and to repurpose items destined for the trash heap into creative tools for her classroom.

Under the direction of the Queen of Green, chopsticks and a fly swatter become pointers for the lead student who is instructing in reading and a metal piece from a crippled fan transforms into a fun wheel kids can share when running errands in pairs. With vigor, Faeldonia shakes colorful maracas normally used when dancing to signal the change between various activities.

Actually Faeldonia does ev-



Mercy Faeldonia

everything with vim from walking through the academic centers of her classroom – reading, reading games, listening, word wall, computer work, social studies, science, job applications – to teaching punctuation. She demonstrates a period with a stomp

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What Goes On

Saturday, December 22 9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off. Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center
Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 – City and Greenbelt Homes (GHI) Offices Closed for the Christmas Holiday.

Editorial**Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings**

Around this time of year those who deliver the News Review traditionally leave holiday 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.

In the past there has been confusion and possibly also some instances of wrongdoing by non-carriers misusing old donation envelopes. Another confusion may occur to people who receive more than one paper. To resolve the problem, we now include the current year on the envelopes – make sure the envelope has 2012 on it for your News Review carrier and is printed in green.

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

Again this year, the carriers will leave envelopes. We hope these envelopes, identified with the carrier's name and address, will be helpful to you. If your carrier's name or address is in doubt, mail your envelope to the News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887 for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

Letters to the Editor**THANKS!**

Since the beginning of the "Pantry" at St. Hugh's church the following deserve a big "Thank You!"

From behind the scenes we can count on Father Walter Tappe, Lucy Fuentes, Hwang Lee, Paul Rall, Mike McAndrew, Shirley Donkis, Mary Joe Dorsy, Vicki Focht, Ann Marques, Bridget McDermott, Ann Moriarty, Helen White, Magdalene Fuchs, Barbara Hamilton, Jackie Gasch, Jordan Choper and the Lions Club.

Again, our gratitude.

Solange Hess
Chair
The Pantry

Missing Betty Varney

How sad I was to learn in the News Review of the death of Elizabeth Varney on December 6. I only knew her as Betty and only ever talked with her at her morning crossing guard corner at Laurel Hill and Ridge Roads.

We met a year ago October when I began a morning walking/jogging routine that took me past her post. The first time she saw me, she halted traffic so I could safely get through the intersection and yelled as I passed, "Have a good day!" About a month later, I stopped and introduced myself. The next day, Betty yelled, "Have a good day, Sharon!" About a month after that, whenever she halted traffic in the intersection for me, she began to stretch out

her arms and motion me over for a "big morning hug."

I hadn't seen Betty in the past several months because I had resumed my morning exercise routine at the Greenbelt Fitness Center. I had planned to stop by Betty's corner with a small holiday gift in gratitude for a 91-year-old who always made me feel young.

Some day I'll have to cross over to the Other Side and I bet one of the first folks I'll encounter will have her arms outstretched, halting traffic, waiting to deliver a big morning hug. Thank you, Betty.

Sharon J. Anderson

THANK YOU

My sister, Jennine Auerbach, and I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of comfort and support. It has sustained us since our father, Bob Auerbach, died on Wednesday, December 12.

We are very concerned for the driver of the car that hit our Dad. She drove away after the accident, but we're told she turned herself in to the Greenbelt Police the next day, after talking to her parents and her pastor.

Bob would want to wish her peace. If you know anyone who might be able to convey our message to the young lady or her pastor, here it is: Dad lived a good, long life; we realize the accident was unintentional; we wish her peace.

Hopi Auerbach

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Christmas Week Issue – Dated Thursday, December 27
Advertising and Copy Deadline: SUNDAY 12/23

New Year's Week Issue – Dated Thursday, January 3
Advertising and Copy Deadline: SUNDAY 12/30

Holiday Office Hours:
Sunday 12/23 – 2 to 4 p.m.; 8 to 10 p.m.

(Monday 12/24 – Saturday 12/29 – CLOSED)

Sunday 12/30 – 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.

(Monday 12/31 – Sunday 1/6 – CLOSED)

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

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

**Nat'l Gallery Holds Holiday Caroling**

Caroling in the seasonally decorated West Building Rotunda is a favorite activity at the National Gallery of Art. Guest choirs lead afternoon sing-along caroling at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 22 and 23. Singers and listeners of all ages are welcome.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC 21**Anna Karenina (R)****FRIDAY**

*5, 7:30, 9:55

SATURDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:55

SUNDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30

MONDAY

*5

Les Miserables (PG-13)**TUESDAY**

*4:15, 7:30

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

*1, *4:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

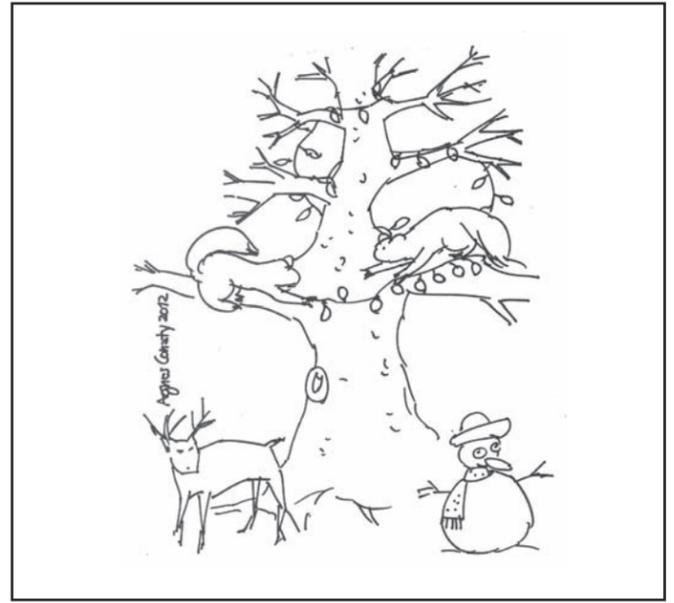
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On Screen**Les Miserables Christmas Day**

Director Tom Hooper's (The King's Speech) opulent, star-studded adaptation of Les Miserables comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Christmas Day. In a risky maneuver, Hooper has almost all the dialogue sung, not spoken, by Hugh Jackman (Jean Valjean), Russell Crowe (Inspector Javert), Anne Hathaway (Fantine) and Amanda Seyfried (Cosette), to name only four.

Rating: PG13. Running Time: 2 hours, 40 minutes.

– Jim Link

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$40/year.

Know anyone with a unique story to share?

Greenbelt is filled with residents who are creative, energetic, knowledgeable about a variety of topics and providing a wide range of services for the community. Consider sharing their story with your neighbors in the community newspaper.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals 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 24 to 28 are:

Monday and Tuesday – All sites closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays.

Wednesday – Pineapple juice, corn chowder, egg salad, three-bean salad, Mandarin oranges.

Thursday – Fruit punch, spaghetti and meatballs in tomato sauce, green beans, kale, an apple.

Friday – Cranberry juice, potato-crust fish with tartar sauce, black-eyed peas, parslid carrots, seasonal fruit.



GHI Notes

Thursday, December 20, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 21, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, December 25, Office Closed (Christmas Day). For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, January 1, Office Closed (New Year's Day). For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Friday, January 4, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, January 8, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – GHI Board Room

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

At the Library

The library will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. Current displays feature Christmas fiction and holiday entertaining.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, December 26, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 27, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For details visit the branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit pgcmls.info online.

Doctors, Lions Hold Blood Drive Thur.

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions Club will jointly sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Thursday, December 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital at 8100 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Budget Award Earned By City of Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt has again been awarded the Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

This award, presented to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement for the city. McLaughlin singled out Anne Marie Belton, Beverly Palau, David Moran and Jeff Williams for praise.

In addition, the monthly financial report for November indicates that Greenbelt remains on target for the current fiscal year.

Jewish Residents Wrap Up Their Own Festival of Lights



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Members of Mishkan Torah Synagogue light candles during the eighth night of Hanukkah on December 15.

The Bus

Seniors and Customers with Disabilities **RIDE FREE**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents

An Evening with Friends

A Celebration of Community

New Year's Eve, 730 pm – 1145 pm

\$10, \$5 for those under 18

Comedy, Video Highlights from the Labor Day Festival, Interviews and Music Featuring our Outstanding Citizen John Henry Jones and his wife Elaine Jones Mayor Pro-Tem Emmett Jordan on guitar and Council Member Konrad Herling on piano are among the performing artists.

Post show: Join folks attending events at the Arts Center, New Deal Café and the Movie Theater at Roosevelt Center to sing Auld Lang Syne and light up the Greenbelt Marquee Letters to bring in the New Year at Midnight

For more information, call Konrad at (301) 345-9369

Hilarity Returning This Year

A (Comic) Christmas Carol

December 21, 22
at 8:00 PM,
December 23
at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$17
(\$14 for students/seniors/military).

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

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:
January 4-5 - Cut, Guest Production from Thunderous Productions
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(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

FRIDAY, DEC. 21 – SUNDAY, DEC. 23
Jack Reacher, PG13
11:35, 12:35, 2:35, 3:35, 6, 7, 9, 10
Guilt Trip, PG13
11:50, 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
Monster's Inc. in 2D, G
11:25, 1:35, 7:10
Monster's Inc. in 3D, G
3:45, 9:25
The Hobbit in 2D, PG-13
11:15, 3, 6:40, 10:10
The Hobbit in 3D, PG-13
12:05, 4:15, 7:50
Rise of the Guardians in 2D, PG
11:40, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:35
Skyfall, PG-13
1:35, 4:30, 10:20
Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn 2, PG13
11:10, 7:35

MONDAY, DEC. 24
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Skyfall, PG-13
1:35, 4:30
Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn 2, PG13
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TUESDAY, DEC. 25
Parental Guidance, PG
1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
Django: Unchained, R
2:45, 6:45, 10:15
Jack Reacher, PG13
2:35, 3:15, 6, 7, 9, 10
Guilt Trip, PG13
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Monster's Inc. in 2D, G
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The Hobbit in 2D, PG-13
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The Hobbit in 3D, PG-13
3, 10:10
Skyfall, PG-13
9:35
Rise of the Guardians, PG
2:15, 4:30, 7:15

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26 – THURSDAY, DEC. 27
Parental Guidance, PG
11:40, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
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More Community Events on pages 6 and 9.

Landscape Rules for GHI Units

On Thursday, December 6, the GHI Board accepted a final version of proposed rules changes for landscaping, in the form of revisions to section X of the Member's Handbook.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

Comments should be submitted via email to rseecharran@ghi.coop or written notes can be delivered to the Administration Office, Attn: Rean

All comments are due by January 11, 2013

Obituaries

David Lehman

Longtime former resident David Russell Lehman, Sr., 86, died in California on December 6, 2012, just before his birthday which would have been December 12, 2012.



Mr. Lehman was born in Washington, D.C. He served honorably in the Navy in World War II from 1943 to 1945. His duties included escorting transport convoys in the North Atlantic and Naval support in the Mediterranean during the Italian Campaign. A SeaBee engineer, he aided in construction of an airstrip after the Battle of Okinawa and was assigned to the APD Ringness in Tsingtao, China, for final invasion of Japan. He followed in his father's footsteps, working as a motion picture operator in various Maryland and D.C. theaters.

In 1950 he married his bride of over 62 years, Betty Louise Rush. They moved to Greenbelt in 1953.

The Lehmans raised two sons, David, Jr., of Eureka, Ca., and James R. of Colorado Springs, Co.

Mr. Lehman entered the electronics field in the early 1950s, ultimately having a career with NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center as an unmanned satellite procurement officer. He retired in 1995 and in retirement enjoyed guitar playing, woodworking and travel.

He and his wife relocated to Eureka, Ca., in October 2011.

Mr. Lehman is survived by his wife, two sons and his daughter-in-law.



Gloria D. West

Gloria Dean West, 80, of Ridge Road died peacefully on Thursday, December 13, 2012, in Winder, Ga. at the home of her son.

She was born on January 2, 1932, to Paul and Bessie Wise in Chanceford, Pa.

Mrs. West was a member of the Church of Christ. She was an avid reader with a passion for learning. She loved classical music, her dogs and most of all, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for the University of Maryland Book Exchange until two years before her death, which allowed her to be around books, a dream job for her.

She was predeceased by a son, Roger West, and a daughter, Eileen West, and three siblings: Paul Wise, Viola (Wise) Boyd and Allen Wise.

Her survivors include brothers Clair Wise and George "Butch" Newcomer, a sister, Patricia Snelbaker; six children, Claudia (West) Guthrie (Dansville, N.Y.), Clay West (Winder, Ga.), Shari (West) Forbes (Laurel, Md.), Eric West (Winder, Ga.), Dean West (Greenbelt) and Tanya West (Ca.); 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. West will be interred in York County, Pa.

Concert Honors New Exhibit

A free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 23 at the National Gallery of Art will feature Jennifer Lane, soprano, and Kenneth Slowik, forte pianist. Music from the era of the fortepiano will be performed in honor of Masterpieces of American Furniture from the Kaufman Collection, 1700 – 1830. This concert will take place in the West Garden Court.

Restoration Center Has Carol Service Sunday

Sunday, December 23 at 6 p.m. there will be a special Christmas Carol Service of carols and readings by Restoration Center Church. It will include festive cheer with a mix of tradition, jazz and contemporary holiday music.

The service will be held at Trinity Assembly of God, 7800 Goodluck Road, Lanham.

National Wildlife Center Hosts December Artist

In December the Patuxent National Visitor Center in Laurel receives a real holiday gift. The founder of Bohemian Photoworks of Rockville will offer visitors his "first major nature exhibit." Joseph Giitter is a certified professional photographer who has been awarded numerous honors locally and regionally. He has also published several books and is preparing one that documents the vanishing islands of the Chesapeake. Giitter writes that his work reflects his training and experience in engineering and in the use of varying camera formats. He cites Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and Wright Morris as influences on his work.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION,
SATURDAY, DEC. 22,
10 AM – 2:00 PM,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Bring bag lunch; coffee and tea provided

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS,
MONDAY, DEC. 24,
6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
10:00AM
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Condolences to Hopi Auerbach and other family and friends of lifetime peace activist Bob Auerbach, who died Wednesday, December 12, 2012, two days short of his 93d birthday. Many Greenbelters will remember seeing him march in this year's Labor Day parade as the Green candidate for Congress.

We were sorry to hear of the death in California on December 6, 2012, of former longtime Boxwood resident David Lehman. Sympathy to his wife Betty and sons Dee and Jay.

Condolences to Greenbelt resident Christopher Cherry, of the Recreation Department, on the death of his mother in Pennsylvania last week.

Our sympathy to Dean West and other family and friends on the death of his mother, Greenbelt resident Gloria Dean West at his brother's home in Winder, Ga., on December 13, 2012.

Congratulations to:
- the Greenbelt Middle School Science Bowl team, who will go to the county semifinals in March, having defeated Benjamin Tasker Middle School by 135 points in the first round and Benjamin Foulis Academy by 110 points in the second round of the competition. The team consists of 7th graders Chinelo Igbo (Captain) and Rashaun Williams and 6th graders Subasthika Thangdurai and Taj Wilkinson.

- former longtime residents John and Dolly Robbins on their 66th wedding anniversary. The Robbins are now living in Tennessee but say Greenbelt will always be dear to their hearts.

- Army Reserve Spec. Alejandro E. Segarra, a 2002 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, 2008 University of Maryland graduate, the son of Eileen Torres of Lastner Lane and Raquel Segarra of Calle Alturas De Flamboyán, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, has graduated from basic infantry training at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga.

- Bobby Rudd of Pinecrest Court, who has again been named to the Dean's List at St. Mary's College of Maryland, class of 2013.

- Chi-Lai Poon, business and marketing analyst at Greenbelt's AR-RAY Information Technology, who has for the second time received the Distinguished Young Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association Award. She works directly with project leads for each of the organization's events.



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@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland



unsuccessfully challenging incumbent Steny Hoyer, running in 2002, 2004 and 2012 as a Green Party candidate. He also was the Green Party candidate for state comptroller in 2006. Auerbach was a retired librarian.

In Greenbelt, Auerbach was an advocate for numerous social causes, including protesting the war in Viet Nam and advocating for equal rights.



Holiday Greetings
To Friends,
old and new,
And a Healthy
and Happy
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Elizabeth Pels Nash
and Philip Pels

Season's Greetings
from
Mary Lou
Williamson

Yuletide Greetings
to our Greenbelt Friends
and Neighbors
&
Best Wishes for a Peaceful 2013.
Robert and Sylvia Lewis

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family and friends
and the New Year
filled with peace
and fulfillment.
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LION'S CLUB TOY DRIVE
The Greenbelt Lions Club and Greenbelt Community Center have teamed up to collect new, unwrapped toys. The Lions Club will distribute the toys to local families during the holidays. Toys will be accepted at the Community Center Main Lobby, 15 Crescent Road until December 22nd.
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Saturday, December 22, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Refuse and Recycling will not be picked up on those days. The Greenbelt Connection will not run on those days.
Monday's refuse & recycling will be picked up on Wednesday December 26.
Tuesday's refuse will be picked up on Wednesday December 26.
Wednesday's refuse & recycling will be picked up on Thursday December 27.
Thursday's refuse & recycling will be picked up on Friday, December 28.
There will be no yard waste or white goods pickup this week.
WISHING A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

City's 75th Anniversary Activities Wrap Up



The Greenbelt Concert Band performs at the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Closing Ceremony.



Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee co-chairs Carol Malveaux (left) and Dave Mills (right) help Chef Lou take the 75th Anniversary cake out of its box.



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

John Henry Jones leads the singing of Happy Birthday to Greenbelt. He is flanked by Councilmember Leta Mach (left), Mayor Judith Davis (right) and Councilmember Emmett Jordan (back).

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 21 Cold Hard Cash pays tribute to Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 22 starts with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Hot Club of DC follows with gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 23 Highway 66 plays Americana music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

The café will be closed on Tuesday, December 25.

On Wednesday, December 26 people are invited to bring instruments and join in the Cajun Music Jam from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 27 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session with the Songwriter's Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, December 28 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Willies Light performs rock, funk, jazz and reggae from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, December 29 Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam session is held from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by John Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Capital Blues Ensemble plays a foot-stomping, blues-based holiday show from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, December 30 the Dixieland Express pays homage to early 20th century jazz from 6 to 8 p.m.

On New Year's Eve 18-year-old Andy Poxon performs a blazing guitar from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. as the New Year comes in, with reservations highly recommended.

Police Issue Identity Theft Reminders

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to protect themselves from identity theft, which continues as one of the fastest growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. The following advice will help:

- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or by internet when not sure who is receiving the information.
- Do not use credit card numbers online except on secure sites.
- Shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and other financial information.
- Minimize identification information and the number of credit cards carried, taking only what will actually be needed along when shopping.
- Pay attention to billing cycles and check statements often for fraudulent charges.
- Check one's credit report at least twice a year – reports should be obtained from all three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

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Woods Elementary Schools and now at Magnolia for 13 years.

Her favorite part of teaching she says is when the light bulb switches on. "It is the 'aha' moment when the kids get it."

Gant's teaching philosophy is simple. "I believe that teaching students not just the A, B, Cs and the 1, 2, 3s but life application is a must. I'm committed to developing life-long learners."

For instance, she says when teaching how to count money and make change, she might pose a scenario where a student might give a merchant \$50 and receive \$20 back for an item that only costs \$5. Gant might explain how important it is to use mathematics in this situation to ensure the student got the proper change.

"They may not remember the formula, how-to steps or that 'i' goes before 'e' except after 'c,' but they might remember that the perimeter means the distance around the playground."

Gant, who is working on a

graduate degree in curriculum instruction and administration and supervision from McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., also addresses different learning styles by using such tools as flashcards, peer editing, manipulatives and who am I? games.

In addition to teaching, Gant is the third-grade level chairperson, enrichment learning opportunity coordinator for the after school programs, a member of the school-base management team, coordinator and teacher of the after-school science club for first and second graders and a participant of the Science Institute for Prince George's County. Gant is also one of the teachers in charge when the principal is out of the building.

Although Gant has been teaching for 23 years, she has a confession. She never sleeps the night before the first day of school because she is excited about the new year. "This is not my profession. It is my calling."

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and an exclamation point with a hop and a stomp. For the question mark, Faeldonia curves her body and a finger as she forms the hook and then stomps again.

The period is symbolic. Her mother's life ended while giving birth to her. However, the tradition of teaching that her mother had started lives on. When Faeldonia's older sister was studying to become a physical education teacher, the sister practiced on her and the other siblings.

When Faeldonia's turn came to matriculate, she chose Stella Maris College in Quezon City in the Philippines, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. Upon graduation, she taught 10 years before moving to the United States, where she has educated young minds for an equal number of years.

Challenging Work

Education is a two-edged sword. Faeldonia says her work is challenging because each student has different needs. She feels fulfilled, however, when her students begin identifying letters, reading and learning how to hold a pencil to write.

Faeldonia also integrates singing and dancing into her lessons.

She says the arts help students enjoy learning. Her students demonstrated these skills at a recent school show where they rapped poems and danced.

Besides teaching first grade, Faeldonia is grade-level chair, and in that role mentors colleagues and she is a social studies chair ensuring that all classes have books and teachers' manuals.

Faeldonia said her best advice came from her grandmother who raised her: "Continue to do good. If you do good to others, you will also reap goodness."

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supervised the social workers who selected families for such West Virginia resettlement communities as Arthurdale, Tygart Valley Homestead and Eleanor; and Crossville, Tenn.

In 1936, at age 31, he was appointed head of the RA's family selection section, which placed him in the role of supervising the staff members who would choose the first Greenbelt tenants. The RA became the Farm Security Administration (FSA) in 1937 and Lund was to remain in charge of family selection in the FSA until 1940.

Managing the Greenbelt family selection office in Washington, under Lund, was Azile Aaron, a California native who had directed tenant selection for the RA's rural resettlement project at Dyess Colony, Arkansas. In 1937, an FSA document quoted Aaron as saying that residents of government communities should not have "singular or extreme" views.

Her statement suggests that choosing tenants with middle-of-the-road attitudes might have been part of the Greenbelt plan and that this plan had its roots in Aaron's work in Arkansas. The FSA document called for "religiosity" as a trait in the ideal tenant.

"Religiosity" in this context did not mean "adherence to a religious faith." It had to do, rather, with allegiance to the community. A rating sheet for prospective Greenbelt tenants shows the selectors were looking

for families who would be committed to Greenbelt ideals and who would settle permanently in the new town.

Early Recollections

Greenbelt pioneers such as George Warner and some early residents whom Dorothy Lauber interviewed for the 50th anniversary oral history program, recalled the visits made to prospective tenants' homes by FSA selection staff members. The staff member was to evaluate the home environment and make recommendations about whether the applicants would benefit from moving to Greenbelt. Cramped quarters might have been worth more points than spacious ones but a poorly kept apartment was probably a red flag.

There is no doubt that an early quota system was set up but discontinued by fall 1938, with only some goals having been met. The original plan was to have a 50/50 split between federal and non-federal workers as male heads of households but in fact about three quarters of the homes



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS COLLECTION

Mr and Mrs Irving Machiz, and their son Edward, move into their new Greenbelt home in 1937. Photo from the Library of Congress collection

were assigned to federal employees. Approximately 11 percent of Greenbelt homes were intended for employees of the Department of Agriculture but employees of that agency accounted for about 20 percent of the pioneers.

Quotas for families based on the number of children, and the number of bedrooms thus needed, led to reserving the greatest number of homes (308 or about 35 percent) for families of three. This quota was indeed near-

ly met, as 280 families, or roughly 32 percent, included two parents and one child.

Religious Quotas

Greenbelt's selection staff also worked with religious quotas. These appear to have been loosely based on Washington, D.C., data from the 1926 Census of Religious Bodies. (The 1936 data were not compiled until 1940).

FSA forms had spaces in which applicants could indicate a preferred religion or write in "none." Because a person's stated religious preference or tradition could not be confirmed as a true measure of faith or belief, the selection staff had only the applicant's form to go on.

Original quotas called for about 35 percent of the population to be Roman Catholic; 43 percent Protestant; 7 percent Jewish and 15 percent "all others," which included "none." By the end of the first year, the balance was thrown to "all others," at 36 percent. Only 20 percent of new tenants were Catholic but the Jewish and Protestant quotas came close to being met.

As is well known, Greenbelt housing was not made available to African Americans. Less well known is that housing (probably segregated) for African Americans was included in an early concept for Greenbelt but that concept was later discarded.

The RA and FSA developed many communities during the

Depression, some for African Americans only. Others were integrated. Greenbelt at the time conformed to the RA's and FSA's typical pattern of being an all-white community. This principle applied also to Greendale, Wisc., and Greenhills, Ohio.

Today it is hard to imagine the process of populating a town according to such categories as employer, family size, religion or race. Perhaps one day some records will appear that will reveal how Lund and Aaron arrived at their theories about how Greenbelt should be populated and how Lund and Aaron directed their employees to put these theories into practice.

NOTE: In the late 1980s, Sally Sims lived at 39-G Ridge Road, a "honeymoon cottage" originally intended for a young couple with no children. She purchased the unit from Janet James, who as a young woman had applied to move to Greenbelt in its early days. The FSA turned Janet down at the time however, because her "family" consisted of herself and her mother and father.

In November 1988, Sally married Sam Stokes and the couple resided, as honeymooners, at 39-G Ridge before moving later that year to Silver Spring. Sally Sims Stokes has served as a docent at the Greenbelt Museum, as a Friends of the Greenbelt Museum board member and as librarian for the National Historic Library collection housed at the University of Maryland.

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Police Blotter

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Arrests

December 7, 11:08 a.m., Travis Avery of 22 Court Hillside Road, a 21-year-old resident, was arrested and charged with a theft scheme over \$1,000, fourth-degree burglary and conspiracy to commit theft, among other charges, after being found in possession of stolen bicycles. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 12, 12:32 p.m., Hanover Parkway at Lake Park Drive. A 39-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$100 after he was stopped in a vehicle displaying a rear Md. tag that had been reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police. He was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

December 11, 2:26 a.m., Ridge Road at Ivy Lane. A 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

December 8, 12:43 a.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. A 25-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

December 7, 3:11 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A 21-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on posted property. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 10, 10:10 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 55-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

December 7, 9:47 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

December 8, 4:26 p.m., 1 Court Gardenway. A bicycle was taken from a garage. It was

Police Make Arrests In Armed Robbery

Greenbelt police have arrested Larry Delonte Harris, 23, Myluve Hubbard (aka Myluv Evans), 21, and Mercedes Shada Davis, 24, all of Washington, D.C., in the December 6 armed robbery of Her Imports, 7900 Belle Point Drive. All three were charged with armed robbery, first degree assault, second degree assault and theft over \$10,000. A search warrant on an address in Suitland resulted in Greenbelt Police Department detectives recovering some of the property stolen from the business.

recovered later, abandoned near Plateau Place. No arrests were made.

December 10, 6:40 p.m., 20 Court Hillside Road. A bicycle was taken from a yard.

December 11, 3:05 p.m., 60 Court Crescent Road. A bicycle was taken from a yard. Two people were identified as being involved in this matter and charges are pending.

Vandalism

December 10, 7:30 p.m., Northway ball fields. Ball field grass was damaged.

Vehicle Crime

One car was stolen, a white 1998 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags, taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

A 1997 Honda Civic, stolen from the 200 block Lakeside Drive, was recovered in the 100 block of Westway. No arrests were made.

Three thefts from autos were received: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (rear Md. tag), 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (portable gas can and documents) and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (catalytic converter).

Vandalism

Vandalism was reported on Ridge Road at Gardenway (side mirror and fender were damaged) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (vehicle was scratched).

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was helping Pablo Portillo, 10, wrap a scooter for his little sister Elena, 8.

A smiling Officer Sharnise Hawkins-Graham said, "This is my first year shopping with the kids. I'm happy to do it." MPO John Rogers said, "I've done it every year. It's a lot better than some other duties."

Greenbelt's Finest were ably assisted by a half dozen members of the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club. "It's all about the kids," said George White of the Rollers, who was echoed by Trevor Mitchell. Helping the Rollers help the police was Rapper X-P, a local performance artist. Concerned reporter: "Are your lyrics fit for the virgin ears of these innocent children? No obscene words?" "No 'F' words, I assure you, sir," deadpanned X-P.

President Reggie Norris of the Rollers, AKA "Bull Man," helped Tyler Hubbard, 9, pick out a bracelet and earrings for his mom and grandmother.

Paul Brown, vice president of the Rollers said "I love it! I wouldn't want to be any other place."

"Skywalker" of the Rollers helped Malcolm Jones, 11, wrap a hoops game for himself and some makeup for his mom. "Skywalker" in his quotidian normal job is Terrence Burke, Guidance Department Chairman at Northwestern High School and also the Wildcats' basketball coach.

Captain Carl Schinner had an assistant, James McManus, 12, who helped him (Schinner) help Delanie McManus, 11, James's sister, pick out some goodies for their mom. Aja Harris, a police dispatcher, guided Suzanna Aray, 11, and Jamari Edwards, 7, in selecting a watch and a video game.

There were no crèches in sight, but no Grinches either – just an abundance of smiles on the faces of kids, bikers and Greenbelt's Finest.



Child with "Skywalker" of Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club.



Corporal Robert Lauer of the Greenbelt Police Department shops with Brianna Ayafor during this year's Shop with a Cop program at Target in Beltway Plaza.



Officers of "Squad 3" of the Patrol Division outside the wrapping party at the mall. This was the first Shop with a Cop experience for many of Greenbelt Police Department's newer officers. Left to right: Officer Sharnise Hawkins-Graham, Sergeant Gordon Pracht, PFC Jason Cressman and Officer Daniel Aguilar.

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.

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May the beauty and peace of the season be yours throughout the year!

Judith "J" Davis

A Review

A Comic Christmas Carol

by **Jim Link**

Christopher Davis does it all. He is the director, performer, adapter of his one-man show "A Comic Christmas Carol," now at the Greenbelt Arts Center. If his program notes are to be trusted, he is also responsible for pyrotechnics and cat-wrangling – only Charles Dickens deserves more credit.



Christopher Davis

In the persona of a grown-up Tiny Tim, wearing a Victorian top hat and cutaway jacket, Davis caresses his audience with his mellifluous baritone and poetic lingo, transporting us back to Ebenezer Scrooge's classic haunting by three ghosts who supernaturally persuade him to repent from his egregious stinginess.

Tiny Tim/Davis easily cajoled his cheerful, willing, interactive audience to play the parts of Scrooge, the ghosts, Bob Cratchit, Marley's ghost and others.

Parents doted on seeing their kids improvise and chew the scenery and vice versa. We gave ourselves frequent thunderous applause.

Saturated with literate intelligence – listen for snatches of Poe's The Raven being sung to the tune of Hark the Herald Angels Sing – the show lasts for only an hour. Davis follows it with 15 minutes of juggling and self-deprecating humor.

He performs frequently at school assemblies for K-12, making history, literature and Greek mythology more accessible and enjoyable. Check him out at www.renaissanceman.com.

Give your kids (and yourselves) a chance to be discovered! See this magnanimous piece of nostalgia on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m.

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Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5766. The Patuxent North Tract is on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.



The Greenbelt Museum is decked out in vintage holiday decorations.



GHI's Companion Animal Committee



Seeks help to replenish every-day items so important for the well-being of animals housed in local shelters.

Donations should be taken directly to the Greenbelt Animal Control Facility at 550A Crescent Road, at the rear of the Greenbelt Police Station. (covered plastic containers are outside the shelter for leaving items when shelter is closed)

Items currently needed are:

Petsmart's Authority dry cat food, cat litter, laundry detergent and bleach.

The Companion Animal Committee is also asking that you remember to donate to organizations which are helping animals displaced by Hurricane Sandy. Contact the Humane Society of the U.S. or the ASPCA for more information.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Area Youth Enjoy Camp Fire Classes

The very active Camp Fire group that meets here at Franklin Park has been busy learning interesting important things together and with other area youth.

Recent activities included a print making workshop with Barbara Simon that was sponsored through a donation from the Greenbelt Community Church that also drew participants from Bowie and Silver Spring. Part of a national Camp Fire art program, participants learned the technique, decided on designs, then created art with their new printmaking skills.

During the past month, Camp Fire group members have participated in other Greenbelt Community Church-sponsored activities and had a "Hold Onto Health" program with nursing students from Washington Adventist School of Nursing. They held a holiday card and cookie making party and a special lunch served by Camp Fire staff. They also got to meet Assistant Program Director and "Mr. Cell Phone" Ed Ewing, Jr. and learned tips about using the phone.

In January the group will begin work on a service project for the community.

Donations are always welcome and can be made online at <http://www.razoo.com/story/Camp-Fire-Usa-15> or by mailing a check to the Camp Fire office at PO Box 763, Bowie, MD 20718.

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