

## News Review

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## Beltway Plaza Is a Monument To Its Owner, Sidney Brown

by James Giese

*Sidney J. Brown, developer of the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, who died November 26, once wrote to me as city manager in a fit of pique, ". . . don't make up stories you think you remember, and don't start to presume as a basis for a factual report. I suggest that you stick to the facts, otherwise, I am not going to listen to anything that you have to say nor will anyone else." I wonder what he would say about this story.*

In Greenbelt, one cannot think of Sidney Brown without thinking of Beltway Plaza. Judging by what we know of the man and the shopping center, there are similarities in their stories. Both struggled to gain success and did achieve it, but both were somewhat rough around the edges.

Former Mayor Richard Castaldi, who is now director of Intergovernmental Relations for Governor Parris Glendening was one of the many who attended services for Brown at Beth Shalom Congregation. The congregants were told how Brown grew up in Harlem and how he and his brother were frequently forced to fight. Castaldi believes that experience gave Brown his toughness.

The first thing anyone noticed when meeting Brown was his thick, bottle-bottom lensed glasses. At the service, Castaldi said, it was noted how his future wife-to-be read to him his textbooks and lawbooks when he attended school, because his vision was so poor. In spite of this handicap, Brown graduated at the top of his law class and edited the school's law review.

Well known as a philanthropist in the Jewish community, Castaldi said he found Brown to be a very successful but compassionate person who provided aid to many people who were down and out. He also relayed a story told at the eulogy about when Brown first was employed as a lawyer in the U. S. Justice Department. He found on his first day of work that he was provided with a beautiful, spacious office. He felt good that a poor Jewish boy from Harlem had done so well so quickly. When Brown discovered that another new employee, a black man, had not been given an office, Brown, upset by the act of discrimination, arranged for the man to share his office.

Brown's public image was not always good. The Washington press called him a slum landlord with buildings in disrepair and violating city codes. There were also reports of questionable land deals and failure to pay property taxes. Although Brown was frequently in court, to my knowledge he never suffered penalty beyond that which he might consider a necessary cost of doing business.

Castaldi describes Brown as someone who was very bright and had a history of doing things his own way, even when doing it his own way meant that he was involved in controversy.

This was certainly the case with the Beltway Plaza, where he was often involved in litigation and disputed actions.

### History

In the early 1960s, construction began on the Capital Beltway. At the same time,

Prince George's County became one of the fastest growing counties in the nation — growth dependent to a great extent on garden apartment construction. Commercial developers sought out prime sites for new shopping centers. Greenbelt, with its crossroads of the Beltway, Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, became a prime location. The city also had the advantage of available large tracts of land because of the way vacant land had been sold off by the U. S. government in the 1950s.

One of three potential sites for a shopping center was the old Washburn Place tract. It had frontage only on Greenbelt Road some distance from the Beltway. However, it was zoned industrial, and at that time retail commercial was a permitted use. Sidney See **BELTWAY PLAZA**, page 10

### FLASH

The Maryland Board of Public Works on Wednesday, December 13, approved the purchase of 75 acres of land from the Greenbelt Metropark L.L.C. for preservation purposes and to facilitate the development of the remaining lands of Greenbelt Metropark.

The 75 acres borders Cherrywood Lane from the Beltway on the north and follows Indian Creek on the south to Branchville Road.

"We understand the developers are expected to donate another 36 acres," Councilmember Thomas White told the News Review Wednesday night.



Young artists work on one of 20 banners designed by fiber artist Elizabeth Morissette to be hung in the Greenbelt Community Center for the Greenbelt New Year 2001.

-photos courtesy City of Greenbelt

## Local Artists Featured This New Year's Eve

by Christopher Cherry

It's the end of the millennium, and Greenbelt is being invaded — by art. Professional artists are collaborating with young Greenbelters to create works of art to celebrate Greenbelt New Year 2001. Sculptor Arlette Jassel, the recipient of an ArtsEmerge residency award from the city, is guiding students from Greenbelt Elementary School as they finish three large wooden cut-out figures that will be displayed outdoors on New Year's Eve. On Monday, students from Shelly Lappi's third grade class painted the flat figures, taking care to stay within the lines that Jassel had marked out with dark tape. As the students applied color to various sections, they created an effect much like a jester's parti-colored coat or a stained glass window.

Dramatically lit, the figures will stand near key pedestrian

routes during the December 31 celebration, when the central city will be bustling with party goers sampling events at the Community Center, the Youth Center, the Arts Center, the Greenbelt Movie Theater, and the New Deal Café. Party goers themselves will put the finishing touches on the sculptures. Artist Jassel and her helpers are preparing strips of recycled fabric for participants to add to the figures on New Year's Eve.

New art will be unfurled indoors as well. Fiber artist Elizabeth Morissette, a studio artist at the Community Center, has been working with young artists to create a series of 20 banners which will float above the dancing crowd in the Community Center gymnasium. On the stage, giant paper murals will form a colorful backdrop for featured bands D.C. Motors and the

See **NEW YEAR'S EVE**, page 6

## See Zuzu with "Wonderful Life"

by Jorge Bernardo

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." These words were spoken by a young actress named Carolyn Grimes who played a small, but important part in a little film called, "It's a Wonderful Life!" It's going to be a very special Christmas season for the few hundred folks that will be at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Grimes ("Zuzu") will be on hand to introduce the film which is part of a holiday film festival (which also includes "A Christmas Story" and "Miracle on 34th Street") sponsored by the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT). It will be Grimes' very first personal appearance in the Washington, DC area.

Prior to the screening, Grimes, who has acted as an ambassador for the film and for holiday spirit in general, will discuss her experiences working with Jimmy Stewart, Frank Capra and everyone associated with this American classic. Following the screening,

she will be participating in a question and answer discussion and will be available for autographs.

Ironically, the Old Greenbelt Theatre was nearly forced to close its doors in November, until FOGT was able to raise more than the \$8,000 the same figure which George Bailey needed to come up with in the movie! needed to stay open — indefinitely — through a fundraising event dubbed a



Carolyn Grimes

"Filmathon."

There is a fee (see ad). Tickets may be purchased by sending a check made out to "Greenbelt Theatre" and sent to: FOGT, c/o Recreation Dept., Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Tickets can also be purchased at the theater box office (301-474-9745) during business hours. Visit [www.bernardoproductions.com](http://www.bernardoproductions.com) for more details including directions to the theater.

Phone numbers should be included on all orders as receipt of order will be confirmed by telephone and all mail order tickets will be picked up at Will Call. (Do not send orders after December 15.)

### What Goes On

Mon., Dec. 18, 8 p.m.  
Regular Council Meeting,  
Municipal Building  
Thurs., Dec. 21, 7:30  
p.m. GHI Board Meeting,  
Hamilton Place

## Police Studying Options For Safety of Overpass

by Barbara Bonham Young

A letter from Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze was recently delivered to about 200 residents of the Gardenway/Ridge Road and Greenbriar areas as part of police efforts to combat daytime robberies and make the Spellman Overpass area safer. The letter also went to GHI and Greenbriar management personnel. It was prompted by the 13 robberies on November 9 of Eleanor Roosevelt High School students who were walking to school on the somewhat secluded path above Gardenway.

Police have identified and subsequently charged perpetrators with all 13 robberies. The chief's letter both solicits residents' help and informs them of stepped-up police patrol, including an every-morning patrol of the foot path area by a School Resource Officer. It also invites

comment from the public.

The letter states: "Even though two suspects have been arrested and warrants for the arrest of a third have been issued, we need your input to help put into place effective, long-term preventive measures to deal with this challenging area.... Please note any suspicious activity you have observed in the area of the overpass that may assist us in developing and modifying our law enforcement efforts. Also please provide any suggestions... for making the area safer." "Clearing of brush," the letter continues, "increased fencing and/or placement of video monitoring cameras are measures being evaluated as possible remedies."

### Comments

Residents may return the letter in a postage-paid envelope to the

See **POLICE**, page 7

## Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it has been traditional for the youngsters who deliver the News Review to leave holiday greetings envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very much. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of the 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 of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

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

Again this year, the carriers will leave envelopes. We hope these envelopes, equipped with our carriers' names and addresses, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show appreciation. In case the carrier's name or address is in doubt, envelopes may be mailed 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.

## Area Hospitals Will Get Toys from Drive

Prince George's Hospital Center, Laurel Regional and Washington Adventist hospitals are on Joe Wilkinson's list as recipients of toys from the toy drive currently underway by the Lions Club and Beltway Plaza management and merchants. In addition, Laura McNulty, marketing director for Beltway Plaza Mall, will be distributing to Holy Cross, Children's National Medical Center, and the Washington Hospital Center.

Donations of new toys may be placed in red and green boxes at Beltway Plaza, Greenbriar, the Co-op Supermarket, the Youth Center, the Aquatic & Fitness Center, and the Community Center. No used toys or stuffed animals can be accepted. Toys should not be gift wrapped. For more information call Joe Wilkinson at 301-474-6893.



### Correction

The wrong time for the normal Saturday hours for the Greenbelt Post Office was given in last week's paper. Beginning December 23, the Post Office will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The News Review regrets the error.



### Greenbelt Post Office Christmas Hours

Monday thru Friday,  
Now thru Dec. 22:  
8 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 and 16:  
8 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23, Regular  
hours: 8 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

## Letter

### Wonderful Memories

Thank you for bringing back wonderful memories as a result of your November 30th article ("Volunteers Begin the 64th Year Publishing Greenbelt's Newspaper") commemorating the Greenbelt News Review's anniversary.

As a youngster in the 1950s, I regularly pleaded with Vic Fisher for a News Review route. After a short stint as a substitute, I finally was rewarded with a permanent route.

Every Thursday evening, I hiked through the neighborhoods of Greenbelt with 400 copies of the News Review. For this, I received the princely reward of \$1 per week, which was enough for the 25 cent admission price to the Greenbelt theater's Saturday matinee, a box of popcorn, and a little left over to deposit at Twin Pines Savings and Loan.

I fondly remember Christmas season when the News Review gave us holiday greeting cards to distribute to our route customers, who, in turn, usually rewarded us with a generous monetary "thank you." Since then, I have often wondered if this tradition lives. If it does, I'm sure Greenbelters are still tipping as well as before.

To steal a phrase, those were the glory days. Thank you to all who have made the Greenbelt News Review a real "community" newspaper in every sense of the word. And thank you for rekindling fond childhood memories.

Martin G. Madden  
Senate Minority Leader



Young Greenbelter confides in Santa. -photo by Leigh Catterton

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I gotta hurry...My sleigh had Firestone runners...!"

## City Removes Unsafe Play Equipment

The city parks crew removed freestanding slides from Plateau and Ridge, 4-Court Plateau, 12-Court Hillside, 7-Court Southway, Buddy Attick Park, and near the Museum. The snail climber was removed from Springhill Lake Recreation Center as well as a house-shaped climber at Buddy

Attick Park. Unsafe equipment was removed from the playground near St. Hugh's at 4 Court Plateau, and 2 Court of Laurel Hill Road.

Last month the parks crew spread fiber material in the playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road.

## Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

PUBLIC ACCESS-301-507-6581

Monday, December 18 at 8:00pm

City Council Meeting (live)

Tuesday - Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

2 & 6 pm "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

2:30 & 6:30pm "ACE Reading Program-Greenbelt Elementary

2:45 & 6:45pm "Greenbelt Elementary School

Holiday Program"

4:00 & 8:00pm "Holiday Lights Concert" featuring the

Greenbelt Concert Band and the Combined Choir

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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—\$32/year.

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

### NOTICE of MEETING

#### City of Greenbelt Employee Relations Board

Tuesday, December 19,  
2000, at 8:00 p.m. in the  
first floor conference  
room of the Municipal  
Bldg. This meeting is  
open to the public. For  
more information, please  
call or send e-mail to:  
Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk  
kgallagh@ci.greenbelt.  
md.us or 301/474-3870.

### City of Greenbelt Christmas/New Years Holiday Service Schedule

City Offices will be closed on:

Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26

Monday, January 1st

The Greenbelt Connection will not run these days.

The Refuse/Recycling Schedule for the weeks of  
December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:

Monday's Route-Collected Tuesday

Tuesday's Route-Collected Wednesday

Wednesday's Route-Collected Thursday

Thursday's Route-Collected Friday

There will be NO appliance or yard waste  
collections on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Appliance and yard waste will be collected  
on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information call the Department of  
Public Works at 301-474-8000, the Greenbelt  
Connection at 301-474-4100 or visit Greenbelt  
CityLink at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>



# Community Events

## Science Fair Held At Middle School

The annual Greenbelt Middle School Science Fair will be held December 19. The public may view the exhibits from 4 to 7 p.m.

## Greenbriar Seniors Celebrate Christmas

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks senior residents and their guests are invited to a Christmas party in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, December 19 at noon. Seniors will be treated to a hot buffet and sounds of the season. Admission is free but RSVPs must be made to Tina at 301-441-1096 by Saturday, December 16.



## Santa Visits Greenbriar

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children 12 and under are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 16, at 11 a.m. in the Terrace Room. There will be a guest appearance by Santa. Parents may bring cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa. Lunch for the children will be provided. Admission is free.

## Greenbelt CARES GED Course

Greenbelt CARES will begin the Winter GED course on Tuesday, January 16. It ends on Thursday, March 22. GED is held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks, in the Municipal Building Conference Room. Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card).

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills, and pre-

## At the Library

Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers, ages 5 to 8.  
Saturday, December 23, Libraries closed.

## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins  
President Bill Souser presided over the December 6 business meeting. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read an article presented to her by Martha Kaufman, called "I've Learned." Travel chair John Taylor has scheduled a trip on December 19 to Dover Downs. Departure will be from the library parking lot at 9 a.m. A free luncheon buffet is included. If interested, call Taylor at 301-345-1608 to check availability of space. There is a fee.

Sunshine chair Betty Petroff had no report to give, so members must be staying well.

The officers for 2001 will be Bill Souser, president; Nick Pergola, vice president; Bud Hinson, second vice president; Bob Terrell, treasurer; Ruth Huggins, recording secretary; and Pearl Siegel, corresponding secretary. Ellie Rimar is stepping down as membership chair and Ernie Varda will be membership chair and program chair.

The December 20 meeting will be a birthday/Christmas party.

## GHI Notes

The Member & Community Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Pet Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

GHI offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday December 25. For emergency maintenance that day call 301-474-6011.

## La Leche League Meets Tuesday

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, December 19, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information call Mary at 301-345-4589.



Karolyn Grimes as Zuzu in "It's A Wonderful Life."

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of December 15  
Best in Show (PG 13)

Fri. (5:25 @ \$4.00) 7:30, 9:35  
Sat. (5:25 @ \$4.00) 7:30, 9:35  
Sun. (5:25 @ \$4.00) 7:30  
Mon.-Tues. 7:30

**It's A Wonderful Life**  
Wed. 7:30

**Miracle On 34th St. (1947)**  
Thurs. 7:30

Friday, Dec. 22  
**A Christmas Story**  
5:15

**Miracle On 34th St. (1947)**  
7:30

**It's A Wonderful Life**  
9:30

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 7:30  
Meet Karolyn Grimes who played Zuzu in  
**It's A Wonderful Life**

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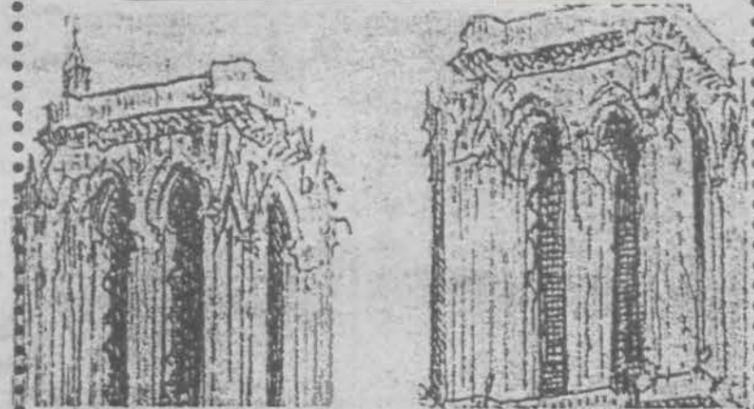
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For only \$5, you can join your friends and neighbors at the best New Year's Eve party ever, right here in your own hometown!

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DJ AND GAMES FOR TEENS ★ GERALD TIKI, FIRE DANCER ★ JACQUI & RACHEL  
GODDARD STORYTELLERS ★ GUYS IN TIES ★ SCOTTISH DANCERS  
COUNTDOWN IN ROOSEVELT CENTER ★ FIREWORKS ON BRADEN FIELD

Hosted by the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt New Year Committee

# Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Pioneer Greenbelter Salvatore Gussio. Our sympathy to his family.

Matthew Cullinan, son of Maryanne and Bernard Cullinan, recently participated in Salisbury State University's award-winning Freshman Orientation in the Wilderness Program. All new Salisbury State students are required to complete University orientation. They may choose from a variety of orientation options including wilderness experiences such as cycling in Maine, sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, or canoeing in Ontario, Canada. Cullinan opted for the Algonquin canoeing trip.



Matthew Cullinan

A 2000 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Cullinan plans to pursue a degree in pre-law. As a high school student Cullinan played ice hockey and participated in numerous musical performances. He was presented with the Music Director's Award for guitar and Best Advanced Guitarist twice during his high school years.

Dina Toulan, daughter of Amina Khalifa, has been admitted to Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI. She will major in culinary arts.

Chane R. Jackson, the son of Robert L. and Frances H. Jackson of Canning Terrace, recently completed the cadet basic training program at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY. During the six week program, cadets are trained in basic military skills, rifle marksmanship, field tactical maneuvers, physical fit-

## Christmas Display At Greenbelt Travel

Those who remember when animated store windows brought holiday magic to life won't want to miss the show at Greenbelt Travel. Thanks to the skills of Arthur Wayne, longtime Greenbelt resident, the windows and reception area are decorated with more than 100 mechanical Christmas dolls, musical toys, a Christmas village, and a colorful 12-foot tree.

Greenbelt Travel, located at 5510 Cherrywood Lane, across from the Beltway Plaza Giant Food, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (9 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 22).

ness and endurance, military courtesy, drill and ceremonies, and receive academic instruction.

Jackson is a 1999 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. After completing the basic training program he will be accepted into the U.S. Corps of Cadets at the Academy. On graduation from the academy, he will receive a bachelor's degree and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Congratulations to Toni P. Dorvitt, who will be among the December 14 inductees into the Prince George's Community College chapter of Psi Beta, a national honor society in psychology.

So glad to see Mat Amberg home and recuperating from surgery. Friends can contact him by phone or mail at his home.

## Holy Cross Church Presents Pageant

The Holy Cross youth and children are starring in a pageant entitled, "Something About a Baby," on December 17. Wendy Linstrom, chairman of the Board of Education at Holy Cross, will direct the Sunday School and youth groups in presenting this light-hearted version of Christ's birth. "The People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light" is the background theme and this is a thread in the entire production. For information call Publicity Chairman Lorriane Hiatt, 301-474-8781.

The Bethlehem Choir, under the direction of Stephen Pruitt, Holy Cross Minister of Music, will sing the Anthem, "Advent Song," and lead in the congregational Christmas hymns throughout the program.

The program will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 17. Holy Cross is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road.



Little Miss Greenbelt Kimberly Carey helps little misses fashion holiday art projects at the Youth Center during Santa's visit there. -photo by Leigh Catterton

## Mystery Production, "Edwin Drood," at GAC

A new production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" will be presented by the Landless Theatre at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, this month. Described as a "solve-it-yourself musical," the performance is based on the unfinished novel of Charles Dickens. The adaptation, music, and lyrics are by Rupert Holmes.

The play will be performed on December 15, 16, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m., and December 17 at 2 p.m. Pre-show begins a half hour before curtain time. There is a fee, with a reduction for students and seniors. For further information call 301-441-8770.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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December 17, one service 10:30 a.m.

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Barbara Wells and Jacob B. tenHove Co-Ministers

## Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

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

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

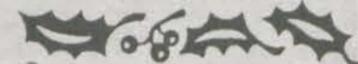
101 GREENHILL ROAD  
301-474-4212

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship  
Wed. Praise and Prayer  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event

8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"



## You're Welcome Here St. George's Episcopal Church

Episcopal/Anglican  
Corner of Lanham-Severn Road  
(MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, just south of Greenbelt Rd (MD 193), Glenn Dale  
301-262-3285

Sunday Services  
9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)  
10 am Education for all ages  
11 am Sung Service

## Catholic Community of Greenbelt CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

December 24, 6:30 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
No Mass on Sunday Morning, 12/24

SERVE BREAKFAST AT SOME Sunday, December 31, 2000  
Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM  
Sunday Mass, 12/31, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, 301-474-4223  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Pre-K to post-confirmation education program  
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Services: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am  
Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410  
SUNDAY  
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-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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# Fine Thai and American Cuisine Sparkle at Siri's Chef's Secret

by Dorothy Sucher

With more than 20 eateries within the city limits, Greenbelt, once a sleepy little town, has become something of a restaurant-lover's mecca — although the absence of a good Thai place has until lately been a notable gap. Now it is being filled by the energetic new owners of Chef's Secret, at 5810 Greenbelt Road. The restaurant, recently renamed "Siri's Chef's Secret," has been a favorite of mine since its opening some 20 years ago, although the place has had its ups and downs under various owners and chefs. Nevertheless, the core menu of quality American and Continental cooking, a variety of seafood and fresh vegetables, and a small but appealing dessert list has been maintained, as has a relaxing atmosphere with twinkling candlelight and snowy tablecloths.

Siri's Chef's Secret has kept all these good things. It has also added a menu of fine Thai food, and the list of items continues to grow. A new menu is expected to make its appearance in time for the holiday season, according to Siri Raungtriphop herself, who has lived in America for 15 years. She is a delicately pretty young woman with sparkling eyes and a vivacious, friendly manner, and her dedication to pleasing the taste buds of her customers with the traditional dishes of her native land is equaled only by her determination to offer food that will be good for their health. Siri is also a nurse in the cardiac Intensive Care unit of a local hospital, and she stresses that if any of her customers are on special diets, the kitchen will be glad to work with them.

Thai cooking tends to be low in cholesterol, salt, and fat, and Siri uses only vegetable oils and never any MSG. The delicate spring rolls are steamed rather than fried, and so are the yummy, open-face stuffed dumplings (Kanom Jeeb), available as an appetizer. Even the Thai soups, such as the Seafood Galanga and the Chicken Lemon Grass soups, can be had in a low-salt version. Vegetarian dishes are available, and more will be on the new menu soon, including vegetarian versions of the featured Thai soups.

### A Family Affair

Siri will be the first to tell you that the restaurant is a family affair. Her hard-working husband and partner, Sutti, is there seven days a week — "He is the sweetest man!" she says, and I agree — and among other things he supervises the presentation of the dishes, which are uniformly attractive. At the moment his greatest pride is the brand-new bar he designed, with its gleaming wood, soft colors, and indirect lighting.

In the kitchen, Siri's sister Siriporn Rusitanonta presides over the Thai menu. And the chef for the very good American dishes? Siri said, "Henry — uh —" She giggled apologetically. Oh, American names are so difficult!

Mala, the restaurant's previous owner, is Sutti's aunt; and one of Siri's aunts has helped out in the kitchen and contributed recipes.

Siri grew up in Bangkok, the youngest of seven children. Her mother owned a grocery store, and her father died relatively young. Siri came to America

with her mother, and lived with a brother who had come here to study and decided to stay.

She said, "At first it was exciting, but then reality hit. It was very hard, very lonely — a new language, a whole new environment. At home we had a maid, but here we worked very hard." She studied nursing and also worked with her brother, who had gone into hotel banquet services.

### The Inspector

Perhaps the most important behind-the-scenes figure is Siri's mother, for she is the source of most of the family recipes on which the menu is based. Of

ideas for decorating the restaurant, a project that is still ongoing. Siri, who loves Thai wood carvings, has hung a number of them on the pale walls. Their lines are "very soft, curved, gentle," she says. "That's how we are, if you know the people and the culture." There is a Thai dancer, and on one wall a projecting, roof-like overhang that has been shingled with hand-cut wooden shingles Siri brought back from Thailand. "It suggests the roofs of the old towns in the north," she said.

A temple gong hanging on one wall once called monks to their meals, and a couple of winglike, criss-crossed carvings on another



Siri and Sutti Raungtriphop, new owners of Siri's Chef's Secret.

course these aren't written recipes, and they can't be found in any book. In fact, Siri takes pride in the fact that, although authentic, they are also unique. "Our Pad Thai (a traditional noodle dish) is really one of the best in the area," she says. "In other restaurants it's too wet and mushy — not really fine. Our secret is to make it fresh and eat it right away. Immediately! Of course people do take it home, but it's not as good." She adds, "I like to see people enjoy the food we make. I like to see them finish the plate!"

Siri's mother visits the restaurant every couple of weeks, and when she does she insists Siri write down her order on the order pad, as if she's a customer. Siri laughs. "Mom's so cute. She says, 'Don't let them know in the kitchen it's me!' When the food comes, she tests it. She says, 'Oh, it's missing something, you have to improve it. And put in this and this.' Everybody says, 'Oh my god, the Inspector's here!' But my mom is very strict with me. She says 'You must have quality! Otherwise the customers won't come back.'"

After these visits, Siri must go back into the kitchen and work it out with her sister, the chef. Any differences that are not resolved "have to go back to Mom." And each new recipe must be tested three or four times before it receives the maternal seal of approval. Then Siri can add it to the menu.

### Interior Decor

Siri and Sutti share an interest in the crafts of their native land, and during a recent interview Sutti brought out a beautifully illustrated book about Thai architecture so he could point out to me the sources of some of their

wall are Thai "Galae," which are mounted on rooftops of homes, to bring good fortune. The walls of the back room, which can accommodate parties of up to 30, are decorated with Thai silks.

Siri plans to revisit Thailand soon and bring back new crafts to add to the restaurant's collection, which includes such objects as the finely-woven baskets carried by opium growers in the mountains. Eventually, some crafts may be offered for sale.

### Favorite Thai Dishes

The Thai salads on the menu are tasty, for example the spicy Lab Gai, with minced chicken tossed in a lime dressing, and the non-spicy Thai Green Salad, topped with crispy won-ton strips and served with a sweet peanut sauce (freshly ground peanuts, not peanut butter) my companion at a recent dinner called "fiendishly delicious."

Among the main dishes are the classic Pad Thai, several different curries, chicken and shrimp dishes, and even a New York Steak Panang. Although I haven't tasted them all, I trust they are good. After all, Mom has okayed them. A first-rate Crispy Duckling comes with a delicate pineapple sauce over vegetables that have not been overcooked. Soon to appear on the menu is a mouth-watering fish dish, incorporating sweet, sour, and spicy flavors in the subtle sauce.

A dish I've never encountered before is Mee Klob, an ethereal concoction of extremely fine, crisp noodles with a sweetish coating and a sprinkling of tiny shrimp. This can be served as either an appetizer or a dessert, and it is addictive. It will appear on the new menu.

### American Dishes

These I have neglected shamefully in this article, which emphasizes the new Thai menu; but they are good. I have enjoyed the Rack of Lamb, the Wiener Schnitzel, and the Fresh Seafood en Papillote (steamed with a lemon herb sauce, in a foil wrapper). The crab cakes, Bouillabaisse Marseillaise, and broiled fish are also recommended.

As for desserts, the bread pudding with rum sauce is divine. And I look forward to trying the Banana Pillows and

the Crepes stuffed with Banana and Strawberry when they appear on the new menu.

Siri's Chef's Secret will be offering a set menu with champagne on New Year's Eve, featuring a choice of Thai or American food. It seems a good idea to reserve in advance.

The restaurant is open for dinner seven days a week, and for lunch Monday through Friday. There is an Early Bird special from 5 to 6 p.m., Sunday to Wednesday. The telephone number is 301-345-6101.



## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL Municipal Building Council Room December 18, 2000 Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations  
*(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
7. Petitions and Requests  
*(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)*
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- \* 10. Committee Reports  
- Advisory Planning Board Report (Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Smith Property)

### III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 854 to Establish a Public Safety Advisory Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Update on New Year's Eve 2001
14. Reorganization of the Public Works Department
15. Review of Site Plan - Golden Triangle, Residence Inn
16. Report on Car-Sharing
17. Report on Land Conservation
18. Elevations for Restrooms at Buddy Attick Park
19. Residential False Alarm Program
20. Agenda for 4 Cities Meeting (1/18/01 in Greenbelt)
- \* 21. Follow-Up on Work Session with the Assisted Living Task Force
- \* 22. Recommendation to the State Highway Administration on the Proposed Neighborhood Conservation Project for Greenbelt Road
- \* 23. Response to Petition on Electrical Outages
- \* 24. Resignations from Advisory Groups

### V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk

# NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band, courtesy of enthusiastic students and Community Center artist Mike McMullin. Kids counting down to the new year at the Recreation Department's Countdown Camp from December 27 to December 29 will also create decorations for the party.

Earlier this month, parents attending the successful Festival of Lights Craft Show found they had plenty of time to shop, because their kids were having so much fun helping Morisette festoon several banners with glitter, beads, and ribbon. Elementary school students completed more banners this week. Morisette has varied the style of the banners, applying free-form stitching with metallic thread to some, cutting a random array of holes in others. The verdict of the young artists participating in the New Year's arts projects, "Awesome!"

Showcasing the talents of Greenbelt's citizens is one of the themes of the celebration, according to Greenbelt New Year committee member Patti Brothers. "In addition to the amazing visual art being created for the event, we are very proud to present several performers who live or work in Greenbelt," she said. Brothers noted that the Greenbelt Arts Center's production of "Millennium Jukebox" features a talented cast of 25 Greenbelters ranging in age from 4 to 74. Other resident performers include juggler Dave Schuman, who will perform at the Youth Center, and Guys In Ties, who will play at the New Deal Café. Neighboring Goddard Space Flight Center will be represented at the event by the spell-binding Goddard Storytellers and by Gerald Tiki, an authentic fire dancer. "There will be art and performances by Greenbelters both indoors and out this New Year's Eve," said Brothers, "and everyone in Greenbelt is invited

## School Closing Procedures

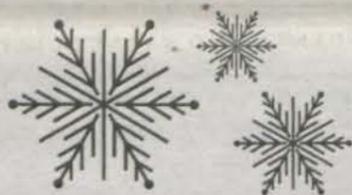
The Prince George's County public school system has announced procedures for delayed openings and early closings due to inclement weather.

### Delayed Opening

If it is necessary to delay the opening of school because of inclement weather, dangerous road conditions or any other emergency which might arise, an announcement will be broadcast over radio stations before 6:30 a.m., Channel B-12 and other television stations, and posted on the school system web page at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) (click on Weather Info). In the event of delayed opening, schools will begin two hours later than normal and there will be no work-study transportation (work study students should not report to school); there will be no Head Start or Pre-K; and all field trips will be cancelled; however, Food Services will offer breakfast at the revised opening time. A delayed opening has no effect on dismissal time unless announced.

### Early Closing

Early closing announcements will be made prior to 10:15 if possible, and local school officials will notify parents and staff. Food Services will provide lunch before dismissal. All after-school activities and events will be cancelled.



to the celebration." Tickets for the event are available at the Community Center, 301-397-2208.



# Greenbelt Recreation Department

## WINTER REGISTRATION

### GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Mail-In Registration Begins

Mail-In Registration is being accepted at the Community Center and the Youth Center. In-Person registration is required at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Registration is handled separately and must be done in person. For mail in registration, complete the form on the page 4 and mail with payment to:  
**Greenbelt Recreation Department; 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770. MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/Visa), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the 'City of Greenbelt.'**

#### Mail-In Registrations

Greenbelt Residents	December 18
Non-Residents	December 26
Walk-In (for all)	January 2

#### Walk-In Registration Locations

Greenbelt Youth Center, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm  
 Greenbelt Community Center, Monday-Friday, 9am to 9:30pm  
 A 'DROP BOX' will be located at the Community Center Main Office, as well as the Youth Center, where registrations may be 'DROPPED' at any time during the registration period.

#### Class Fees

All class fees are noted in the course description. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens (except those designed specifically for Senior Citizens) 60 years of age and over, registering for adult classes.

#### Refunds

The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registration or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Recreation Department. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which requires requests for refunds to be made in writing to the Director of the Greenbelt Recreation Department IMMEDIATELY.

#### Inclusion

Individuals who are physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged are encouraged to participate in any of our Recreation Department's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-2046.

#### Class Schedule

Except where noted, classes will begin the week of January 7, 2001. Saturday classes will begin January 13, 2001. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is cancelled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule.

#### P.G. County School Holidays

Pre-school and children's classes that begin before 4:30pm will not meet on P.G. County School holidays. Adult classes will be held as scheduled, except where noted in class description.

#### City Residency

Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay taxes to and are eligible to vote in Greenbelt elections (if 18 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Greenbelt or those who have a Greenbelt mailing address, but do not pay taxes to the City.

#### Location Code

CC - Greenbelt Community Center  
 SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
 YC - Greenbelt Youth Center  
 YCBO - Youth Center Business Office  
 BFTC - Braden Field Tennis Courts  
 GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center  
 SHP - Schrom Hills Park

#### Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts

Registration Information  
 Any activity that is organized under GAVA requires a different form. This form is available at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please make checks payable to 'GAVA'. For further information please call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

### Information and Weather Hotline - 301-474-5525

Call the information and weather hotline for updates on classes, programs and activities when there is inclement weather.

### Pre-School Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name / Age	Day / Time / Location / Cost	Instructor	Description
127503-1	Mom's Morning Out 3-4 years	T/Th/9am-12pm/YC-A&C R: \$112.50 NR: \$135.00; 8 weeks Begins 01/09 Ends 03/01	Gaye Houchens	This traditional pre-school program focuses on providing activities which encourage social development, gross motor skills, and listening to and following directions. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register. Program will not be offered on PG County scheduled school holidays, or when schools are delayed or closed due to inclement weather.
127503-2	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 years	M/W/F/ 9am-1pm/YC-A&C R: \$210 NR: \$252; 8 weeks Begins 01/08 Ends 03/02		Payment 1 is due at time of registration. Payment 2 is due 2/2/01.
124201-1	Introduction to Movement 2-3 years	W/4:00-4:45pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$16 NR: \$20; 8 weeks	Cathy Pracht	A lively singing and dancing class for the very young.
122502-1	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 years	Th/3:30-4:15pm/YC-Gym R: \$34; NR: \$42.50; 8 weeks No class on 2/1/01	ABC Jamboree	Gymnastic fundamentals, safe tumbling, and creative movement. Parents not permitted in gym during class.
122503-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 years	Tu/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6 weeks Pre-registration required.	TBA	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
122503-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 years	Th/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6 weeks Pre-registration required.	TBA	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
117505-2	Tiny Tots Drop-in 9-18 months	Tu/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$3/class	Parent Supervised	Parent/child interaction class in a room set up for tiny tots who are just learning to sit, crawl or walk.
117505-1	Tiny Tots Drop-in 9-18 months	Th/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in \$3/class	Parent Supervised	Parent/child interaction class in a room set up for tiny tots who are just learning to sit, crawl or walk.
122501-1	Toddler Gym I 1 1/2-2 1/2 years	W/9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym R: \$20; NR: \$25; 8 weeks Drop-in \$3/child each class	Parent Supervised	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs and a gym full of play toys. A maximum of 2 children per caregiver may attend the class.
122501-2	Toddler Gym II 2 1/2-3 1/2 years	F/9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym R: \$20; NR: \$25; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$3/child each class	Parent Supervised	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs and a gym full of play toys. A maximum of 2 children per caregiver may attend the class.

### Children/Teen Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name / Age	Day / Time / Location / Cost	Instructor	Description
146202-1	NEW! Basics of Feasting 13+	Tu/6:30-8:30pm/CC-Kitchen R: \$60 NR: \$72; 4 sessions	Monica Corrado	Learn the "Basics of Feasting" in your own home. This vegetarian cooking class will teach you skills that will transform your everyday cooking. Classes will be held 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20.
146202-2	NEW! Basics of Feasting 13+	W/6:30-8:30pm/CC-Kitchen R: \$60; NR: \$72; 4 sessions	Monica Corrado	Learn the "Basics of Feasting" in your own home. This vegetarian cooking class will teach you skills that will transform your everyday cooking. Classes will be held 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 21, 2000

GHI Board Room  
 Key Agenda Items

- Member Request to Purchase Second GHI Unit - 8V Laurel Hill Road
- Records Management Bids - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Member and Community Relations Committee Charge
- Salary Range Adjustments

Regular Board meetings are open to members.

## NOTICE

### OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center (Theatre Rehearsal Room), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by D.L. Pristoop for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 8005 Craddock Road. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach 10 feet into the required 20 foot rear yard setback for the purpose of constructing a 12' x 18' deck attached to the rear of the home. For more information call 301-345-5417.

### Christmas Concert Delights Audience

by Nelda Young

The gym in the Community Center was alive with music on December 10. The Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Combined Choir played and sang their hearts out for an hour and a half.

Thomas Cherrix, who has conducted the band since 1963, started the evening performance with a crowd pleaser, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. To emphasize the festive nature of the occasion, all 51 band members wore red and green holiday ties with their formal black and whites.

As a divertissement, the 40-year-old band combined with the 30-year-old choir for three songs for Christmas; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring; and concluded with Frosty, the Snowman.

Then Jean Cook, the director of the choral group, took center stage wearing a vest with a holiday scene on the back. The choral group was dressed for the occasion in seasonal red, green, with some blues. They sang old familiar Christmas music and ended the evening with O, Holy Night.

The audience was enthusiastic in expressing its enjoyment of the Holiday Lights 2000 performance.

### Al-Anon Meeting Time Is Changed

The Greenbelt Friday Night Al-Anon meeting now meets at 8 p.m. The group meets at Mowatt United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, 2nd floor.

## GAVA to Handle Ceramics Program this Spring

by Nelda Young

On December 1 the city signed a facility agreement with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) allowing them to continue the ceramic program in the Community Center through June 30, 2001, according to Community Center Supervisor Joe McNeal. This supersedes their April cooperative and facility use agreement which would have extended through August 31, 2001.

GAVA, which is headed by Barbara Simon, includes several programs. It offers classes for a variety of ages whose talents range from beginner to highly skilled. Currently two Eleanor Roosevelt High School interns spend four afternoons a week working with Greenbelt Access Television 9 (GATE) staff learning animation. Five other interns specialize in painting and ceramics. The Labor Day Art Show is sponsored by GAVA. The Potters' Guild, whose members sell their work at the Community Center, are members of GAVA.

Greenbelt Pottery (GP), led by Jessica Gitlis, started as a sole proprietorship in 1996. Its members came together with other artists to form GAVA. But, according to informed sources, GP's members were potters with no particular interest in GAVA's programs, administration, and other activities. When they decided to separate from the more general group, GP decided to incorporate. Potters accumulate pots.

When their cupboards and their friends and families have no place to put more pots, they put their pots up for sale. So GP set up a Sunday afternoon shop on the second floor of the Community Center. Students and artists have permanent display cases there. A number of artists show pots that vary in style and in glazes used. This shop has served as a source of money for the potters and the studio and freed the members from perpetually reinventing fund raisers. Volunteers keep an inventory of pottery, artists, and money.

Negotiations will begin in April for the city's ceramic program for the fiscal year 2002.



## POLICE

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police department, drop it off in person or give the letter with their comments to any Greenbelt officer.

On December 5, City Manager Michael McLaughlin walked the area of the overpass with Patrol Commander Lt. Thomas Kemp. (Chief Craze had surveyed the area the preceding week.) Kemp told the News Review that the area has been designated a "special check area," meaning one which has experienced an increase in criminal activity. Such an area needs extra attention not only from the School Resource Officer but from other police officers in addition, when assignments permit.

Kemp noted that undergrowth may be cleared from the area. He added that the police were also looking at additional fencing as a deterrent. "In general, the more you decrease avenues of escape for criminals, the less likely

they are going to act," he said, "because they'll feel trapped. They often want to be able to run into the woods."

As to possible installation of surveillance cameras, Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau told the News Review that it would be very expensive at this time to lay fiber between the overpass and the police department, but that the cable company as part of an institutional network will be providing fiber connection between all city buildings by the end of 2001, and this could absorb some of the cost. Fiber connection to all county office buildings will be provided at the same time.

Greenbelt Detective John Barrett, an 11-year veteran of the department, told the News Review that active investigation continues of two reported similar robberies starting in mid-September. "We're still trying to link those and the 13 robberies," he said.



## Greenbelt Recreation Department

WINTER REGISTRATION

GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Cont'd)

### Children/Teen Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

135201-1	Kids Cooking 6-11 years	F/6-8pm/CC-Dining Hall R: \$25; NR: \$29; 4 sessions	Carol Mealy	Kids will enjoy a night of cooking, games, crafts and fun. Class will be held 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23
132502-1	Gymnastics 6-10 years	Th/4:30-5:15pm/YC-Gym R: \$34; NR: \$42.50; 8 weeks No class 2/1/01	ABC Jamboree	Concentration on tumbling, apparatus, creative movement and safety. Parents not permitted in gym during class.
128201-1	Recycled Fabric Production 6-11 years	F/6-8pm/CC-Dining Hall R: \$25; NR: \$29; 4 sessions	Elizabeth Morissette	Kids will enjoy an exciting night of activities using recyclable materials to create a variety of weaving products. Class will be held 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2.

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULT DANCE AND KARATE CLASS CALL 301-397-2208.

### Teen/Adult Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Instructor	Description
N/A	Aerobics Jacki Sorensen's 16+	Tu/Th/6-7pm/SHL Sa/9-10am Workouts: \$3.50 per class	Janet Anderson	Register with the class instructor at the first class. 301-439-3866.
152203-1	Fit N' Fun Aerobics 16+	M/W/F/9:30-10:45am/CC-Gym R: \$47; NR: \$56; 10 weeks 2 days/wk; R: \$31; NR: \$37 Drop in fee: R: \$2; NR: \$3	Judy Cocchiaro	High/Low aerobics, kickboxing, toning with weights, and abs. Bring mats and weights FREE Babysitting!
154201-1	Greek Folk Dancing 16+	Su/4:30-6:30pm/CC-Dance \$32/person, 8 weeks	Chris Tennent	Remember Zorba and wonderful Greek music? Have fun and keep fit.
152205-1	Hatha Yoga 16+	Sa/11:00-12:10pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$40; NR: \$48; 8 weeks	Claudia Baldwin	Learn physical postures that promote and prepare for meditation. Appropriate for people of all levels and abilities.
152202-1	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$25; NR: \$30; 8 weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
152202-2	Health Fitness 16+	Th/7-8pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$25; NR: \$30; 8 weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
154501-1	International Folk Dancing 16+	F/8-10pm/YC-MPR \$32/person; 8 weeks	Roland Forbes	FREE open house on 01/05/01 at 7:30pm. Variety of dances for all skill levels.
N/A	Jazzercise 16+	M/W/7-8pm/CC-Gym F/6:30-7:15pm/CC-Dance Su/10-11am/CC-Dance 1 month \$35; 6 weeks \$55; * Drop-in \$7	Bev McQuay	Ongoing class, register any class night. Warm-up aerobics, Strengthening/toning, and cool down. 301-776-5405.
146205-1	Planning Your Garden 16+	Tu/7:30-8:30pm/CC-St. Classroom R: \$25; NR: \$30; 8 weeks	Bill Phelan	Learn the basics of how to plan your garden just in time to plant in the Spring.
144201-2	Swing Beginner 16+	M/7-8pm/CC-Dance R: \$75; NR: \$96; 8 weeks	Chadie Wyler & Jane Ford	Learn the East Coast Swing and an Introduction to the Lindy. A swing dance will follow class from 9-10pm.
144201-2	Swing Interm/Advanced 16+	M/7-8pm/CC-Dance R: \$75; NR: \$96; 8 weeks	Chadie Wyler & Jane Ford	Learn the Hollywood Lindy. A swing dance will follow class from 9-10pm.
152206-1	T'ai Chi Beginning 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am/CC-Rehearsal R: \$36; NR: \$44; 8 weeks	Larry Fleming	Must have completed T'ai Chi movements.
152206-2	T'ai Chi Continuing 16+	Sa/9:30-10:30am/CC-Rehearsal R: \$36; NR: \$44; 8 weeks	Larry Fleming	Learn basic T'ai Chi Movements.
152204-1	Vishwayatan Yoga	Tu/6:00-7:00pm/CC Rehearsal R: \$38; NR: \$46; 8 weeks	Manju Shukla	Learn yoga exercises, breathing techniques to reduce weight and improve circulation.



### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

The GHI gutter cleanings scheduled during the week of December 11 through 15 are as follows:

#### Frame, Single-family, Townhomes

- 9 through 22 courts Hillside Road
- 1 through 5 courts Laurel Hill Road
- 1 through 10 courts Research Road
- 65 through 73 courts Ridge Road
- 133 Greenhill Road
- 135 A & B Northway Road
- 3 through 8 Woodland Way

#### Masonry Homes

- 56 through 62 Crescent Road
- 1 through 4 courts Eastway Road
- 2 through 8 courts Hillside Road
- 1 & 2 courts Northway Road
- 1 and 2 Woodland Way

Schedules for the remainder of the program will be published weekly in the News Review. The contract supervisor for the programs is Irvin Utz. He can be reached on (301) 474-4161 ext. 121

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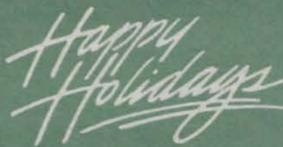
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2nd place: 12 oz. can Coke or Pepsi — 1 case/each  
Total 50 cases. 50 winners
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5 winners
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12 can/a pack total 50 packs. 50 winners
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  - 3) Date of winner claim: 05/01/00 at Centerway Mini Mart
  - 4) Note: Contest ticket to be given only for grocery buyers. One ticket per one time purchase.

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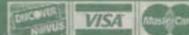


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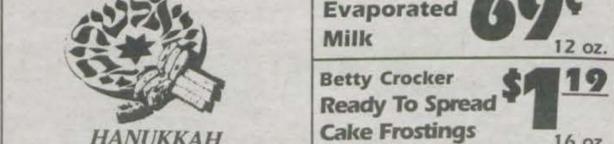
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# BELTWAY PLAZA

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Brown and his corporation, First National Realty, had acquired this tract. Brown announced his intention to build a regional shopping center there with the region's first climate-controlled enclosed mall.

Among the competition, Brown won out because he already had the zoning. In 1962, the commercial use of the property was established by the opening of a small strip center anchored by a grocery and drug store. That same year, construction began on the S. Klein on the Square discount department store at the east end of the tract.

The typical regional mall is built after developers secure commitments from major tenants to locate there. This enables the owners to get financing. An integrated plan is then finalized and the entire center is built at one time. With the big anchor tenants, there is no problem leasing the small store space to other retail firms.

### Piecemeal

This didn't happen at Beltway Plaza. Instead the center was built piecemeal. The city council and others were greatly irritated by this lack of planning. Brown repeatedly belittled costly plans as being worthless, because he would have to do whatever a prospective tenant wanted if and when he found one. Brown eventually hoped to have more department stores located at the center.

The Beltway Plaza property was a hillside. It sloped from the crest upon which Greenbelt Middle School and the school bus parking and maintenance facility are located down to the bottomland to the west for Indian Creek. (Siri's Chef's Secret

marks the west end of the shopping center.) The land also sloped down from the tract behind it upon which the Springhill Lake Apartments were being built in 1962 to Greenbelt Road. Whether it was the wish of the Klein people or Brown's architects I don't know, but it was decided that people on Greenbelt Road should look down at the new department store, which was to be located at the highest part of the property. Thus it was necessary to do extensive earth moving.

### Tragedy

Unfortunately, construction of the store building did not wait for the earth to be moved. Instead, a huge hole was dug into the hillside in which the store's footings and basement walls were built. In late December, 1962, tragedy struck the site when a building wall collapsed. Five workmen were killed, causing state and county regulators to strengthen their construction codes. (The city did not regulate building construction at that time.)

Removing the hillside created other major problems for Brown. The most serious problem as far as the city and Prince George's Board of Education were concerned was the steep embankment left between the Klein store and the school bus parking facility. The embankment was so steep that stabilization was not possible, and large sections of the hillside would slide down into the parking lot. Unfortunately, the laws of that time gave governments little authority to deal with the problem, and new laws enacted later grandfathered in existing situations.

### Major Tenant

Brown faced another problem in developing his enclosed mall.



Beltway Plaza developer Sidney Brown (man in light-colored coat on right) cuts the ribbon

at the grand opening of the Plaza on February 3, 1962.

-Greenbelt History of a New Town, 1987

He could not find another major tenant willing to be in the same center as S. Klein. Brown himself drove the point home one time by showing off his shirt after being criticized by the city council for not having a tenant. "See that," he reportedly said, "I

paid only five dollars for this at Klein's. That's why I can't get another major tenant to come in." With Springhill Lake Apartments nearing completion with just under 3,000 apartments and its residents becoming active in community affairs, the city was

facing a problem of its own. There was only a single access road to the apartments, Edmonston Road. The only place for another access road was through Beltway Plaza, but Brown fought putting any road See BELTWAY PLAZA, page 11

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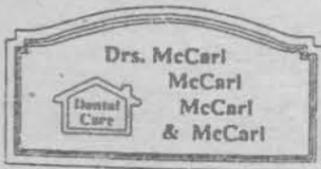
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prevent another major tenant from locating.

The only way for the county government to get Brown to do something was to require road dedication at the time of subdivision. When Brown proposed the construction of a gasoline station and car wash on his property, he was required to dedicate a short entrance road, Gentry Drive. After this street was built, Brown reached agreement with the Springhill Lake owners to grant a temporary easement for a road back to Springhill Lake with Springhill Lake paying for the road's construction. The thin pavement installed quickly turned into potholes and the apartment residents got mad.

By 1969, Springhill Lake residents were organized and demanding a better road. Getting nowhere with Brown or their landlords, they sought relief from the city. Council refused to fix the road because it was a private road. A coalition put together by former mayor and then Councilmember Francis White caused a major turnover in the 1969 election, with White becoming the new mayor and two new members being elected to the council, one of whom, Joel Katz, was a resident of Springhill Lake.

By this time, Brown was getting ready to build his enclosed mall, having finally achieved the necessary financing, even though he lacked a second anchor store. It became clear to him that he would have to dedicate the remainder of Gentry Drive in order to get permission to build his mall. In December 1969 a three-way agreement was reached in which Brown agreed to dedicate the right-of-way for the road (now Cherrywood Lane) and the city and Springhill Lake agreed to share the cost of construction.

### Enclosed Mall

On November 22 1971 "Grand Opening" ceremonies were held for a 63-store enclosed mall that ran from the Klein store to the original strip center, but the mall did not open. The county had refused to give occupancy permits because the problems with the steep embankment next to the Klein store still had not been corrected. The ribbon was cut by Brown's wife after Governor Marvin Mandel failed to show. Meanwhile, environmentalists picketed outside. The center did open a week later after the county and Brown reached agreement on fixing the em-

bankment. It was not until a court order was obtained that major work was done, and that still did not fully resolve the problem.

### Klein Closes

In 1975, S. Klein announced that it would close its store in Greenbelt. This was a devastating blow to Brown, Beltway Plaza and the merchants who had only recently opened business there.

Brown worked desperately to find a major tenant. He vigorously wooed Bloomingdale's Department Store. The firm's chairman of the board, Lawrence Lachman, looked at the Beltway Plaza in June 1975. Brown rounded up prominent local officials led by Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman to greet the official. In a followup letter Brown wrote, "Forget what the center looks like. . . Forget what's there now - there's no store in there that I can't get out and there isn't any store 'out there' that I can't get in."

While he failed to get a major tenant, a six-theater movie complex did open that year, and helped to keep the center viable. Even so, Brown wrote in 1983, ". . . after S. Klein closed, Beltway Plaza was engaged in a life and death struggle to survive. It lost many of its tenants and couldn't encourage others to come in because it had no 'anchor' tenant and a shopping center the size of Beltway Plaza needs to have an anchor tenant." Brown took over the operation of some of the stores in order to assure that the center kept an appearance of being a vital shopping center.

The Klein store remained empty until 1979 when the first floor became occupied with stores. Later Burlington Coat Factory took over the basement.

### New Additions

It wasn't until 1984 that major new additions came to the center. That year Bennisnags, Popeye's, Wendy's, and Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurants were added and the Academy Theaters added a second eight-theater complex. Other businesses proposed from time to time, never made it, often because of city opposition. They included a skateboard park, a night club and a billiard parlor.

In 1992 and 1993 the mall underwent its last major construction program. Two parking decks were added and a new store was built in back for the Sports Authority. Caldor Department Store, in the space now occupied by Value City, took over the upper floor of the

Klein building. At the other end of the center, part of the original strip center was torn down and a new Giant Food store was constructed. The mall was extended to this new store. This fall, construction was completed on remodeling and enlarging the first floor of the Klein building to accommodate Target Department Store.

Even though Beltway Plaza has failed to be Sidney Brown's dream of a shopping mall with four anchor tenants, and even though it has grown in a helter-skelter fashion, the mall has succeeded in becoming one of the most viable commercial centers in the county, particularly inside the Beltway. Just as the Jewish boy from Harlem fought his way to success amidst much controversy, his monument, Beltway Plaza, under his guidance, fought its way to success, as well.

## Elementary School Artwork Exhibited

During the month of December, artwork created by children from Greenbelt Elementary School will be on exhibit on the ground floor of Greenbelt Library in the display case. The clay pottery and sculptures were made by Tom Lenhart's 3rd grade class in ceramic classes taught by Barbara Simon, the director of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). Lenhart's class is studying American Indians and were inspired by learning about ceramic works created by tribes in the Southwest.

The trading card designs on display are by 5th grade students in cartoon classes taught by George Kochell, who teaches comic book, cartoon and animation classes for GAVA. Kochell's classes at Greenbelt Elementary School were done in collaboration with the 5th grade language arts curriculum. The students create themes and characters and develop them in comic strips, trading cards, TV/movie storyboards and other formats.

The ceramic and cartoon programs are supported by Greenbelt Service Center (Mobil) which has a Wednesday "Fuel for Schools" program to finance fine arts programs at Greenbelt Elementary School and St. Hugh's School.



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Sue Cobb has worked for the Prince George's County Public Schools for 18 years as a physical therapist. For the last eight years she has directed the physical therapy program. The forum focus will be how to successfully work with the physical therapist to maximize benefits for a child.

Call United Cerebral Palsy at 301-262-4993 for additional information about the forum.

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**NEW LISTING** — Do you want a 1/2 bath on the first floor and an addition with skylights? Call for more information and to schedule an appointment to see this beautifully landscaped unit that backs to the woods. **\$59,900**

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### 1 BEDROOM GHI UNITS

**REDUCED—UPPER LEVEL** — Freshly painted, modern kitchen, washer and dryer and large walk-in closet make this a great value. Why pay rent when owning is cheaper!! **\$28,900**

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Young artist at work.

-photo by Leigh Catterton

# POLICE BLOTTER

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

### Rape

Entrance to Northway ballfields, Dec. 6, 12:20 a.m., a woman was being given a ride home when the driver stopped at the entrance to the ballfields and forced the woman to have sex with him. The suspect is known to the victim, and investigation is continuing.

5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive, Dec. 6, 11:37 p.m., a woman was walking from the Greenbelt Metro station when she was approached from behind by a man who grabbed her around the neck, pulled her into the nearby wooded area, choked her and sexually assaulted her. The suspect is described as black, in his 30's, 5'11", with a thin build, a dark complexion, and a thin mustache; he was wearing blue work pants, a blue waist-length winter work coat, and a black knit hat.

### Armed Robbery

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 2, 11:49 p.m., a man had parked his vehicle in the rear parking lot and was walking toward the mall entrance when he was approached by two men. One asked the man for directions and then produced a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining money from the victim the man fled. The suspects are described as a black male in his late 20s, 6'2", 200 lbs. with black and grey hair in dreadlocks and wearing dark clothing, and a black male in his late 20s, 6'3", 200 lbs. wearing dark clothing.

### Strong-Armed Robbery

Area of Greenbelt Metro Drive and Cherrywood Lane, Dec. 4, 11:48 p.m., a man was walking from the Greenbelt Metro station when he was approached by two men. One punched the man in the face and demanded money. The man was then knocked to the ground, and the men took money from him and fled.

### Assault

Hunan China restaurant in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane, Dec. 2, 10:17 p.m., a cook stated that a youth entered the restaurant and threw a bottle of soda at him. The victim was not injured.

### Drugs

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Dec. 3, 10:15 p.m., a 17-year-old nonresident was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. The youth, who matched the description of an assault suspect, was found to be in possession of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to package marijuana. The youth was released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### DWI

7500 block of Greenbelt Road, Dec. 2, 4:52 p.m., a 19-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated as a result of the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citation pending trial.

Area of Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road, Dec. 3,

1:40 a.m., a 32-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Area of Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street, Dec. 3, 3:20 a.m., a 38-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Burglary and Theft

9000 block of Edmonston Road, Dec. 1, 5:55 p.m., someone removed an unattended checkbook from a business office.

Chevy's Restaurant at Greenway Center, Dec. 1, 10:49 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from the bar.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Dec. 2, 7:16 p.m., video game players, video games, and compact discs were taken. Entry was gained by prying open a window.

Jasper's Restaurant at Greenway Center, Dec. 3, 12:16 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the bar area.

Bally's Health and Fitness in Greenway Center, Dec. 3, 8:06 p.m., a wallet was taken from an unsecured locker.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace Dec. 4, 6:28 p.m., a VCR and an alarm clock were taken.

7500 block of Greenbelt Road, Dec. 4, 7:47 p.m., people were selling stereo speakers out of a van when a man took a subwoofer and fled in a vehicle. The suspect is described as black, approximately 20 years of age, 5'9", with a thin build and black hair and wearing a white dress shirt, a black and yellow tie, brown khaki pants, and a brown jacket. The vehicle is described as a dark grey 1992 Nissan truck.

9100 block of Edmonston Court, Dec. 4, 8:05 p.m., a television, VCR, and furniture were taken.

PetsMart in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 7, 11:42 a.m., an unattended purse was taken from underneath a counter.

Old Navy in Greenway Center, Dec. 7, 12:40 p.m., jewelry was taken from a washroom.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Dec. 7, 10:08 p.m., someone attempted to pry open the front door of a residence.

### Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Dec. 1, 2:20 p.m., an 18-year-old male nonresident and a 19-year-old male nonresident were arrested and charged with trespassing after they were located inside the school. They gave a school resource officer false names, and investigation revealed that they had no lawful reason to be in the school. Both were released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Dec. 5, 5:46 p.m., someone threw rocks at the

bedroom window of a residence, breaking it.

### Vehicle Crimes

Greenway Center, Dec. 1, a woman stated that another woman vandalized her vehicle during a parking lot dispute, damaging the driver's window. The suspect is described as black, in her 30's, 5'4", with black hair and brown eyes and wearing glasses and all black clothing. The suspect vehicle is described as a black four-door 1989 Mercedes.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a dark blue four-door 2000 Ford Focus with Maryland tags HMR 531, Dec. 1, from the 8000 block of Mandan Road; a gray two-door 1986 Oldsmobile 98 Regency Brougham, Dec. 4, from the 200 block of Lakeside Drive; a black four-door 1999 Geo Prizm with Maryland tags FXM 709, Dec. 4, from the 7500 block of Mandan Road; and a gold 2000 Chevrolet S-10 pickup with Maryland tags 83H028, Dec. 6,

from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenbelt Metro station, 6100 block of Breezewood Court, 6500 block of Lake Park Drive, 100 block of Periwinkle Court, Roosevelt Center, 100 block of Westway, unit block of Crescent Road, and 7800 block of Hanover Parkway.



## GAVA - Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts

Registration & Membership forms for GAVA classes are available in the Community Center main office. GAVA members receive a discount on programs. For more information about other GAVA programs call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

### Programs for Children Ages Pre-School to 16

Class	Day/Time/Location/ Fee	Description
Comic Book I, for Ages 8-11	M/4:30-5:30pm/Children's Art Rm/ R: \$43 NR: \$53	1/15-2/19/6 wks. Create your own comic book with George Kochell.
Comic Book II, for Ages 8-11	M/4:30-5:30pm/Children's Art Rm/ R: \$43 NR: \$53	2/26-4/2/6 wks. Create your own comic book with George Kochell.
Cartooning I, for Ages 8-11	T/4:30-5:30pm/Children's Art Rm/ R: \$57; NR: \$67	1/16-3/6/8 wks. Create comic strips, trading cards, TV storyboards with George Kochell.
Cartooning II, for Ages 11-16	T/6-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm/ R: \$57; NR: \$67	1/16-3/6/8 wks. Create comic strips, trading cards, TV storyboards with George Kochell.
Animation Ages 10-16	F/5-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm/ R: \$145; NR: \$155	1/19-4/6/12 wks. Create an animated video using computer animation with George Kochell & GATE (Greenbelt Access TV).
Painting & Printmaking, for Ages 4-8	Sa/10-11:00am/ Children's Art Rm/ R: \$38; NR: \$48	2/24-3/31/6 wks. Explore a variety of materials and techniques. Instructor: Barbara Simon
Puppetry, for Ages 8-10	Sa/10-12:00 noon/Adult Art Rm/ R: \$95; NR: \$105	2/24-3/31/6 wks. Create hand & rod puppets & scenery & then perform at Greenbelt Library! Instructor: Sandy Gray
Homeschoolers Art Class for Ages 5-16	Th/1-3:15pm/Children's Art Rm & Cer.Sm/ R: \$110; NR: \$120; Siblings: R: \$70; NR: \$80	1/18-4/5/11 wks. (No class 1/25) Explore a variety of techniques using clay, paint and printmaking materials. Instructor: Barbara Simon
After-School Drop-In Art for Ages 5-12	W/3-6:00pm/Children's Art Rm/\$1.50 per hour	1/3-4/4 Open studio for kids in painting, drawing, crafts. No pre-registration required. Runs every week during public school year except when school is closed.
Pre-School Drop-In Art for Ages 3-5	W/9am-12 noon/Children's Art Rm/ \$1.50 per hour	1/3-4/4. Drop-in for pre-schoolers accompanied by parents/caregivers. No pre-registration required. Runs every week during public school year except when school is closed.
Teen Arts Drop-In, for Ages 11-16	Th/4-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm/ Drop-in \$4 per day or \$40 for 12 week session payable by 1/4	1/4-4/5. Open studio for teens in painting, drawing, crafts, etc. No pre-registration required.

Important note to Teens: Teens 14 & up are welcome in Drawing Class & Silk Painting Class under Adult Listings next page.

### GAVA Art Programs for Adults and Teens 16 & Over

Silk Painting	M/7-9:00 pm/Children's Art Rm/R: \$45; NR: \$55	1/22-2/12/4 wks. Teens welcome! You will be enchanted by the brilliant colors and dramatic textures! Anyone can create a masterpiece! Instructor: Diane Tucker
Drawing, based on "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain"	W/7-9:30pm/Adult Art Rm/R: \$85; NR: \$95	1/17-2/21/6 wks. For all levels of experience. Emphasizes realism by teaching participants to access their creative brain centers! Teens welcome. Instructor: Barbara Stevens
Water Color Circle	Th/11-3:30pm/Adult Art Rm/\$4 a day drop-in fee	1/4-4/12. Drop-in water color sessions for artists have no instructor. Registration required. Fee paid per day.
Introductory Sewing	Sa/3-6:00pm/Children's Art Rm/R: \$130; NR: \$140	1/14-3/4/8 wks. Hand/machine sewing, pattern & fabric layout. Students produce one outfit during session. Supply list available at Comm. Cen. Office. Instructor: Folonda Nix
Intermediate Sewing	Sa/1-3:00pm/Children's Art Rm/R: \$88; NR: \$98	1/14-2/18/6 wks. Learn the components of fit using darts, seam finishes, zippers/buttons. Students produce 1 skirt in class. Supply list available at Comm. Cen. Office. Instructor: Folonda Nix
Stained Glass, for Beginners-Advanced Students	Sa/4-7:00pm/Adult Art Rm/R: \$83; NR: \$93. \$15 studio fee should be included with payment.	1/13-2/24/7 wks. Learn to cut glass and assemble pieces into stained glass windows using copper foil and traditional lead cane methods. Instructor: Rick McMullin
Introductory Basketry	Th/7-9:00pm/Children's/Adult Art Rms/ R: \$175; NR: \$185. Materials fee: \$35 payable at first class. Note: You may sign up for 6 weeks (1st half or 2nd half).	1/18-3/22/12 wks. Learn to make traditional flat-plait, ribbed and twinned baskets. One basket completed every 3 weeks. Call instructor Teddy Primack for details (301)441-8462.
Intermediate Basketry	M/7-9:00pm/Adult Art Rm/R: \$175; NR: \$185. Materials fee: \$35 payable at first class. Note: You may sign up for 6 weeks (1st half or 2nd half).	1/15-4/2/12 wks. Explore weaving styles, traditional structures of Appalachian baskets with emphasis on technique & shaping. One basket completed every 3-4 weeks. Call instructor Teddy Primack for details (301)441-8462.

### Ceramics Programs for Children and Adults

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Programs begin in Mid January at the Greenbelt Community Center

For more information call 301-474-2192

**City Notes**

The week of December 8, the streets crew continued sealing cracks in the road surface of Lakeside Drive and repaired eroded areas near the Gardenway underpass. The crew also created a swale next to the Greenbelt Professional Building, regraded the

area behind the Mother and Child statue and reseeded the area.

The horticulture crew covered some landscaped beds and enclosed others with erosion control net to protect them from road salt.

The parks crew installed a new plaque at the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center.

**Warning**

The News Review has learned that a schoolchild has been taking orders for what was supposedly a school fund drive and not delivering the merchandise.

Schools now ask that students

sell only to friends and family, not door-to-door. Residents should be sure to get a child's name and address, the name of the school or organization that will benefit from the fundraising and a receipt.



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Library end of town. 2 bedroom townhome in sought-after court. New paint and lots of special touches throughout. Excellent Price! \$64,990

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2 bedroom townhome- wide floorplan. Large shed in back fenced yard. Owner will pay \$2,600 of your closing costs! A bargain at just \$44,900

1 Bedroom lower level unit with fenced backyard. Remodeled kitchen and carpet throughout. Washer and dryer included. Call us now for more info.

2 bedroom townhome with new kitchen, addition and half-bath on first floor. Opened kitchen with new floor. Fenced backyard. \$49,900 **SOLD**

Westchester Park 2 bedroom townhome with refinished oak parquet flooring and new paint. Balcony on each side. Ready for you! \$77,900 **SOLD**

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Coming soon- brick townhouse close to Roosevelt Center. Owners are installing brand-new thermalpane windows. Call for more details.

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Lower level 1 bedroom end unit completely remodeled - new kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors and fenced backyard. Just \$36,000 **SOLD**

2 Bedroom townhome with new kitchen, updated kitchen, Wooded, fenced backyard with shed **SOLD**

3 Bedroom townhome with modern bathroom. Updated kitchen and great location near north end of town. Fenced front and back yard. \$56,900 **SOLD**

**GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**  
**2001 WINTER SESSION**

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as resident non-passholders must show proof to receive Greenbelt resident status. **Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.**

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

**GAFC Class & Registration Dates**

Winter Session: January 2, 2001 - February 24, 2001

Passholders & Residents register: Monday, December 18 & Tuesday, December 19

Non-Residents register: Wednesday, December 20 - Friday, December 22

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above.

Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.

Classes have been prorated for New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and President's Day.

Activity	Day/Time	Pass Holders	Res-NonPass Holders	Non Res-NonPass Holders
<b>Land Aerobics Classes (16 years+)</b>				
Hi Lo Cardio Adventure	T/TH 6:30pm-7:15pm	\$50	\$55	\$60
Rise & Shine	M/W/F 6:30am-7:15am	57	61	66
Step I	M/W/F 6:30pm-7:15pm	57	61	66
Tighten & Tone	M/W/F 9:00am-9:45am	57	61	66
<b>Water Aerobics Classes (16 years+)</b>				
Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00am-8:45am	\$57	\$61	\$66
Aquacize	M/W/F 10:00am-10:45am	57	61	66
Aquacize	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	41	45	49
Aquacize	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	50	55	60
Aquacize (drop-in)	F 6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00pm-2:45pm	57	61	66
Deep Water Aerobics	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	41	45	49
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	50	55	60
Deep Water Arthritis	M/W/F 3:00pm-3:45pm	57	61	66
Seniorcize	T/TH 10:00am-10:45am	46	50	55
Water Interval Training	M/W 6:00pm-6:45pm	41	45	49
<b>Adult Swim Lessons (16 years+)</b>				
Adult Beginner	TH 7:00pm-7:45 pm	\$40	\$45	\$50
Adult Adv. Beginner	TU 7:00pm-7:45 pm	40	45	50
Lifeguard Training	T/TH 6:30pm-9:30 pm	125	125	125
<b>Children's Swim Lessons (6 Mo.+)</b>				
Water Babies - A	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	\$17.50	\$20	\$22.50
Water Babies - B	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	17.50	20	22.50
Aqua Tots I	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Aqua Tots II	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
Beginners for 4's	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
Beginner I	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Beginner II	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Advanced	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Intermediate	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
Swimmer	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45

### Combined Choir Performed Dec. 3

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Combined Choir performed in the Greenbelt Community Church on December 3 for what might be their final annual Christmas concert under the direction of Jean Cook. "It is my last year. I have retired," Cook informed the News Review. She indicated after more than a quarter century, it is "time to pass on the baton to somebody else."

The choir performs each year in the candle-filled but intimate Community Church. The women and men of the choir come from several Greenbelt churches as well as people not affiliated with another choir but who just like to sing. Their enjoyment of singing is evident. This year's performance mirrored earlier ones in that it was a combination of familiar as well as lesser known carols and hymns. The audience joined in on several well-known hymns.

Doug Love, known for many interests in Greenbelt, entertained the audience with a Shaker melody "Hail, Hail the Beautiful Morn." Love also played the American zither during this solo. Sara Gilliom and Danielle Charles accompanied the choir with handbell ringing to "I Saw Three Ships."

### Public Can Comment on School Projections

The Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) held a public hearing to solicit public comment on "Draft Regulations to Analyze the Development Impact on Public School Facilities, January 2001" and school enrollment projections developed by M-NCPPC planners. The hearing was held during the Planning Board's meeting on December 14. While public testimony was heard at the December 14 meeting. Written comments will be accepted until close of business, December 19. Review of public testimony, final analysis and recommendations will occur on December 21.

The purpose of the hearing was to provide the public with an understanding of the methodology used to arrive at school enrollment projections; to review the five-year projections to be used in the schools Adequate Public Facilities (APF) test beginning January 1, 2001 for each school; and to obtain public input before the projections are finalized.

A discussion paper prepared by M-NCPPC planners, "A Citizens Guide to the School Projections for Adequate Public Facilities Test: Background and Methodology, December 2000," which describes the current methodology used in calculating enrollment projections is available to the public as part of the DRAFT Regulations as of December 7, 2000. The M-NCPPC DRAFT Regulations and enrollment projections are available now. Copies of the Citizens Guide and DRAFT Regulations including the projections are available at the Information Center, located on the fourth floor of the County Administration Building or on the Planning Department's Web-site at [www.mncppc.org](http://www.mncppc.org) in the Planning Board's section. For additional

information on the public hearing, please contact the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department at 301-952-3680, TTY, 301-952-3796.

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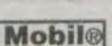
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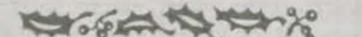
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**Schedule of Public Skating Session  
Holiday Schedule 12/23/00-1/1/01**

	Day	Time
Saturday	12/23	2:00pm-4:00pm
		4:30pm-6:30pm
		7:00pm-9:00pm
Sunday	12/24	10:30am-12:30pm
		1:00pm-3:00pm
Monday	12/25	CLOSED
		12:00pm-2:15pm
Tuesday	12/26	3:00pm-5:00pm
		7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday	12/27	12:00pm-2:15pm
		3:00pm-5:00pm
		7:00pm-9:00pm
Thursday	12/28	12:00pm-2:15pm
		3:00pm-5:00pm
		5:15pm-7:15pm
Friday	12/29	7:30pm-9:30pm
		12:00pm-2:15pm
		3:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday	12/30	7:00pm-10:00pm
		2:00pm-4:00pm
		4:30pm-6:30pm
Sunday	12/30	7:00pm-9:00pm
		10:30pm-12:30pm
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