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Election 2008

Greenbelt Gets New Polling Site

by Elaine Skolnik

When Greenbelt citizens vote in the upcoming presidential primary on Tuesday, February 12 there will be five polling sites in the city instead of the usual four. The new polling place, Turning Point Academy, now a charter school, is located at 7800 Good Luck Road.

Prince George's County Board of Elections Director Alisha Alexander explained that a new polling site was required after Greenbelt East's registry of voters totaled 4,000-plus. Consequently, two polling places in Greenbelt East will serve the area. Alexander said that notices are expected to be sent this week to residents who will be voting at Turning Point Academy in the upcoming primary.

Greenbelters wishing to vote in the presidential primary must register by Friday, January 22 at 9 p.m. or obtain a January postmark from the United States Postal Service in order to qualify to vote in the primary. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 4.

Voter registration applications are also available at the following locations: Motor Vehicle Administration offices, state Department of Health offices, local Departments on Aging, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, public institutions of higher education, marriage license bureaus, post offices, public libraries, county boards of elections and the state board of elections.

A citizen may also download a voter registration application from the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request an application. The latter should be returned to the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

Alexander reminds individuals who will not be 18 years old by February 12 that they cannot vote in the upcoming presidential primary.

She said there were no local elections in Prince George's County. Members of Congress will be running in the fourth, fifth and eighth Districts. Judges will be on the ballot as well as convention delegates.

Paper's Newest Volunteers Have Diverse Talents, Skills

by Carol Griffith

The staff of the News Review would like to recognize some of its newest volunteers. They're people with diverse talents, skills and experiences who have goals in common: the desire to make a difference in the community and use their abilities to contribute to the quality of life here.

Paula Clinedinst

Paula Clinedinst has been a volunteer at the News Review for almost a year, after reading an ad recruiting for typists on Tuesday nights. Since joining the staff, she has also done some editing and has written a few articles, including the feature story on the Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelts 2007, building on her experience as a writer for the ERHS Raider Review in high school.

Clinedinst has been involved in the community most of her life. She was on the Labor Day



Festival Committee for 10 years, has helped with the Miss Greenbelt pageant and was a member of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club throughout her childhood. She was Miss Greenbelt in 1985.

Clinedinst is one-third of "Just Us Acoustic" and has played many Greenbelt venues, including the American Legion, Fall Fest at Schrom Hills and the Labor Day Festival. She has been singing with the other members of the group, Chris Purvis and Tony Thurston, for over a decade, formerly as the Off Duty Band.

Active in the Greenbelt Community Church, Clinedinst teaches Sunday School and sings during the summers when the choir is on a break.

Clinedinst is a supervisory paralegal at the Department of Justice in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, where she has been employed for 16 years. She is a fourth-generation Greenbelt. Her mother Lynn still lives in Greenbelt. Clinedinst is a great-granddaughter of

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Newly Reelected City Council Takes on a Lengthy Agenda

by Thomas X. White

Following their reelection on November 6 and an organizational meeting on November 12, the Greenbelt City Council got back down to business at their November 26 meeting. The agenda included awards, petitions and purchase of a dump truck. (Other issues were reported in last week's newspaper.)

Leading off the meeting was an award program for the city's Recycle Right Awards. These are given annually to recognize the best recycling customers on the five residential routes in Greenbelt. Appearing at the council meeting to receive new recycling bins and other prizes were Darlene and Cory Squibb of Greenknolls Court, Vicki and Cara van Duyl of the 65 Court of Ridge Road, Jose Tillard and Gisela Bardossy of 9 Southway and Robert and Priscilla Fearington of Mandan Road.

Winners Francis Carnovale and Victoria Noyes of Kara Court were, however, unable to attend the ceremony which commemo-

rates America Recycles Day on November 15. The program is managed by the city's recycling coordinator Cindy Murray and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC). REAC Chairman Neil Barnett and member Marion Holland were on hand to make the awards.

Murray provided a brief update on the city's recycling programs, noting that the city's overall recycling rate is about 50 percent and that during the past year nearly 435 tons of yard waste were processed by the city into usable compost. This material is available free to residents at the end of Northway.

Murray also announced that the next city electronics recycling event is scheduled for January 26 at the Public Works facility on Crescent Road. Mayor Judith Davis noted that the city's recycling rate is the envy of other jurisdictions in the state and that the electronics recycling event

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What Goes On

Saturday, December 15

10 a.m. to Noon, Santa's Visit, Youth Center. Free (Preschool and Up)

Sunday, December 16

3 p.m., Holiday Lights Concert, Community Center Gym. Free

Thursday, December 20

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place.

American Education Week November 11 to 17, 2007

In celebration of American education, our columns have told the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. In past weeks Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Middle School, Magnolia Elementary School and Springhill Lake Elementary School teachers were featured. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School with articles written by students of the school.

Carleisa Rivera Joins ERHS Staff as Spanish Teacher

by Gelila Mesfin, ERHS Senior

Hailing from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carleisa Rivera has recently joined the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) faculty as a Spanish teacher. Rivera moved to the U.S. in July. She was recruited by the Prince George's County Public School system because of her Spanish background. "They were looking for native Spanish speakers," Rivera said. "I really wanted the opportunity of employment." After having many interviews in Prince George's County ranging from elementary school to high school, Rivera landed a job at ERHS.

Rivera is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico with a bachelor's degree in Spanish education. Obviously, teaching differences were going to occur. Rivera said, "Teaching Spanish to natives is very different than teaching Spanish as a second language; obviously it is harder but I am up for the challenge."

Rivera has six years of teaching the Spanish language and



Carleisa Rivera

said that [she] always knew she wanted to major in and teach Spanish. Back in San Juan, Rivera taught all levels of Spanish, ranging from pre-school to high school.

When she arrived in Prince George's County in July, she had

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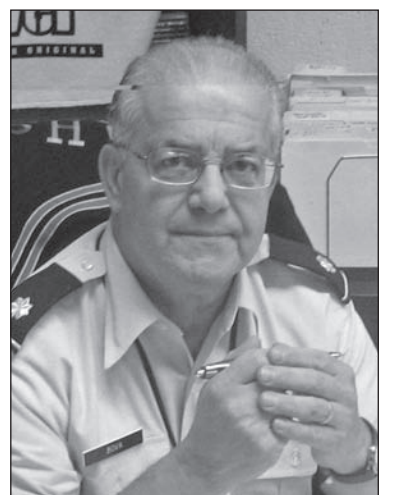
Retired AF Major Salvatore Bova Is Happy at ERHS

by Yasmin Boakye, ERHS Senior

From the military to the classroom, Major Salvatore Bova, USAF, Ret., at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) has influenced people of various ages throughout his career.

Bova began that career in 1968 with the U.S. Air Force. He served as an enlisted member for 11 years before becoming an officer in 1979, a rank which he held for 19 years. Major Bova has made education a top priority throughout his life. During his 30-year stint he graduated from the University of Maryland by attending night school. Later Bova received his master's degree from Chapman University in southern California.

Traveling the world and meeting new people encompass the majority of Bova's best experiences within the military. "The exciting thing about the Air Force is serving with people of all races, creeds, [from all] parts of the country, young and old - to me, that's exciting."



Salvatore Bova

Bova was involved in a variety of support jobs, similar to civilian human resource divisions. He later became commander of a large mission support squadron after which he became a political military affairs officer. His travels took him to southern California,

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Editorial

Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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

The location has not yet been confirmed but keep an eye out on the Greenbelters Yahoo list and other officially sanctioned disseminators of People's Dance Party news. Everybody Dance Now!

*Kim Kash
Citizen and proud
People's Dance Party supporter*

The "E" Word, Not "P" Word

It is obvious that any problem caused by humans will be decreased if the population is reduced. Global warming is caused by emission (the "E" word) of gases released into the atmosphere when burning fossil fuels. Countries that have burned the most fossil fuels (the "F" word) over the last century also tend to have lower birth rates. The USA has five percent of the world population, 1.4 births/100 people and has contributed over 25 percent to global fossil fuel emissions over the last 100 years. Undeveloped nations have not contributed significantly to global warming over the last century but will ultimately pay the highest costs in terms of impacts to their economy and population due to sea level rise, flooding and drought.

Mitigating the effects of global warming requires drastic reduction in consumption of fossil fuels, mostly by the developed nations. Unfortunately, the industrialized world's lust for fossil fuels has led to an acceleration in the emission of fossil fuel gases in the past decade. As easy oil is depleted, we will return to burning coal, develop tar sands and shale oil, increase our outsourcing of our dirty industries to developing nations and compete in the world market for the unstable and diminishing resources of high grade oil and gas.

The real problem is that the average US citizen remains unaware of the emissions they are responsible for in their everyday actions. Emissions are the inconvenient truth of global warming, not population.

Grin Belt



"What do you mean pinecones are just stocking stuffers?"

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Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Is Great!

Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 2307 for coming to our house on Saturday, November 17 to rake and bag leaves. A wonderful job and great community service!

We deeply appreciate the efforts of Girl Scouts: Ashley Afinene, Elizabeth Bailey, Amelia Benson, Rose Commins, Anna Brennan, Arianne Goolsby, Gaby Kuhn, Jessica Lewis, Alice Noll, Kat Sanders, Maia Tooley and Emily Winner and their leaders Becky Duncan, Dian Hugue and Monica Mische.

Isn't Greenbelt wonderful?
Bill and Stella Uber

THANKS

I want to thank the senior party apparatus of the People's Dance Party for their recent efforts to bring dancing, socializing and general grooviness to our Motherland, Greenbelt. At last Saturday night's party at the Youth Center, neighbors danced, laughed and socialized to a steady beat of James Brown, Donna Summer, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Cake, The Bee Gees, El Vez and so many more.

Fellow citizens, I urge you to raise your hands in the air and shake them like you just don't care at the next People's Dance Party, scheduled for January 12.



News Review Now Available Online

While the News Review website committee plans for future changes to the newspaper's present website, the city has generously offered to place the current issue each week on their website, www.greenbeltmd.gov. Look for the starburst that says "New" and download the paper to your computer.

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Send Your Holiday Greetings Far and Wide!!

Each year, the News Review publishes Holiday Greetings from area residents. Greetings are scheduled to be printed in the **December 20** issue of the newspaper.

The deadline for submitting is **Monday, December 17 at 4 p.m.**

To place your own message, contact the Ad Desk at 301-474-4131 for more details

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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—\$35/year.

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

Community Events

Astronomical Star Party December 15

On Saturday, December 15 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.



Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 4:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

Reel and Meal At the New Deal

The film "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action" will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, December 17 beginning at 7 p.m. The "Reel and Meal at the New Deal" is a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social issues and is sponsored by several Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. An optional vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase starting at 6:30 p.m.

The film profiles the against-all-odds struggles of Native American leaders who are taking on powerful energy companies and government agencies to protect the environment for all Americans. A moving tribute to the power of grassroots organizing, "Homeland" is also a call-to-action against the current dismantling of thirty years of environmental laws.

Shannon Quist and Chris Turner, who work at the National Museum of the American Indian, will talk about the film and lead a discussion at its conclusion. They both have studied and worked on environmental issues in Indian Country. Call Steve Kane at 301-437-8814 for more information.

BCWWG Meeting To Be on Dec. 18

The final Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (GCWWG) monthly meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, December 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road. The group will discuss plans for the new year and celebrate the past year's efforts of caring for the watershed. All are welcome.

Santa Is Coming!

Yes, Santa Claus will be stopping by the Youth Center on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children from preschool up are invited to this free event. All children will receive a Polaroid picture of themselves with Santa. If persons attending bring a blank DVD a child's visit can be professionally recorded. This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, December 19, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Friday, December 14 – Offices are closed at Noon for employees' Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation

Monday, December 17, 6:30 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting

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

Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 – Offices Closed

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

NOTE: The 2008 Board Meeting schedule will change to the second and fourth Thursdays of every month through May.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Choral Society Offers Free Concert

On Saturday, December 15 at 3 p.m., Greenbelt will again host the Prince George's Choral Society in concert at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road.

This year the society has a special treat for listeners in the form of a new Christmas hymn composed by member Marcia Porterfield.

All are invited to bring in the season with this concert of traditional Christmas carols, lullabies and religious songs.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, December 10 through Friday, December 14 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, meatballs with whole wheat spaghetti and sauce, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

Tuesday – Eggnog, London broil with mushroom gravy, twice-baked potato, green beans with almonds, spinach salad with walnuts and orange sections, cherry pie with vanilla ice cream.

Wednesday – Cream of broccoli soup with crackers, BBQ chicken on a bun, warm baked beans, broccoli slaw, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked tilapia fish with lemon butter, scalloped potatoes with cheese, garden salad with dressing, sweet cherries.

Friday – Cranapple juice, vegetable lasagna, sliced carrots, broccoli, pineapple tidbits.

Free Puppet Show At New Deal Café

There will be a free children's puppet show at the New Deal Café on Saturday, December 15 at 5:15 p.m. Carole Pirillo will perform "Jack and the Beanstalk," a 20-minute show suitable for all ages. Light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas & Papas.

Holiday Concert to Be Held on December 16

The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform its free seasonal concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 16 in the gymnasium of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The program will include an audience sing-along of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. All "closet singers" are welcome to come participate.

In addition to a wide variety of instrumental works, the concert will feature Yvonne Williams-Battle (soprano) as the special guest soloist, singing Adolphus Adams' "O, Holy Night!" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," specifically arranged for this performance by Band Conductor Tom Cherrix.

Take a break from the holiday bustle and enjoy listening to and participating in this concert. Call conductor Tom Cherrix at 301-552-1444 for additional information.

The Greenbelt Concert Band is a volunteer adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical entertainment for residents of Greenbelt and surrounding areas. The band receives the majority of its financial and logistical support from the City and is administered by the Department of Recreation. The band performs for civic and charitable activities. It is composed of members of local communities and is open to all those with playing experience.

The band rehearses in the Greenbelt Community Center on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Musicians interested in joining the band can check the band website at www.greenbeltconcertband.org for information.

Turner and Davis Protest High Rents

In a December 6 letter, Ingrid M. Turner, councilmember from the 4th District of the Prince George's County Council, and Greenbelt Mayor Judith F. Davis asked President Beth Russ of Realty Management Services, Inc., to reconsider recent rent increases on the Charlestowne North apartments.

"Some of these increases are over \$400 per month and represent an increase of more than forty (40) percent in their rent. Also, it appears that some of the proposed new rents are higher than the rents advertised on your website," the letter notes.

The writers concede the need to raise rents "to cover increasing costs" and reinvestments in the property. However, they describe the increases at these levels as "an incredible hardship." They also note "great disparity" in the proposed increases, such as from \$100 to \$400 for the same type of units.

"How can such a disparity be explained and justified?" Turner and Davis ask. They request that the rent increases be limited to 10 percent, "even if they have to occur for a number of years."

Skate with Family At Wells Ice Rink

The Herbert Wells Ice Rink holds special family skating sessions every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. With a paying adult, up to four children are permitted to participate free, excluding skate rental. It is an economical way to spend the day, cherish family and enjoy some exercise.

Wells Ice Rink is located at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park. For more information call 301-277-3717.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
BOARD MEETING

GDC and GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, December 20, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- 2008 Budget

Key Agenda Items:

- Business Owner's Insurance Policy – 2nd Reading
- Investment Policy
- Combining Websites
- Artifacts Garage

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Obituaries

Donald H. Cooper

Pioneer
Greenbelter Donald Herbert Cooper, 96, died November 24, 2007, of complications of cerebrovascular disease at Hospice of the Piedmont, Charlottesville, Va. He and his wife Eileen had lived in the Colonades in Charlottesville for five years.



Born and raised in Tacoma, Wash., he experienced the Great Depression and was influenced by the self help initiatives that kept families going and, when banks closed, cooperating neighbors used painted wood chips as capital for service, food or materials given.

He was strongly influenced by the Boy Scouts. He learned skills (fastest fire builder in the West) and earned the Eagle Scout rank. He enjoyed mountain climbing and gained self confidence. He was one of six finalists from whom Admiral Byrd picked a Scout for his first Antarctic expedition. Later, as an adult he received the Scouts' Silver Beaver award.

A member of the Order of the DeMolay, he won the Legion of Honor.

He attended the University of Puget Sound where he edited the weekly newspaper and was president of two national honorary fraternities (journalism and sociology).

When he ran out of money he moved to Washington, D.C., where he found work and was able to finish his degree at George Washington University. He did graduate work at American University.

Mr. Cooper and his first wife Evelyn and family lived in Greenbelt from 1937 to 1946. He gave years of service to Greenbelt Consumer Services, serving as executive secretary to its board of directors and later as vice-president of membership.

He was one of the founders of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club in 1937. The group began publishing The Cooperator (now known as the Greenbelt News Review). Mr. Cooper served as the first editor from September 1939 to May 1940 and again from June 1942 to February 1943.

Mr. Cooper worked for the Of-

fice of Strategic Services (OSS) in Washington during and just after World War II. The OSS sent him to Germany to edit the English version of the 43 volume report of the Nuremberg war crimes trial.

He next headed Research and Analysis in the Office of Director of Intelligence for Occupied

Germany. The Coopers lived in Berlin during the time of the Soviet blockade and the American airlift.

When the Coopers returned to Washington, Mr. Cooper worked in rural electric and telephone cooperatives at the Department

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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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December 16, 10 a.m.

Annual Seasonal Music and Arts Service
"Celebrate"

by Jacob B. ten Hove, co-minister with Bruce Baker, worship associate
(Annual Community Meal follows the service.)

— Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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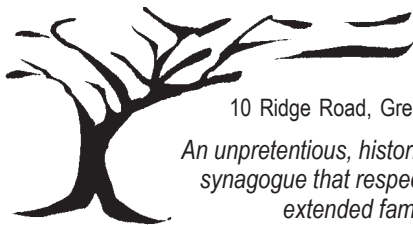
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Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

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— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.



Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

Dec. 16: An Insightful Moment in the Fields

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

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

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Confessions

December 19 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

December 22 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Christmas Masses

Children's Mass – Monday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass – Tuesday, December 25 - 12:00 a.m.

(Lessons and Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Mass – Tuesday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Masses for

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(holy day of obligation)

Monday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 - 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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Municipal Building

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— Bahá'u'lláh

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of Agriculture where he specialized in the organization and management of member-owned cooperatives.

On retiring from government, he joined the Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives to provide advisory services to American rural cooperatives and later to developing foreign electric cooperatives in the Phillippines and other countries. In 1978 he retired for a second time.

His strong support of cooperatives earned the suspicions of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Hubert Humphrey's intervention allowed Mr. Cooper to read his file and clear his name after being charged as un-American.

He authored several books including "Rural Electric Facts - American Success Story" and one on Greenbelt.

During his retirement his hearing declined. He won community and national recognition for support of hearing-impaired persons.

Mr. Cooper's first wife, Evelyn and his first son Herbert Cooper and step-son Eric Hartley preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years Eileen Barnwell Hartley Cooper of Charlottesville, two children from his first marriage, daughter Janet Cooper of Mt. Airy and Kenneth Cooper of Fairfax County, a stepson Kevin Hartley and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service, Donald Herbert Cooper - Life Well Lived, was officiated by the Reverend Anthony Perrino, Unitarian Universalist minister, at the Colonnades.

John Michael Simko

John Michael Simko, age 41, former longtime Greenbelt resident died October 18, 2007. Mr. Simko lived in Chesapeake Beach, Md., at the time he died. He was born at Prince George's Hospital and grew up in Greenbelt, was a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and earned



a bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of Maryland. He was an altar boy at St. Hugh's Church and a member of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Simko was employed by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

He is survived by his mother Susanna Simko Ormond; his father Richard E. Simko; his brother Steven Simko; his sisters Maria Chapman and Ann Wise; his sister-in-law Sharon Simko;

his step-mother Suzanne Shaw Simko; his step-sister Amanda Simko; his nephew Nicholas Brown; and nieces Brittany and Ashleigh Brown.

Services were held at Raymond-Wood Funeral Home on October 23 and he was buried November 30 at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Evansville, Ind. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

Yule Log Circle Held in Beltsville

On Saturday, December 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Department of Parks & Recreation will hold a free Yule log event at the Beltsville Community Center. The evening will include songs and storytelling in a campfire circle. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome.

For more information call 301-937-6613; TTY 301-445-4512.



City Information

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 17-21

Santa's Visit

Saturday 12/15, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, Youth Center

Preschool and up / FREE

Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a Polaroid picture with Santa and if you bring a DVD disc you can have your visit professionally recorded.

Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Holiday Lights Concert

Sunday 12/16, beginning at 3pm

Community Center Gym

Open to all ages / FREE

Featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band playing a selection of seasonal favorites.

Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Department

Greenbelt New Year

Mon., 12/31, 7:00pm till after midnight

Open to all ages. Advance sales: \$5. At the door: \$7

Children 5 and under: FREE



Join your friends and neighbors for a hometown, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring entertainment for all ages at several venues in the heart of historic Greenbelt. Advanced tickets are available at Co-op Supermarket, the Community Center and the Youth Center beginning November 30th. Hosted by: the Greenbelt Recreation Department

Warm-up: Community Campfire @ The Skatepark

Plaza From 6:15 to 6:45, the Greenbelt Girl Scouts will

host a campfire and sing-along, featuring folksinger Melissa Sites. Free Hot Cider and S'mores will be served.

Download full Greenbelt New Year schedule at www.greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Planning Board

Arts Advisory Board

Forest Preserve Advisory Board

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."



JOIN US FOR BILL PHELAN'S SEND-OFF TO MEXICO!

Join Bill's coworkers, neighbors and friends at

Chevy's Restaurant
7511 Greenbelt Road

Wednesday, December 19th, 4pm-8pm

Appetizers & non-alcoholic beverages provided
NO SPEECHES - Just come and wish Bill well.

Contact Cindy Murray at 301-542-2153 or Carolyn Clemens 240-542-2152 for further information.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed

Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th, and Tuesday, January 1st, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 24th and December 31st

Monday Route - Regular Schedule

(on Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st)

Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday

Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 28th, and Friday, January 4th.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th, and Tuesday, January 1st

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1791, the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified by three-quarters of the states in the Union and subsequently became part of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on the 150th anniversary of that event in 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed December 15 to be Bill of Rights Day and urged all Americans to honor the occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights protects every person of this nation from the infringement of basic human and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms of speech and assembly and the rights to due process and equal protection of the law, as embodied in the Bill of Rights, have served as a model for democratic institutions and laws all over the world; and

WHEREAS, in addition, December 10 has been recognized internationally as Human Rights Day in recognition of the adoption on that day in 1948, by the United Nations General Assembly, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the first global proclamation of the principle of human rights, an achievement in which Eleanor Roosevelt played a significant role as Chair of the United Nations' Human Rights Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, hereby issue this proclamation in recognition of both

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY and HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

and encourage all Greenbelt citizens to work tirelessly to keep safe our City's own tradition of protecting and expanding human rights and civil liberties for all our residents, as embodied in our Community Pledge, adopted in 2001, which specifically promises "to foster a community that is respectful, safe, and fair for all."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 10th day of December 2007.



JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor
ATTEST: David E. Moran Acting City Clerk

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, December 18 & 20: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert - Reverse Mortgages," 7:00pm: "Alexandria Kleztet," 8:00pm "Holiday Lights Concert."

PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 19 & 21: 7pm "Combined Choir Holiday Concert," 8pm "Democratic Club - November 2007," 9:30pm "Combined Choir Holiday Concert."

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Week of December 14

FRI. - SAT.

Enchanted, PG

12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

The Perfect Holiday, PG (!)

12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

I Am Legend, PG-13 (!)

11:40, 12, 2:15, 2:35, 4:50,

5:20, 7:40, 8, 10:20, 10:40

Alvin and the Chipmunks, PG (!)

12, 2:35, 5:20, 8, 10:30

The Golden Compass, PG-13 (!)

11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

This Christmas, PG-13

11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:50, 10:40

The Mist, R

11:40, 2:25, 10:20

Hitman, R

5:15, 7:40

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Italy and the Pentagon, a post which got him interested in the Washington, D.C. area.

Bova's first foray into education as a career began while he was still in the Air Force. He taught while on duty at Chapman University in Italy. Finally, after 30 years of dedicated service and commitment, Bova retired from the military in April 1998. But the call to serve was difficult to ignore and after only one summer of retirement, he began teaching at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in the fall of 1998.

Major Bova recalled the D.C. area from the time he had spent at the Pentagon and moved to Crofton, Md., choosing to spend the rest of his life in this area. He interviewed at three different high schools but ultimately chose ERHS because he "thought it was the 'best run' of the three schools" and because he liked the area. Although he insists that "no other jobs afford an opportunity like the military does," he was also very excited about the challenge of his new job.

AFJROTC Program

The AFJROTC department of ERHS is one of the school's hidden strengths. The focus of this four-year program is to "prepare youngsters to be responsible, committed citizens of our country." Contrary to some common perceptions, the JROTC program has nothing to do with teaching military tactics or attempting to recruit kids into the military. Instead, the program attempts to instill responsibility, respect, integrity and a sense of character into each and

every one of the cadets.

Bova believes the "common misconception is that people think that the only thing the kids do is march around and do push-ups if they mess up." In fact, physical discipline is prohibited in JROTC programs. Instead, "drill is a part of what [JROTC] does and it teaches pride," says Bova.

Bova is an instructor for the Level 3 and 4 cadets who are juniors and seniors respectively. Unlike the Level 1s and 2s, who are just entering and adjusting to high school, the level 3 and 4 cadets are "expected to be leaders." Bova tries to instill a sense of responsibility to these students by giving them additional leadership opportunities.

Although there is no obligation or insistence that JROTC students enter the military, approximately 10 percent of all graduates do join one of the branches of the military. Bova knows of many former students now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan whom he considers to be "true heroes."

Not all of what JROTC does involves the military and the school. The cadets have opportunities to "present the colors" at many community events from the federal level to the local area. JROTC has also "adopted" Cipriano Road and works to clean it up once per quarter. Cadets also visit Morningside Assisted Living Home in Laurel during Christmastime and Valentine's Day to serve dinner and interact with the residents.

Bova is currently celebrating his tenth year at ERHS. Although

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nothing, she said. "All I had was my air mattress," Rivera said jokingly.

"The people here are so generous and welcoming that I felt very comfortable," she continued. Rivera enjoys the atmosphere at ERHS. "Everyone is kind and welcoming," she says. Since Rivera's recent years were spent teaching Spanish to younger students, she has to adapt to the behavior of high school students.

Rivera said that "teenagers will always be teenagers; however, at Eleanor Roosevelt the students are good in general."

At Eleanor Roosevelt, Rivera teaches Spanish levels 1, 3 and 4. Rivera's teaching styles include "Cultural Fridays," which give students a look into real Spanish culture. Some events that Rivera allows her students include preparing traditional Spanish food and celebrating the "Day of the Dead," where the students put on

he enjoys his job, he agrees that teaching adolescents has its challenges. "The greatest challenge is understanding your role - everything is for the students," he says.

However, the benefits outweigh costs, he says. Bova's students are succeeding in college and getting good jobs. "[The former students] come back and tell us how we positively influenced them."

Bova sums up his life experience with this statement: "I was happy to serve in the greatest Air Force in the world and now I'm happy to be at one of the greatest schools in the country."

presentations to honor those who have died.

Rivera has even encouraged the class to put on a Quinceanera, a tradition for girls turning 15 in all Spanish-speaking countries, for a fellow student in the class.

Sophomore Kaila Lindo said that "Rivera has a very fun class. She is a good teacher and I love the fact that she is from Puerto Rico because I know that everything she is teaching us is from experience."

Now living in Glen Burnie, Rivera enjoys her new job at ERHS. She has grown accustomed to the responsibilities of an ERHS teacher and has developed her own style and way of teaching that her students seem to love. Although Rivera is nostalgic for San Juan, she hopes to stay and get better acquainted with the atmosphere in Prince George's County as well as with the people.

Penguins Playground Puppets Is Dec. 16

The South Laurel Recreation Council will host a free children's holiday program on Sunday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Deerfield Run Elementary School & Community Center at 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Rt. 197) in Laurel.

The program will be presented by Bob Brown Puppets. The show will be followed by a visit with Santa and his friends (teddy bear, panda, chipmunk, etc.). Parents are urged to bring cameras.

For details call 301-776-2805.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former Greenbelt John M. Simko in Chesapeake Beach on October 18, 2007.

Condolences to Pei-Lu Chiu, Jim Fischer and family on the death of Pei-Lu's father Wei Chiu who died in Greenbelt Sunday, December 9, 2007, following a lengthy illness.

Our sympathy to Sam Hofberg, chaplain emeritus of Greenbelt Post 136 of the American Legion, on the death of his wife Norma on December 4, 2007.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-689

- Kathleen McFarland

Dickens Theme Is Program Saturday

A classic Dickens-style Christmas program will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center. This county recreation program is free and will include 19th century-dressed carolers and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Prince George's Plaza Community Center is located at 6600 Adelphi Road in Hyattsville. For more information call 301-864-1611; TTY 301-445-4512.

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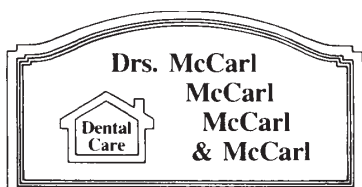


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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assaults

November 30, 7:20 a.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of second-degree assault and trespass after police responded to a report of a fight in progress at the Shell Foodmart. A cashier at the store reported that the man entered the store after having been previously banned from the establishment by management. He was told to leave but he returned a short time later, assaulted the cashier then fled the area on foot. The man was found inside Giant and was positively identified by the Foodmart cashier. He was transported to the police station, where he complained of difficulty breathing. The man was checked by ambulance personnel and was transported to a hospital for treatment. While waiting to be transported, the man assaulted an officer, kicking him. The suspect was treated and released from the hospital, then transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

December 4, 3:40 p.m., 4 Court Laurel Hill, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and trespass. A real estate agent reported that he and the man were involved in a verbal dispute over a real estate situation. When the realtor asked the man to leave the residence, he shoved the agent several times in an attempt to force him from the home. Responding police again asked the man to leave and arrested him when he refused. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Purse Snatching

December 6, 9:30 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a woman reported that she was standing at an entrance when she was approached by a young man who grabbed her purse, then fled on foot across Greenbelt Road toward Berwyn Heights. The suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'2", 130 pounds, wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and a black hat.

Trespass

December 1, 4:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He had been banned from the shopping center by se-

curity personnel and was detained and arrested when he returned later in the day. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 1, 9:05 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he entered the New Deal Café, from which he had been barred by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

November 29, 4:33 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) threw a rock through a bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

Burglaries

December 1, 2:16 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

December 5, 8:50 a.m., 11 Parkway an attempted commercial burglary was reported.

December 5, 3:37 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence through an unlocked bedroom window. Among the items taken were watches and jewelry.

December 6, 7:44 p.m., 7800 block Belle Point Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 1988 Pontiac Firebird 2-door with no tags from the 6900 block Greenbelt Road, a 1995 Dodge Caravan from the 9100 block Springhill Court and a 1994 Honda Accord 4-door from the 6200 block Breezewood Court.

Four stolen cars were recovered by outside police departments with five arrests in one recovery. A set of stolen tags were recovered by Greenbelt police; the driver was charged with theft and driving while suspended.

Theft from, attempted theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Ora Glen Drive, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, Greenway Center (two incidents), 6400 block Ivy Lane, 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, 7800 block Walker Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road (three incidents), 6200 and 9100 blocks Springhill Court and Beltway Plaza (three incidents).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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in January is perfect timing for residents to turn in their old computer and electronic equipment following holiday gift-giving.

Rent Increase

Also back to petition council was a contingent of residents of the Charlestowne North Apartments who have, again, been notified by their landlord of significant increases in their rents for 2008 and, with very short notice, to notify the property management of their agreement to pay the increase. If not, they were warned to be prepared to vacate the premises by December 15, 2007. Council agreed to an executive worksession on December 3 with the affected residents and the city's legal counsel.

Several items of note came up during the administrative reports portion of the agenda including City Manager Michael McLaughlin's statement that the city's bond rating had recently been evaluated by the Moody organization. The city has been able to retain its sound bond rating. McLaughlin noted that this occurred even though the city has not entered the bond market for several years. Maintaining the good rating was due to the city's determination to maintain its fund balance over the years at comfortable levels for contingency purposes, McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin also advised council that the city had received eight responses to its request for proposals for banking services announced recently. He indicated that staff will be reviewing the responses and will be prepared to make a recommendation to council at one of its January meetings.

Playful City

The Mayor and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach provided reports on their attendance at the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities in November. A highlight of the NLC meeting for Greenbelt

was its selection as one of about 30 U.S. cities of all sizes as a "Playful City," based on the city's commitment to recreation and open space.

An audio-visual program on the NLC award event in New Orleans and the Greenbelt Community Playground Design event at Windsor Green was shown. Mach was given credit by her colleagues for championing the city's activities in the Kaboom Playground competition and the securing of a grant for the playground in the Windsor Green community.

In other business council gave unanimous approval to the purchase of a two-ton dump truck and snow plow to replace an existing 1996 International dump truck. The city is utilizing a Fairfax Water authority bid to purchase a Ford F-750 at a cost of \$59,984. Along with a Maryland state bid of \$7,500 for a snow plow, the total cost of the replacement would be \$67,484.

This amount is considerably less than the \$90,000 set aside in the city's replacement fund for the dump truck and snow plow. An additional cost of \$5,000 will be required for hydraulic work and a radio after the truck is delivered to the city.

Council also acted on a petition on behalf of Greenbelt MetroPark, LLC, developers of the Greenbelt Station South Core, to vacate an existing right-of-way in the previous subdivision known as Branchville Heights, immediately adjacent to the CSX railway tracks in the southwest corner of the recently annexed South Core. In an interesting historical note, apparently the subdivision of Branchville Heights, consisting of 41 lots, had been recorded in the land records in 1889.

Since the subdivision served by the right-of-way was never developed, the platted right-of-way is not needed for public

access and the area is within the approved plans for Greenbelt Station. Greenbelt MetroPark, LLC, the current owners, are petitioning that the right-of-way be vacated. The City of Greenbelt and other interested organizations, government bodies and adjacent landowners were asked to consent to vacate the right-of-way. Council supported the petition.

Liquor Licenses

Council also considered a proposed local bill (pre-filed as PG 310-08) to be considered by the Maryland legislative that would allow up to four class B-DD (Development District) liquor licenses at the North Core of the Greenbelt Station development. The legislation would restrict the number of B-DD licenses serving the development and require that the licenses be restricted to establishments serving food to alcohol at a 51 percent to 49 percent ratio rather than the 40/60 minimum required by Prince George's County.

Similar legislation (PG 314-07) was submitted in the last year's legislative session but, for procedural reasons, was not acted upon.

Mach suggested that if council supports the proposed legislation, Delegate Tawanna Gaines, the sponsor, should be approached to modify language in the bill that refers to the Greenbelt Station North Core development as "Greenbelt Station Town Centre." She noted previous council concerns that the use of that term for the Greenbelt Station development could be confused with the original Greenbelt Center.

Council agreed and in a motion directed city staff to express support for the bill with Mach's suggested language change. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his objections to the legislation and, as he has done with previous similar legislation, voted no on the motion.

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– Saturday, December 22, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
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the late Helen "Mae" Zoellner, a Greenbelt pioneer. The late Paul and June Rousseau were her maternal grandparents and Charlotte Clinedinst, a former Greenbelter, is her paternal grandmother who lives in Woodstock, Va.

She states, "There's no place like Greenbelt and the News Review is just one example . . ." Greenbelters seem to be volunteers by nature and it's important to them to have information spread around as quickly as possible to as many people as possible.

"My favorite part of the paper, though, is the community aspect: we need to report the news but it's also important to let other Greenbelters know of the unsung heroes, the local newsmakers and who won the Little League World Series."

Robin Everly

Robin Everly started writing for the News Review in April 2007. A friend from the Greenbelt Writers Group suggested it as



a good way to get back into writing; she'd like to try writing short stories and possibly a novel.

She considers writing for the News Review as a challenge to her writing skills in making sure to capture events and people's viewpoints accurately. Everly is proudest of her article reporting on a busy city council meeting in July and one about the Earth Day activities in April.

Of her work for the News Review, Everly says, "I feel I'm getting important information out to residents that will help them make decisions and be kept informed of local government and events. I think our country has been built on volunteerism and giving back to the community and although sometimes it's difficult to find the time, I make a real effort to do so."

"I think the News Review is important because not only does it inform people of what is happening in our city and the surrounding community, it serves as a historical document of what has gone on in Greenbelt the last 70 years. I want to see the paper continue and thrive."

Everly has lived in the Washington metropolitan area all her life, attending DuVal High School and the University of Maryland, where she earned a Master of Library Science degree in 1999. She's currently a librarian at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Everly also volunteers with GHI, currently serving as chair of the Communications Committee which produces the Communicator newsletter. She's an animal lover and supports the "Save the Manatee Club" in Florida and animal rescue groups for cats and dogs.

Carol Griffith

Carol Griffith began volunteering at the News Review shortly after her return to Greenbelt after a 22-year absence. She answered a recruiting ad for a proofreader and shortly afterward began writing articles. "I'm very proud to contribute to the News Review and its great tradition. It's a great tool for the community and adds a lot to life



in Greenbelt. I feel honored to be part of its history," she said.

Although Griffith grew up in College Park, she spent a lot of time with friends in Greenbelt. She recalls fond memories of evenings spent allegedly studying at the Greenbelt Library, walking around the lake, attending pool parties in the outdoor pool and passing out campaign literature in a Labor Day parade. She decided to return to Greenbelt after attending a Parkdale High School reunion in 2002.

"Of the many places I've lived in this country, there are none that can compare to Greenbelt for its spirit of community and quality of life, especially for young people. I feel privileged to have had the opportunities and experiences I did here in Greenbelt. It's wonderful to be back home."

Griffith is in her "third career." She's now a writer-editor for the Department of Agriculture in Riverdale but was a nationally certified critical-care registered nurse for 20 years and a paralegal at federal court in Atlanta. She is in the Greenbelt Writers Group and active in Greenbelt Community Church. She's very proud of her children: a son, who will graduate in May from medical school in Georgia and a daughter, an artist, who lives in Hyattsville.

Shirl Hayes

Shirl Hayes started volunteering at the News Review in 2003. While taking a knitting class taught by News Review proofreader Eve Gresser, she mentioned to Gresser that she was a professional freelance writer and was feeling "kind of uprooted" after having lived in Germany for three years with her husband. She asked about finding some community activities and Gresser suggested she volunteer as a proofreader. She has also written an article for the News Review about identity theft.

Hayes says about the News Review: "A paper like this is not only a legacy (being the oldest, continuously volunteer-run paper in the U.S.) but it is also something that helps people have a sense of community identity. So many other communities are really just a collection of people that happen to live near each other. A lot of people don't even know their neighbors' names. This fragmentation is one of the things that, I believe, leads to more crime, desperation and loneliness."

Hayes likes to draw, embroider, read, contact juggle, listen to music and attend science fiction and fantasy conventions.

Eugenia Macarthy

Eugenia Macarthy has been a News Review volunteer for a year and a half as part of the typing team on Tuesday nights. She noticed the call for volunteers that appeared in the paper and decided that joining the News Review staff would be a way to help out her community. "I like Greenbelt," Macarthy states. "It's a community- and family-oriented place and I just



thought I could make a difference." This is her first experience working with a newspaper.

Macarthy feels that it's important for Greenbelters to know what's going on in their neighborhood. "There's a lot of information that I have found valuable," she says, referring to the notices of community events she types.

Macarthy was born in England but her parents are from Sierra Leone, where her father was in the military. Throughout her life she has lived in many countries. In 1996 she moved from Takoma Park to Greenbelt.

While a student at the University of Maryland at College Park, she rode around the local neighborhoods looking for a place to live; she fell in love with Greenbelt, mostly because of the family-like community. Macarthy has a son who plays football at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and has several other family members who live in the Greenbelt area.

Macarthy likes reading, movies and taking long walks in Greenbelt. Macarthy thinks that the News Review staff are fun-loving, caring and wonderful people. "One Tuesday night I got delayed and didn't have my cell phone. Because I was expected to be at the News Review office by 8:45 and did not get there until after 9:15, News Review staffers expressed concern that they hadn't heard from me. That made me feel like I was part of the News Review family."

Sara Mintz

Sara Mintz has been volunteering at the News Review since August 2007. She began volunteering while she was staying temporarily with Shirl Hayes, a proofreader. When Hayes went to the News Review to proofread, she took Mintz with her. Mintz enjoyed working with the News Review so much that she continued to volunteer after she settled in Greenbelt.

"I love the community feeling in Greenbelt and want to help foster it. I think a community paper is a great thing. People need to know and care about what's going on in their community to feel like it's a 'community.' Otherwise the town would devolve into just an assemblage of people who live near each other," Mintz said.

Mintz, a writer, is working on her fourth novel.

Ann-Marie Saucier

Ann-Marie Saucier also responded to an ad several months ago in the News Review for assistance with graphics in the paper. "Since graphic design is what I do for a living, it was a natural fit for me to help out. I like to help out in the community," she said. She designs some of the ads for the News Review.

Saucier has her own graphics business and works full time for a local technology company. She also volunteers with GHI by assisting with the Communicator and serving on the Communications and Marketing Committees.

Paula Clinedinst also contributed to this article.



Holiday Parade Kicks Off Toys for Tots Collection

by James K. Sanborn

This year's Greenbelt area Toys For Tots collection drive was kicked off Saturday by a holiday parade at Beltway Plaza Mall.

The parade, which ran from approximately 2 p.m. until 3 p.m., drew a crowd of several hundred helping to publicize the toy drive now in its 20th year.

Ron Wells, Greenbelt Lions Club member and toy-drive coordinator, said approximately 1,000 toys were collected during each campaign over the past few years. This year's turnout at the mall was strong, he said, giving him hope that they would collect at least that many toys again.

"We get a lot of satisfaction by being able to help folks. There is a lot of need," said Wells.

The Lions Club will partner with area organizations that will assist in the distribution of toys. Those organizations will include Prince George's County foster services, Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, the Margaret Brent School in New Carrollton and several area churches.

The Greenbelt Lions Club asks that the public continue donating

unwrapped gifts.

Collection boxes are located at Beltway Plaza Mall, Greenbelt Co-op and the Greenbelt Community Center. The Greenbriar Community Association is also collecting toys.

Collections will continue until Christmas Eve.

The parade preceding the toy drive included performances by the Bowie State University Symphony of Soul marching band and the Cheney University marching band of Cheney, Pennsylvania.

Included in the procession were the Prince George's County Police, Maryland State Troopers, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

Ingrid M. Turner, district four councilmember, made an appearance. At least one representative of County Executive Jack B. Johnson's office was also present.

The parade was followed by family activities inside the mall including a magic show, face painting, balloon animals and a public appearance by several Redskins cheerleaders.

A Review

Shakespeare Interpretation Playing at the Arts Center

by Carol Griffith

The effects of war on women's lives are many and varied. The current play at the Greenbelt Arts Center, "Love and War: The Bard's Women," beautifully illustrates this unfortunate yet unchanging fact.

This original production, which premiered at the 2007 Capital Fringe Festival, contains two distinct parts. The first, entitled "War/Piece," explores war – not only the historical wars of men but war within families, the roles of women in wars, war between the sexes, war among women and even the war within a woman. Lead actress Hilary Kacser portrays 11 characters from nine of Shakespeare's plays through spoken word and dance.

Some of the plays and characters are well-known, such as Lady Macbeth and Katherina from "The Taming of the Shrew," but familiarity with the play from which the excerpt is taken is not necessary as each scene stands alone quite well.

The emotions expressed are timeless – as relevant to contemporary life as when Shakespeare wrote of them. Kacser is superb in her portrayal of women of various ages, emotions and nationalities. She is assisted onstage by three women who play supporting characters, drape Kacser for a role change and deftly change the sparse set between scenes. The choreography is beautiful and aficionados of dance will find it reason enough to see the play.

The second half of this play is based on a book written about a club in Verona, Italy, that archives and responds to actual letters written to the character of Juliet of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Joined by two male actors, the women recite some of the letters, some touching and sad, others humorous. Interspersed are

scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" and short dances to modern songs which allude to the characters of the tragic love story. It's quirky, lighthearted and well performed.

The six actors have impressive credits and all perform very well. The show was created by one of the actresses while she was studying at the Studio Theater Acting Conservatory in Washington, D.C.

After each performance, the cast will remain for a question-and-answer session with the audience. For the preview and opening night performances the cast's discussion was joined by Greenbelt's Virginia Beauchamp, emerita professor of the University of Maryland and Shakespeare scholar (and News Review volunteer for 50 years).

She began the discussion session by informing the audience, to its evident surprise and delight, of Prince George's County's long history of Shakespearean theater, beginning in 1760 when mother-and-son actors performed scenes from various plays here in the county. The remainder of the discussion focused on the depth and range of roles for women in Shakespeare's plays and how "Love and War: The Bard's Women" came to be written.

Kudos to Edith Beauchamp, volunteer at the Greenbelt Arts Center, who saw the play at its premiere and arranged for its performance in Greenbelt.

"Love and War: The Bard's Women" will play on Friday, December 14 at 8 p.m. On Saturday, December 15 there will be two performances at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee is scheduled for December 16 at 2 p.m.

Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center, located at 123 Centerway, below the Co-op supermarket.