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A house on Lastner Lane shows holiday spirit each year with a large display of festive lights.

PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Greenspring Ladies Cookie Drive Aids County Women

by Eulalie Lucas



PHOTO BY EULALIE LUCAS

Ladies of Greenspring 1 pose with their contributions. From left, Eulalie, Rosena, Janice, Maxine, Regina, Elena, Uthra, Sabrina and Beth.

On December 15, The Ladies of Greenspring 1 held their annual cookie exchange/donation drive co-hosted by Eulalie Lucas and Janice Davis. The group was formed over eight years ago primarily as a cookie exchange among neighbors but the focus has since changed to a donation drive supporting women or family shelters in the metropolitan area. The group made contribu-

tions for many years to Mt. Carmel House for women in Washington, D.C. This year Shepherd's Cove Shelter in Prince George's County was selected. Over 20 gift bags were delivered to this shelter thanks to the group's children who felt the need to join in. The group hopes to inspire other neighborhoods to help where there is a need.

Hotel Construction Begins Next to Greenway Center

by Matthew Arbach

What is going on next to Greenway Center, where a large section of the parking lot has been fenced off? A new long-term stay hotel, Woodspring Suites, is now under construction at 7480 Greenway Center Drive. The hotel should be complete by the end of the summer, said Jessica Bellah, Greenbelt's community planner.

Said Bellah, "The construction of the new hotel provides a dif-

ferent type of hotel accommodation (long-term stay), increases tax revenue and redevelops an existing parking lot with more green space and active land use."

The finished hotel will be five stories with more than 124 rooms, with adjacent parking over roughly 3.03 acres. Included will be a fitness center, a lobby complete with a gathering and central common space, a laundry for guests and a market. The rooms

will each include a kitchenette with a two-burner stove, wall mounted microwave, refrigerator and sink.

Prince George's County Planning Board (PGCPB) adopted the formal resolution and the detailed site plan during their meeting on September 29, 2016. According to Bellah, the deliberations focused on three key concerns:

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Artifacts of First Lady's Visit Now at Community Center

by Elizabeth Gardner

On December 9, 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt made a surprise visit to the new town of Greenbelt. To celebrate the 80th anniversary of her arrival, the Greenbelt Museum has incorporated contemporaneous accounts of the visit into a seasonal holiday exhibit in the display case in the Community Center lobby. There is an article from the December 15, 1937, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator detailing Mrs. Roosevelt's day in town, under the headline "First Lady Makes Surprise Visit Here!" Her



own account of the day in her "My Day" column is also displayed.

Roosevelt was accompanied on her visit by Dr. Will W. Alexander of the Farm Security Administration, and her tour was

led by town manager Roy Braden and assistant town manager Kline Fulner. She visited a first grade classroom at the school (the building that is now the Community Center), as well as the temporary cooperative store, which would evolve into the predecessor of today's Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. As she toured the town, the First Lady took a special interest in the story of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) worker with gardening experience, who salvaged many

See **FIRST LADY**, page 11

Council, Developer Discuss Plans for Greenbelt Crossing

by Jill Connor

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession on Wednesday, December 6, NVR, Inc. presented its new proposal for 7010 Greenbelt Road, called Greenbelt Crossing. After the meeting it appeared its future is still up to NVR, the parent company of Ryan Homes, just as it was 10 years ago.

NVR representatives presented their new plans for the property. At the start of the meeting drawings were presented of a tree-enclosed lot of 60 townhomes in a 16-foot style (16-foot wide) with a garage in the back of each home and two floors of living space above. Throughout the worksession the proposal changed as the history of the property and the needs of Greenbelt in 2017 and beyond were discussed.

History

After NVR purchased the land in 2004 it entered into a contract to sell the property to Lincoln

Properties once it was developed. There was a closed nursing home on the property that was in disrepair. The zoning of this property did not then permit construction of the proposed project. In order to obtain the city's support for the needed zoning change, the developer agreed to a number of covenants on the property. The plans were to put in 90 two-level condominium units, similar to the property over at Greenbelt Station, which was not yet built at the time but was in the development stage.

However, although the zoning change was approved in 2006, the company did not move forward with the project as the recession caused Lincoln Properties to walk away from the project, according to Tom Haller, attorney with Gibbs and Haller, representing NVR.

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What Goes On

City Offices will be closed for the holidays. See ad on page 5 for details.



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Ad Rate Notice

Effective January 1, 2018, the price per inch of display advertising will increase by roughly 2 percent. This is the first increase since 2013 and is needed to offset increased costs.

The base price for display ads will increase to \$9.80, a 20 cent increase over the current rate.

The nonprofit rate will change to \$6.70, up from \$6.55.

Volume discounts are also available. The 2018 volume discounted prices are available at Greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Editorial**A Big Thank You To David Lange!**

Last week we ran the last of the Education Week articles that featured two members of the educational team from each of the schools that serve Greenbelt children. We read about teachers and staff from Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy (this year, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School decided not to participate).

Each fall since 2004, David Lange has ushered these stories through. He has spoken with principals to get the names of the teachers and staff, assigned the articles to reporters and made sure the finished articles get to the paper in time for publishing. It's been a big, well-done job. And it is indeed a celebration of the city's schools.

Lange has said he is retiring from the feature this year. We thank him for his dedication and service.

Letters to the Editor**Scrap Maglev Plans**

This is a response to the letter 'Embrace the Maglev' written by Robert Snyder and published in the December 14 edition of the Greenbelt News Review.

According to Snyder, an event at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), which he did not attend, turned out to be an SCMaglev opposition rally. We attended the event and feel this characterization is not accurate. The event provided a forum for an informative discussion about the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail Superconducting Magnetic Levitation Train Project ("the SC Maglev Project").

The SC Maglev Project is only the first segment of a new maglev rail route that could extend from Boston to Charlotte, N.C.

According to Snyder the SC Maglev Project will complement existing rail systems. We do not agree. We contend that this project will put at risk the substantial investment in passenger rail transportation that is already underway for the corridor between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has already started a program to establish a framework for future investment in the Northeast Corridor (NEC) (the railway system from D.C. to Boston) through 2040 and beyond. As majority-owner of the NEC and a key stakeholder in the FRA program, Amtrak has expressed concerns about the SC Maglev Project. One concern is that the project will compete for financial resources needed to complete upgrades on the corridor between Baltimore and Washington. Amtrak has already taken out a \$2.5 billion loan with the FRA to purchase new high speed trains and construct the infrastructure needed for high speed rail service between Baltimore and Washington. Another concern is that the technology behind superconducting maglev has yet to be commercially proven.

The three routes under consideration are new routes specifi-

cally for the SC Maglev Project, and will impact communities in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, including Bowie, Laurel and Greenbelt. These routes are a concern due to the adverse impact they will likely have on trees, wildlife habitat, open space and property values.

The proposed SC Maglev Project will not reduce regional automobile traffic or reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. With stops only in Washington, Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) and Baltimore City, it will not serve intra-regional traffic which makes up the majority of automobile trips in the region. The costs to ride the train would eliminate the average commuter or leisure traveler.

Governor Hogan recently met with Bowie Mayor G. Frederick Robinson and city officials to discuss their community's concerns. Who is addressing Greenbelt's concerns?

We encourage the public to attend community meetings such as the one held at ERHS, and to request our city council hold additional worksessions where the public can ask their elected officials questions and hear them state clearly their position on the SC Maglev Project.

*Brian and Donna Almquist
Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice*

Maglev Caveats

Thank you, GNR, for printing opposing viewpoints on the proposed maglev train. Having trained and worked in physics since 1965 I am intrigued by the technology, but I think that for now the caveats outweigh the benefits:

1. No such train, creeping along at 0.056 miles per second (200 mph) can compare to computer signals racing along just under 186,000 miles per second (670,000,000 mph). Nowadays we can do virtually all of our communications, including meetings, via computer, so there is little need to be moving people

around on 200 mph transit. Consider also that on the TV news we see computer video of news scenes, reporters and commentators transported into the news room and into our rooms almost instantaneously from anywhere in the world.

2. It is not fathomable to me that we would spend hundreds of billions of dollars on a high-fare, light-ridership maglev system while at the same time our Metrorail system, with millions in ridership, continues to need major repairs, and our bridges continue to crumble.

3. It is my opinion that a maglev train would be this country's most attractive terrorism target, and that it could be out of business for a decade or two after just one related 200 mph train wreck.

Bill Norwood

Curious Still Missing

Curious, a white dog, is still missing! Please note this dog is very shy and will run if you approach. Please stop, take a deep breath and then call its owner, Trudi, at 518-366-8119.



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Sun. 11:00, 2:00 (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:00, 5:15 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:00, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

- Jim Link

Pete Reppert



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Christmas and New Year Deadlines

The Greenbelt News Review will be closed on Monday, December 25, Christmas Day. The ad staff will shift their hours to Sunday, December 24 from 2 to 4 p.m., and they will be on duty as usual on Tuesday, December 26 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. We will be open as usual on New Years Day for ads only from 2 to 4 p.m.

Happy Holidays

from the
News Review staff

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

On Screen**High Flying Romance,
Gaudy American Dream**

Coming to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, December 22, The Greatest Showman is both a biopic and a musical. It stars Hugh Jackman as the rags to riches, singing and dancing P.T. Barnum. Michelle Williams is his wife Charity, and Zac Efron is his partner Philip Carlyle, whose love interest is the comely trapeze artist Zandaya, played by Anne Wheeler.

A lovable, roguish American type, Barnum once said "There's a sucker born every minute." Was he presciently thinking of our 2016 presidential electorate?

Running time 139 minutes

Rating PG

Community Events

Annual Bird Count On New Year's Day

How many bird species spend the winter with us? Which species are in decline here, and which are increasing? Since 1900, volunteers have conducted the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count each year, working as citizen scientists to gather data and answer questions about the natural world. In Prince George's County, members of Prince George's Audubon Society and the Patuxent Bird Club have been counting since 1972.

Greenbelt and vicinity lie within the area covered in the Bowie Christmas Bird Count. This year's count will be held on New Year's Day. Volunteers will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Buddy Attick Lake parking lot in Greenbelt. Or for afternoon counting, volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. at the Lake Artemesia parking lot, 8200 55th Avenue in College Park.

No experience is necessary, but bring binoculars if possible. Counting will be done on trails and streets. Volunteers can stay for as little or as long as they wish. Some volunteers will go out to lunch together at 11:30 a.m. at Silver Diner, 6040 Greenbelt Road.

Counting birds at home birdfeeders is also very useful. Volunteers who wish to count at their homes and call in their counts should contact John Stith, 301-502-3634, to make arrangements.

New Year's Eve Event At American Legion

Greenbelt and surrounding communities are invited to join the American Legion Family at 6900 Greenbelt Road celebrating New Year's Eve with a fantastic evening of music, dancing, champagne and breakfast. The popular Eight Balls Band returns to rock the party with tunes from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Tickets are obtainable in advance or at the door. See ad on p. 7 for pricing. Call 301-345-0136 for tickets.

Arts Program on Jan. 7 Remixes Masterpieces

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with artist Racquel Keller on Sunday, January 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. The theme of the workshop is remixed masterpieces: start with an image of a famous painting, then use mixed media to transform the composition into a new work of art. This program takes place in Room 113 at the Community Center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

Museum Exhibits

While visiting, enjoy the Greenbelt Museum's current Community Center exhibit, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. The Museum's historic house, located across the street at 10-B Crescent Road, will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. There is a charge.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting, deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers welcome. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jazz Brunch with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio. Closed after 2 p.m.

Monday, December 25, closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Geff King, Greenbelt's own Man of 1000 Songs, playing honky-tonk, country, originals and so much more.

Wednesday, December 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Susan Jones Jazz Quartet, a violin-led jazz group, playing an exciting and eclectic mix of originals and jazz standards, with a strong emphasis on swing and bossa novas.

Thursday, December 28, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with pianist Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with host Lynn Hollyfield. A new featured act will perform at 8 p.m., in which some tried and true songwriters, working on their craft, share their gifts to inspire all. Sign-ups at 6:30 p.m., open mic is 7 to 8 p.m., and open mic continues from 8:45 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., listen to The Hillbilly Gypsies, mindful of tradition but bold explorers of new and authentic styles, with their "Old Timey" West Virginia bluegrass.

Saturday, December 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m., jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Big Boy Little Band – the deep, deep blues.



Project Tutor: Free Tutoring Program

Students in elementary and middle schools in the Greenbelt area are invited to sign up for a free 12-week tutoring program. The Better Place, Inc., a nonprofit organization, will be implementing Project Tutor from January 13 to April 28 at the Greenbelt Library. Meetings will be held on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The youth of the Greenbelt community are invited to help support their peers in becoming career and college ready.

Students from middle and high schools can receive community service hours by signing up as volunteer tutors and will help promote peer-to-peer tutoring. Interested volunteers will be trained as tutors on Saturday, January 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small meeting room at the Library. Tutoring will begin Saturday, January 20. Contact Chris Person by email chriswperson@yahoo.com to sign up for tutoring or to be trained as a volunteer tutor. Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt is funded and sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Food Recovery Planning Meeting

All are invited to meet on Saturday, January 13, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café to devise a plan for recovering food from Greenbelt Co-op. This plan will be presented to Co-op and its board for approval and implementation.

Situation: there is a lot of grocery food waste

Objective: to reduce food waste
Strategy: develop a food recovery plan

Tactic: partner with food recovery organizations

At the Library

Ready 2 Read Storytimes are Tuesday, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m., ages 3 to 5; 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Thursday, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., newborn to age 2; 4:15 p.m., ages 2 to 3.

Learning to speak English? Join the library club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. English Conversation Club for Adults, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. except January 2.

STEM-tastic! Wednesday, December 27, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Explore science, engineering, technology and math concepts through a variety of fun activities.



Menus 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 margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 25 are as follows:

Monday, December 25: Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26: Potatocrusted fish, macaroni and cheese, herbed green beans, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Wednesday, December 27: Stuffed shells with meat sauce, kale, wheat bread, cherry fruit treat, grape juice.

Thursday, December 28: Sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, cornbread muffin, cinnamon applesauce, cranberry juice.

Friday, December 29: Glazed turkey ham, black-eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, cherry cobbler, orange juice.

Utopia Film Festival

Presents

From 2013

"Dessert Contest," "Impressions," "Worst of the Worst," "Rusti Escapes," "My Kashmir," and "Mr. Stoke's Mission"

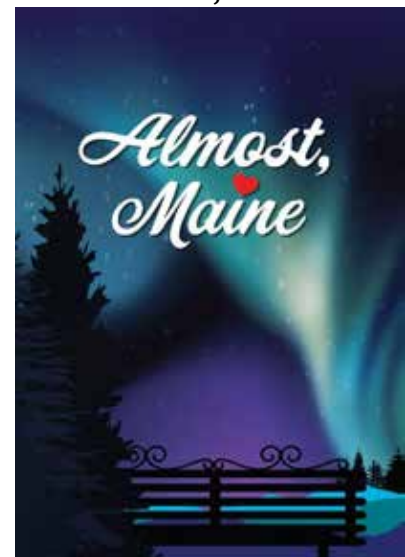
Sunday, Dec. 24st, Wed., 27th, & Fri., the 29th
Beginning at 8 PM

Happy holidays from the
Utopia Film Festival Committee!

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)
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ALMOST, MAINE



by John Cariani

Directed by Bob Kleinberg

January 26 - February 17

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Members Only - Reservation required

Please visit the "class" page on our website
for the three-month schedule of classes too
numerous to list here!

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19

For our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org and click on "Channel"

Our Neighbors

Our condolences to friends and family of George Brunatti who died on December 7. He lived on Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Elsie Nyrop Forbes, mother of Rae Brooks, who turned 100 on December 7. Her family and friends joined her at the Patuxent River Health and Rehab Center in Laurel to celebrate the event with milkshakes and donuts, two of Elsie's favorite foods.

Mrs. Forbes moved to Greenbelt in 1986. She first lived in University Square, then GHI and then with her daughter Rae's family in Lakewood. She has been active in the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and volunteered at the funeral home for many years. Later she also became active in the Golden Age Club.

Elsie walked around the lake every day, even at the age of 95! Many people still remember seeing Elsie walking the family dog around Greenbelt, regardless of the snow. She enjoyed the Community Center, pool, free music concerts at the center and the (old) New Deal Café.

She also had a beautiful garden, and as an avid naturalist she volunteered to pull ivy and other

invasive species from around the lake.

Fun fact: She helped her grandson deliver the News Review in Lakewood when she was in her 90s!

Friends can send her a birthday card or other greetings at Patuxent River Health and Rehab 14200 Laurel Park Drive, Laurel MD 20707.



PHOTO BY RAE BROOKS

Elsie Forbes enjoys Kitten Day a few months before her recent 100th birthday.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

A portion of the festive display at a house on the corner of Northway and Woodland Way features head-shaking polar bears.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one cat was adopted, one dog was surrendered, a cruelty case was investigated, the carcass of a raccoon was removed from under a car, staff searched for a dog reported missing and also assisted the police with an injured deer.

Refuse/recycling/sustainability crews collected 25.07 tons of recyclable material.

Public Works pruned overgrowth and removed invasive vines and debris blocking the stream behind the fire station.

CARES

A grief group for students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School has begun and will meet on Wednesdays.



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Saul Oresky Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Worship Service 11:00AM

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(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Celebrating Christmas at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

4510 College Ave, College Park (behind the Target Express)

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, with Pageant
9:30 pm Christmas Music Prelude
10:00 pm Festive Holy Eucharist Rite II

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Christmas potluck lunch

Sunday, December 31
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist

Obituary

George Brunatti

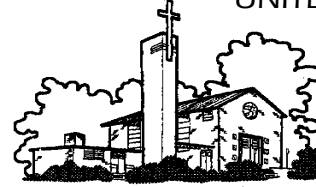
George G. Brunatti, born March 22, 1947, died of heart complications at Holy Cross Hospital on December 7, 2017. He served his country in the United States Army and received the Bronze Medal during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion and the Greenbelt Step Club. He lived on Ridge Road.

He is survived by two daughters, Donna Marie Vaughan and Debbie Lynn Lombel, his sister Nikki Ann Brunatti, two brothers Greg Brunatti and Richard Brunatti, five grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

No services as requested. Expressions of sympathy can be made by donations to either the Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude's Hospital in the name of George G. Brunatti.

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



December 24 - Christmas Eve - 10 am

The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE, and Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate; Chalice Dancers, Choir

We will together produce No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant on the spot with carols and story. We are all part of the story.

December 24 - Christmas Eve - 7 pm

The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE, and Ebeth Porter, Worship Associate, Choir, Chalice Dancers
Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Lessons and Carols and Candelight..

St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church

Celebrating Christmas

December 24

Vigil Mass at 5 pm

Lessons and Carols at 10:30 pm

Mass at Night at 11:00 pm

December 25

Mass at 8:00 am

Mass at 10:00 am

Confessions before Christmas

Saturday, December 23rd at

10:00 am-noon and 3:30-4:30 pm

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NVR continues to own the property but has been unable to find a viable project. The nursing home was demolished.

The 2006 rezoning and covenants allow the construction of a 90-unit multifamily building in a condominium or cooperative regime and require the developer to obtain city approval of the detailed site plan. The city also gained the right to review but not approve traffic studies, according to Community Planner Jessica Bellah, in a memorandum to City Manager Nicole Ard. Haller also talked about the conditions made at the time of height restrictions, greenspace and attractive parking solutions. "Through the current covenants the use is limited to the approved 90-unit multifamily project," said Bellah in this memo.

Michael Postal, a managing partner with Tenacity who is partnering with NVR on this project, explained the previous plan would not work financially for his company. "The old plan is not viable," said Postal.

City Planner's Take

Bellah explained in the meeting that at the time of the original proposal there was an identified need for more multifamily units. Since then there has been the addition of the Verde at Greenbelt Station apartments, with 332 units. "We also have 505 new townhomes on the market," explained Bellah when talking about how the housing needs of the city have changed since the original proposal. "Generally, this is the sort of discussion the staff can't answer for the city. The city has to decide 'Is this something you want to see on this property?'" Counting into the consideration that this is essentially the last multifamily lot we have in the city. There are mixed-use areas that could be re-developed, but this is the last multifamily-use lot," said Bellah.

Senior Housing

Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Judith Davis, Edward Putens and Silke Pope all expressed concerns for the aging citizens of Greenbelt and their desire to "age in place" or find a home that was easier to stay in as mobility becomes an issue. They questioned the need for more townhomes in Greenbelt. Roberts expressed they were inexpensive to construct and, "I don't want cheap for this site. I want something that is going to serve the citizens for what they need."

Davis, who was on the council at the time of the original proposal, said, "We want and need affordable housing. We want and need senior housing."

She noted that this project would let a lot of people who are already here in Greenbelt stay and would allow some other people to come into the GHI units that are truly affordable.

Brian Gibbons, chair of the Advisory Planning Board, talked about "looking for creative funding options and design approaches, something the city has gotten away from. We've got an opportunity here with this conversation but also looking forward."

Putens asked the NVR representatives about the possibility of a public and private partnership. Davis, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Putens talked about the possibility of support by organizations or grants from national or local companies to make a senior hous-

ing option work. The meeting ended with a request for more information on these possibilities.

Postal suggested making some of the properties be a higher density, perhaps three stories of living area in each unit, but with the ability to separate the space into a lower apartment and a two-story upper apartment. The idea was this would be flexible to a resident who could own both units, or live in one and rent the other out. Councilmembers seemed to respond to the idea in general but Davis, who was very vocal about a need for senior housing and in particular her own need, said, "I'm not ready to move in yet." Some, including Putens, had concerns with parking. The council asked the representatives to come back with a new proposal after the new year. They requested unique ways to solve the senior housing need, but not necessarily an untried one.

A video of this meeting is available on the city's website (greenbeltmd.gov).



Botanic Garden Hosts Holiday Concert

On Thursday, December 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. come to hear the Capital Accord Chorus at the U.S. Botanic Garden for a festive evening of holiday music. Limited seating will be available on a first come first served basis. Seating will open around 5:30 p.m.

Capital Accord Chorus is a women's chorus performing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. Their fun and engaging repertoire ranges from jazz to pop, through standards and show tunes.

Aviation Museum Hosts Young Kids

Cub Corner will be held on Thursday, December 28 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the College Park Aviation Museum. This preschool fun is for little learners up to five years old. Enjoy a flight-themed story and hands-on craft activity.

To schedule a group larger than 10, call to make a private group reservation. This event is free with museum admission.

Call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

Botanic Garden Offers Holiday Rock Concert

On Tuesday, December 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden presents 40 Thieves with a festive evening of holiday music. Limited seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Seating will open around 5:30 p.m.

40 Thieves has established itself as one of the best loved Irish bands in the metropolitan area by wedding old fashioned and new-fangled Irish music with straight ahead rock and roll.

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By sharing together all are enriched.

We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 25 and January 1
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 29, and Friday, January 5.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND RFQ FOR RECRUITMENT SERVICES

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland requests qualifications from experienced management consultants for recruitment services. The full Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") may be obtained upon request from the City Manager's Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Responses to this RFQ must be received in the City Manager's Office in a sealed envelope marked "Police Chief Recruitment Services RFQ" no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 5, 2018. The City reserves the right to reject any and all responses, in whole or in part, for any reason that the City deems to be in its best interests. The City encourages all minority, women and handicapped owned businesses to submit a response. For further information concerning the RFQ, contact Mary Johnson, Director of Human Resources, either by e-mail at majohnson@greenbeltmd.gov or by phone at 240-542-2023.

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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25-29

There are no City meetings scheduled for this week.

This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds



Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau: the funds provide refreshments for the counseling sessions.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): fund initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.

Legion Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War

by Butch Hicks

The American Legion Department of Maryland sponsored the annual National Security Forum-Pearl Harbor Day on December 7 at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. The event was held as part of the continued commemoration by the American Legion of the Vietnam War's 50th anniversary. Greenbelt and state leaders and guest speakers addressed their experiences in the war, as well as military and social considerations of the time.

Observation of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War began Memorial Day in 2012 and ends in 2025. President Obama's proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War recognized a chapter in our nation's history that must not be forgotten. He said, "It will be a 13-year program to honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one the most challenging missions it has ever faced."

Although the anniversary of the Vietnam conflict was a prominent feature of the forum, Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the program reminding everyone of President Franklin Roosevelt's words that the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941 was a date which will live in infamy. "We will never forget those stirring words," Jordan said. "We have fewer and fewer WWII veterans; fewer than one million are still living. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude."

Additional Pearl Harbor Day history was provided by Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George Owings III, who related the return of U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Albert Eugene Hayden's remains. He was the first Maryland veteran to die in WWII when Japanese planes sank the battleship USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. His remains were returned home to Maryland 67 years after his death, and he was laid to rest beside his parents in the St. Joseph's parish cemetery in St. Mary's County. Owings also gave details of the Maryland state legislature's bill that directed, as of



PHOTO BY RICHARD L. DOUGAN JR.

From left, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Commander Mike Moore, Joe Galloway and American Legion Department of Maryland Commander James Marchinke. Galloway, a distinguished foreign and military correspondent, was guest speaker for the Department's annual National Security Forum that commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

October 2017, that the POW/MIA flag be flown on the grounds of all state buildings whenever the U.S. flag is flown. "Flying the POW/MIA flag with the U.S. flag honors service members who were prisoners of war, service members missing in action and their families, and reminds us of the American values for which they fought," he said.

Councilmember Judith Davis, a member of the Greenbelt American Legion's Auxiliary Unit 136, shared personal memories about Vietnam veterans. Davis said she has a strong appreciation for America's veterans; her father was a WWII veteran of the European Theater of Operations. She said that the Vietnam veterans did not receive the acknowledgement they deserved. "I now fully understand and fully appreciate (Vietnam veterans') service," Davis said. "I will remember to honor them and never forget."

Keynote speaker Joe Galloway, a distinguished war and foreign correspondent for newspapers and wire services, covered the Vietnam War, the 1971 India-Pakistan War and half a dozen other combat operations. In 1998 Galloway was belatedly decorated

with a Bronze Star medal with V for valor during a battle with the North Vietnamese army in the Ia Drang Valley in 1965. Galloway was there as a journalist and during the three days of fighting he, while under fire, risked his own safety to rescue wounded soldiers. "Eighty young men laid down their lives during that battle and I lived and pledged to tell their story, to tell the truth about their courage and heroism," Galloway said. From that experience he co-authored, with the late Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, the book *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young*, which was made into the movie *We Were Soldiers*. His is the only medal of valor the U.S. Army awarded to a civilian for actions in combat during the entire Vietnam War.



In My Own Words

Thinking of Others First

by Sara N. Johnston

I just think of this title which reminded me about my youngest daughter Edna. Last July Edna planned to take her 14-year-old Hanna who was adopted from her native Ethiopia when she was five years old [to visit her birth family in Ethiopia]. That was nine years ago in the year of 2008. They planned to pack their belongings so they could stay visiting around different places for several weeks over there. Hanna told Edna that she was very much excited about bringing her American things to show them there. Edna advised her not to but suggesting her to bring simple things for her biological mother and family to feel more comfortably welcomed. After all, Hanna had not seen her mother for nine years. Finally both of them met each other with a long embrace with kisses and tears. Everything after their wonderful experience turned out to be worthy of their realistic memory for rest of their lives.

From their experience, it popped my mind – flashback – during my third year of attending the School for the Deaf in Indianapolis, I was moved to second dormitory of about 20 young girls. I was excited about bringing seven or eight different dolls so I could put them on my bed near a pillow over there. My mother Tish advised me not to because she thought of other girls whose family might be poor due to their hardships. I was very stubborn and wanted to show off to them. I decided to go ahead to bring my dolls into my suitcase. The next day at school my supervisor saw many of my dolls on the bed. It upset her so she said "no." I was to take them back home when my parents took me home. But the supervisor let me keep one or two dolls that should be enough for being fair with other girls. I gradually accepted her advice. Her wisdom taught me a lesson to think of others first.

And what is more that another experience of mine that I finally learned to give up driving my car after 40 years of driving. It was



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Sara Johnston

in the year of March 15, 2005. It had not been easy to do in order for me to think of other drivers' safety. Later it helped to bring me at peace in a long run after my sacrifice.

Before surgery on my eyes, I kept on being stubborn for me to stay driving. Then I underwent surgery on cataracts and glaucoma which lasted one hour and 15 minutes in 2005. When I came back home, then I left my car in the rented garage for three weeks. Later I decided to see if the battery still operated so I tried to pull the car out of the garage. All of a sudden, I could feel something noisy and loud that hit something. I found a garage panel that belonged to my neighbor. It scared me terribly. The damaged area prompted me to drop a note to let the neighbor know about it.

I did not bother to check to see if there was any damage to my car until the next day when my mind became more clear. I decided to check it. And I found no damage to the car. It surprised me completely. Therefore, I felt something that urged me to make a big sacrifice of driving enough to think of other drivers' safety. I accepted it gradually for the better of myself. As if I entered into a new chapter without driving a car. It further taught me a lesson by thinking of others first.

In My Own Words stories preserve the authentic voice of the author and the News Review edits only to clarify.

Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt
"Empowering Youth to Serve and Support Community"
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation

The Better Place, Inc. is launching a tutoring program in the community of Greenbelt. From January to April 2018 we will provide tutoring services at the Greenbelt Library once a week on Saturdays from 1:00pm-3:00pm for youth in elementary to middle school K-8th grade.

Contact Mr. Chris Person by email at chrishperson@yahoo.com to sign your child up for tutoring or to serve as a volunteer tutor.

Youth volunteers, 6th-12th grade, *interested in earning student service hours* can be trained as tutors to help us tutor 10-15 youth at a time at the Greenbelt Library. Currently **we need 3-4 volunteers**. Contact Mr. Person for more info. **Must attend training to serve as a tutor.**

Training for volunteer tutors is Saturday, January 13th at Greenbelt Library from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Dates for tutoring schedule begin on / end on:

- January 20th, 27th
- February 3rd, 17th, 24th
- March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
- April 14th, 21st, & 28th

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year to come!

Judith "J" Davis

News Review Pays for a Pack Of Cigarettes and a Babysitter

by Cathie Meetre

The News Review's pay scale, though hardly over-generous at any time in its history, offered the 1950's volunteer (as one veteran of the times noted) enough money to pay a babysitter and buy a pack of cigarettes. A great deal for a mom with demanding toddlers and a smoking habit. In comparison to 1958, however, the number of members on the masthead today has quadrupled.

Why the high level of interest? Could it be because nothing succeeds like success or is it simply because fewer of us smoke?

2017 Accomplishments

This year the paper has been on a roll. It commissioned a movie – Defending Utopia: The News Review at 80 – which had its premiere presentation at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in November. Attendees were delighted. Smiling movie-goers exclaimed how warm the experience had felt, how it made them feel part of something valuable and rare. It was a celebration of city spirit and a special camaraderie. The movie itself will become part of the town's history and its very existence makes a statement about the community's health and vitality. A second showing and discussion by the filmmaker, Greenbelter Susan Gervasi, is scheduled at OGT on January 14 in the afternoon. Details coming soon to a newspaper near you.

Colorful, Compassionate

Another landmark this year is that the paper is now printed in full color – it's hard to remember that it wasn't – hasn't the sky always been blue? A change in printer and improved rates allowed the paper to print less expensively in color than it did in black and white. The paper used this windfall to re-structure advertising rates, handing a true break to Greenbelt's many volunteer organizations who saw rates for advertising fundraisers drop substantially. Advertisers formerly paying a premium for color got it for free – nobody paid more for an ad than they had before



PHOTO BY PEGGY HIGGINS

A beaming Bernie Gormally, News Review staffer, distributes programs at the 80th anniversary event.

and many paid less. As we go forward, these rates will inevitably rise overall with increasing costs but their restructuring in a relative sense is nothing less than a pledge by the paper to support the volunteerism that makes this city a real community.

Distribution

During the fall, the paper re-structured its delivery services to Greenbelt West. With cessation of hallway deliveries in Franklin Park, the paper is now successfully delivered there electronically, courtesy of the management company, Fieldstone Properties. In addition, the paper is now distributed to the new Verde at Greenbelt Station apartments and is available from several external boxes at the Metro Station, some bus stops as well as racks in the Franklin Park Laundry Center and offices. This mix of electronic and paper deliveries keeps the number of physical papers at its prior level and adds to that a significant increase in electronic circulation – over 3,200 Franklin Park residents now directly receive the paper in their personal email boxes. Advertisers gain as the paper becomes even more accessible to city residents. Residents gain from easier access to the paper.

Membership

At various times in its history,

the Greenbelt News Review has been threatened with extinction. One plaintive editorial in the 1950s said that if nobody turned up the following week to help put out the paper, it was a goner. Thank goodness, someone did. But looking again at 1958, rose-tinted spectacles would have this as the time when there were communities full of stay-at-home moms, zero crime and predictable weather – an idyllic community of shirt-waisted, freshly coiffed June Cleavers looking for ways to contribute to their town. Yet the paper was barely surviving.

Space-Time Continuum

So what kind of time-warp is this? How come there are more members now than in the 50s? A glance at today's masthead shows over 70 members – looking at 1958, there were but 17. One might say that Greenbelt is bigger, some members are much more active than others, the roster is heavily weighted toward the old part of town and retirees have time to invest. Regardless of why, these numbers show public spirit is far from deficient compared to earlier times. Perhaps the conclusion is that this city has continuously retained its sense of community and so attracts the very people who make it continue successfully – an upwards spiral. Perhaps, despite the lure of electronics and the change in family structures, this is still the town it was – but better. A local newspaper devoted to its community is a significant factor in having residents become and stay invested.

Toward Tomorrow

The next big birthday for the paper, 2037, is 20 years out. By that time, even the cute babies of 1937 so joyfully announced in the first issues will sadly most likely be history. The current staff of the paper will be hanging on by its collective fingernails – if that. To ensure the vitality of the community, new members must continuously arise and take

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A Successful Toys For Tots Campaign



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

From left: Gary Barbour, Prince George's County Police Officer Nicholas Sach, Richard Dutton and Dave Fendly load the Toys for Tots collection truck. More than 200 toys, games and pieces of sports equipment were collected at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and the Greenbelt Co-op Grocery Store in Roosevelt Center.

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American Legion Post 136

New Year's Eve Party

The Greenbelt and surrounding communities are invited to join the American Legion Family at 6900 Greenbelt Rd. celebrating New Year's Eve with a fantastic evening of music, dancing, champagne and breakfast. The popular Eight Balls Band returns to rock the party with tunes from the 60's, 70's, 80's. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 per couple in advance. \$30 at the door. Call 301-345-0136 for tickets.

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New Recycling Sheds Accept Clothing and Other Textiles

by Luisa Robles

The city recently began collecting unwanted clothing to help the planet, the city and all residents. With the help of Turnkey Enterprises, Greenbelt now has two drop-off sheds where people can leave a variety of materials to be reused or recycled, including clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. The two sheds are located at the Recycling Center at 555 Crescent Road and at the corner of Hanover Drive and Greenway Center Drive.

Donating is very easy. The sheds contain clothing drop-off receipts. Donors approximate the worth of the donation, write the dollar amount on the receipt and then drop the donation and the receipt into the shed. Donated items must be clean and dry and should be placed in plastic bags. Items that cannot be donated include oiled rags, fabric scraps, toys (other than stuffed) or household goods.

Taking these few steps can make a difference for the city and the entire planet.

Turnkey Enterprises partners with nonprofit organizations to help them raise money by reusing or recycling unwanted clothing. The usable clothing that Greenbelt collects is provided to less fortunate people who cannot afford to maintain an adequate wardrobe. They recycle unusable items into stuffing, rags or new cotton thread.

Turnkey pays the city for

clothing collected here, so the unwanted items donated are helping to preserve and improve the local community. The dollar value of donations can be deducted on federal income tax returns, so there are advantages for donors, the city and recipients.

To learn more about what the organization does and how the process of donating clothes works or for further questions, visit turnkey-enterprises.com.

Winter Light Display At Watkins Park

The Winter Festival of Lights, Prince George's County's drive-through Christmas light display, features more than a million twinkling lights. The themed display runs nightly from 5 to 9:30 p.m. through Monday, January 1 at Watkins Regional Park at 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro. Christmas Day entry is free; on other days fees are based on vehicle size. Donations of non-perishable foods will be delivered to local food banks. More information can be found at pgparks.com/742/Festival-of-Lights.



PHOTO BY DAVID LOCKWOOD

Bald eagle spotted near 37 Court Ridge Road

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1. Ensuring good bicycle and pedestrian connections to the surrounding shopping and office areas; 2. Transformation of the parking lot to maximize the amount of green space and tree planting areas; and 3. To negotiate for an attractive building facade.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board, sidewalk and pedestrian connections from the hotel to the Maryland Trade Center and retail area at Greenway Shopping Center were made part of the final plan by the applicant. The path will be "no less than five feet wide and shall meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements," according to Bellah, in the memorandum to the city manager. "Stamped and colored concrete will be used for crosswalks and surrounding asphalt will be applied to all graded areas to promote safety and improve the aesthetic value of the project. Adequate plantings shall be provided adjacent to the path to provide additional green areas, provide buffer between the connection and adjacent parking," as well as provide general aesthetics.

The initial proposed plan specified the use of exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS) for the

hotel siding. Yet the PGCPB recommended the use of Hardiboard instead, as EIFS "is prone to be easily damaged, develop cracks and is not suitable for heavily-trafficked pedestrian areas," according to Bellah.

The PGCPB broke with the original plan by specifying the use of red brick instead of white brick, to "provide a richness of color and contrast, increasing the visual interest of the project," said Bellah. Additionally, it was decided that red brick siding be periodically run to the roofline. These two changes would break up the massing of the building and improve its aesthetic appeal, creating a more comfortable experience at the pedestrian level.

Bike racks to accommodate up to 10 bicycles, as well as a picnic area, were added to the final plan. Said Bellah, "Sufficient planting area and growing media shall be provided to support healthy and long-term tree growth." Micro-bioretenion planter boxes and Filtera structures will facilitate stormwater management.

Moving forward, Bellah sees "no concerns or issues beyond those expressed during the development review process. Woodspring Suites was good to work



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

with and very responsive to feedback from staff, the Advisory Planning Board and the city council."

Construction is underway for a new hotel near Greenway Center.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

December 12, 11:02 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 32-year-old resident was arrested and charged with first degree assault and second degree assault after he allegedly threatened a roommate with a knife. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 13, 11:30 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with second degree assault and disturbing school activities at Eleanor Roosevelt High School after he allegedly punched another student after a verbal altercation. He was released to a guardian pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

December 7, 2 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Money and a cell phone were taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out a living room window.

December 11, 3:27 p.m., 5300 block Settling Pond Lane. Electrical wiring was taken from a home under construction.

December 12, 6:30 a.m., 6700 block Village Park Drive. A pair of boots was taken from a garage and two phone chargers and a charging cord were taken from a vehicle inside the garage.

Vandalism

December 7, 3 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A woman heard glass breaking inside her residence and discovered a bedroom window had been broken out.

December 9, 11:22 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A witness reported that a man attempted to use the Coinstar coin machine inside Giant and when he realized the machine was out of order, he kicked it, damaging it, before he fled on foot.

Vehicle Crime

A 23-year-old nonresident was

arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, theft and unauthorized use, after a registration check revealed that the 2004 Honda CRV he was driving had been reported stolen to Prince George's County police. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Two vehicles were stolen. A gold 2005 Chrysler Pacifica SUV with Md. tags 8BR2817 was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, and a red 4-door 1994 Honda Accord with Md. tags 8CD9590 was taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported. Four tires and rims were taken in the 400 block Ridge Road and two tires and rims in the 8200 block Canning Terrace. Two Md. tags 8BL7689, were taken in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Two acts of vandalism were reported. In the 9100 block Springhill Lane a witness observed a juvenile throw a rock at a vehicle, damaging the paint, and then flee on foot. A rear windshield was broken out in the 7200 block Hanover Drive.

Arrest Made in Food Delivery Robberies

Greenbelt police detectives arrested 22-year-old George Troy Butler of no fixed address on December 14 and charged him with a recent string of robberies from food delivery drivers. These took place on December 3, December 9 and December 11, all in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. He was charged with two counts of armed robbery, one count of strong arm robbery, two counts of first degree assault and one count of second degree assault, prior to being transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Beaver Dam's Cwizzical Cow

by Cathie Meetre

The observant and dedicated reader of this paper will perhaps remember that some time ago the paper ran a photograph of a pictorial tree on Beaver Dam Road between Research and Edmonston Roads. An artistic person, identity unknown to this paper, had painted a charming folk-art picture of a cow – a cow with an expression, perhaps, of intelligent curiosity. An appeal by the paper to find out who was responsible met only with silence.

News Review reader Jerry Bonnell of Lakeside Drive (rarely much noted for his powers of observation) recently realized that things had changed. On stopping and investigating he found that the original picture, which had been deteriorating as a result of exposure to weather, had been covered over by a panel on which is painted a new version of the original picture. This panel, almost certainly by the same deft hand, fits snugly into the giant knothole and completely covers the original which was painted directly on the tree. Bonnell promptly notified the paper which eventually sent out one of its intrepid team of crack reporters and photographers to investigate.

The News Review wishes to congratulate the artist for protecting the original and is equally charmed by its removable and modular successor. But does anybody know who painted it? Let us know at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Picture of a cow inside a tree on Beaver Dam Road

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over the keeping of the flame, rejuvenating and refreshing the paper so it continues to match its readership. The paper is a phoenix, constantly arising bright and new from the ashes of those gone before.

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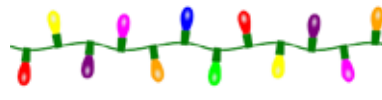
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young trees and shrubs that previously grew on the land where the town was built, using them to landscape the new community.

Roosevelt wished to see the inside of one of the homes, so she picked a house at random and paid an impromptu visit to Dorothy W. Rider, who wrote an article for the Cooperator detailing her experience with the First Lady. Roosevelt complimented the furniture and interior design, commenting, "This is what I wanted to see - one of their houses being used, being lived in - not a display house." Rider reported that Roosevelt "left us feeling that she, whom we had admired at a distance, was now a personal friend."

Roosevelt took an abiding interest in Greenbelt, and she intervened at key points in its development to ensure that its planned amenities were realized. She had visited Greenbelt while the town was under construction, and she would return a third time to host a bond rally during World War II. But it was her surprise visit in December 1937 that gave her the chance to see the town newly come to life. Summing



Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum, poses with the display of Eleanor Roosevelt's visit to Greenbelt, 80 years ago.

up the visit in her newspaper column, she said, "This place, which had only workmen when I was there before, is now a real community."

The exhibit will remain on display throughout December in the Community Center lobby.

Elizabeth Gardner is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She is serving as an intern for the Greenbelt Legacy 80th Anniversary Celebration.

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