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City Council Releases Report On Voting System Issues

by Bay Woods

On December 8, the last regular Greenbelt City Council meeting of 2008, Mayor Judith Davis read aloud a "report on Voting Systems Issues" addressing concerns brought up by the NAACP and the ACLU about the municipal election laws and the ongoing Department of Justice investigation of the City of Greenbelt.

The single-page report was limited to "a description of our activities," because the city was "still in the process of analyzing these legal claims and possible litigation."

Council declined discussion or questions on the issue, while acknowledging that the "process of analyzing our longstanding method of election of members of the City Council and determining whether there is sufficient reason to change has taken more time and a lot more work" than was originally expected.

The report, then, detailed ac-

tions already taken by council, including three public meetings held with the NAACP, ACLU and Fair Vote; interviews with the Department of Justice; the advice of legal counsel and "expert statistical support" and a detailed discussion of "the views of our citizens."

The report stated that council is "concerned with the low turnout for councilmanic elections in precincts 8 and 13." [Springhill Lake Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High School polling places.]

The report also stated that when "the Department of Justice conducted its interviews, its attorneys informed us that they were still at a preliminary state of their investigation."

The mayor concluded with the pledge to continue to report on "the status of these matters on a monthly basis at council meetings."

New Group Forms to Study Municipal Election Concerns

by Bay Woods

Though the Greenbelt City Council issued a report at their December 9 meeting stating they were "still in the process of analyzing" legal claims surrounding the February 29 charge by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that Greenbelt's municipal elections violated the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a group of citizens calling themselves the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance (GNA) has formed to address the issue themselves. The GNA utilized the high turnout for the national election on November 4 to gather information about voting habits and history in the two precincts (8 and 13, Springhill Lake Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High School polling places) with the lowest turnout consistently in municipal elections.

In a letter to council, Johanna Goderre, a member of the group, laid out the GNA's methods and conclusions.

With only four volunteers, the group was unable to interview every voter. But over the course of 9 and a half hours, the GNA reported they had spoken with 628 voters, 74 percent of whom report never having voted in a municipal election.

The letter claims that the GNA spoke to 38 percent of the 1,440 voters at the Springhill Lake Elementary School. Though the group does not provide numbers,

they claim that "an overwhelming majority of voters did not know that the city even holds elections."

Voters Questioned

The GNA volunteers approached voters as they waited in line and asked if they had ever voted in a Greenbelt city election. After recording the response, the volunteer provided an "informational flyer" to the voter. If the voter responded 'no' to the question, the volunteer discussed "services administered by the city."

As a result of their discussion with voters at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake Elementary, the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance made four recommendations to council, including a "new resident welcome packet," regular voter registration drives, voter education and written materials with Spanish and other language translations.

The Neighbor's Alliance acknowledges the basis of the claims made by the NAACP and the ACLU that a problem with voter turnout exists in precincts 8 and 13. The group's letter to council argues that "while changing the voting system has the potential to improve participation, it is as important that the city implement a program of significant ongoing outreach."

Five people signed the letter: Johanna Goderre, Tom Jones, Cynthia Newcomer, David Lange and Sylvia Lewis.

Holiday Lights Concert Is Sunday

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present its free annual Holiday Lights Concert on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

The program will include March of the Toys by Victor Herbert, Overture to a Winter Festival by James Curnow, Holiday for Trumpets by Davis Rose featuring the band's entire trumpet section, Miniature Overture from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, Joyful Exclamations (based on Beethoven's Ode to Joy) by James L. Hosay, Trioka en Traineu ("The Sleigh Ride") by Tchaikovsky and many traditional vocal and instrumental songs of the season.

The Greenbelt Concert Band is conducted by Tom Cherrix. This adult musical organization is dedicated to providing quality musical programs for residents of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and surrounding areas. It performs for civic and charitable activities, including concerts for veterans groups, hospital patients and staff and other shut-ins. All concerts are open to the public free of charge.

For additional information call Tom Cherrix at 301-552-1444, David Clarke at 301-384-5674, the city's recreation department or visit the website at www.greenbeltconcertband.org.

Local Combined Choir Christmas Concert

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. The music combines old and new, classic and contemporary selections to present an interesting evening of music for all. All are invited to come and hear the full choir as well as small group performances. Following the concert, the choir invites the audience to the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.

The church is located at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

What Goes On

Saturday, December 13
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Bldg. and Community Center
10 a.m. to noon, Santa's Visit, Youth Center
Sunday, December 14
3 p.m., Holiday Lights Concert, Community Center
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Combined Choir Holiday Concert, Community Church
Thursday, December 18
7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board meeting, GHI Board Room

American Education Week November 16 to 22, 2008

In a celebration of American education these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. In past weeks, teachers from Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy were featured in these columns.

This week, readers will get a glimpse inside St. Hugh's School. In the coming weeks we plan to have stories from Springhill Lake Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools.

This series was developed and coordinated by David Lange.

Gibbins Gives St. Hugh's Students a Running Start

by Jon Sham

Anna Gibbins keeps her kindergarteners at St. Hugh's School pretty busy – they just finished a unit on pumpkins, did some "M&M math" and now are learning about Native Americans. (Each student has an Indian name, taken from nature.) At the same time Gibbins has been teaching them all semester about public speaking and about every American president. And it's only her first year.

Gibbins received her training in early childhood education from Frostburg State University specializing in pre-K through third grade. "I love the little guys," she said. "You know, I love their innocence and their curiosity."

She started out teaching first



Anna Gibbins

grade at St. Andrew Apostle School in Silver Spring. However, she then put teaching on hold for six years to begin raising her two sons, John and Justin. "And as much as I enjoyed that, as much as I loved that," she said, "when I

walked back into the classroom this year, this little bulb went off," and she knew.

Gibbins says her inspiration in becoming a teacher came from her own first grade teacher and from her Chinese father, who, speaking no English when he entered first grade, was discriminated against by his teacher. "I want to be . . . that early child-

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Sue O'Brien Takes on Many Responsibilities at St. Hugh's

by Jon Sham

As far as teaching responsibilities go, one could say Sue O'Brien has her desk full. In her 10th year at St. Hugh's, O'Brien serves as assistant principal, reading specialist, writing instructor and school librarian.

O'Brien, who grew up in New Carrollton in the Catholic school system, began her college education at Catholic University. She then transferred to the University of Maryland, where she got a degree in English.

But it took her a while, she says, to settle into teaching. She started out doing different administrative jobs while she raised her children. She was hired by St. Hugh's School 10 years ago after hearing a commercial on the radio. She started as a part-time librarian and has moved up sig-



Sue O'Brien

nificantly since.

"The kids never cease to amaze me," she said and that's why she loves her job. "Sometimes they say things that are such 'wow' moments. I mean, they seem to know more than we do."

The assistant principal position is her newest, having begun just this year. She deals with high school admissions for 8th graders, child protection, discipline and, she says, a lot of meetings. She has been a reading specialist for four or five years and as such O'Brien spends time in class with small groups and works to get them to the levels where they need to be.

As a writing instructor she works with 6th, 7th and 8th graders in 45-minute blocks. She

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Letters

THANKS

We wish to thank the kind person who paid our bill at the Beijing Restaurant on December 2, along with that of our four friends. We were surprised, amazed and grateful. Since we don't know who they are, we will pass the favor on to someone else.

Bert and Marj Donn

THANKS

Just a quick note to thank everyone for being a part of the Greenbelt Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. The weekend was a direct demonstration for many of what a wonderful community can do, even when faced with a very challenging economic state.

I spoke to shoppers who said that they did all of their holiday shopping at the fair. I spoke to crafters who said that this was their best show of the year. And on Monday a shopper asked me how to contact an artist to make additional purchases.

So thank you artists and crafters, authors and musicians, city staff and volunteers, Greenbelt friends and neighbors. Working together, we demonstrate that our thoughtful actions are making a difference. Shop local!

Barbara Dickey Davis
Coordinator
Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair

Donations Needed For Shelter Animals

GHI's Companion Animal Committee is seeking holiday donations for animals at the Greenbelt Shelter and the Prince George's County Animal Management Division.

Bring old blankets, comforters, sheets, quilts, spreads, cat and dog beds and towels to the GHI office on Hamilton Place between 9 and 5 p.m., to the donation box in the lobby. Toys, treats, food (and litter) for cats and dogs are also needed. The donation drive will go on through the holidays. The Companion Animal Committee urges people to help make animals in the shelters more comfortable.

December Beaverdam Creek Group Meets

Join the December meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group. It will occur on Tuesday, December 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School's Media Room (66 Ridge Road). Join in making plans for the New Year including the New Year's breakfast and walk.

Greenbelt News Review

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Now is the time to plan ahead in order to accommodate changes in the regular advertising and print schedule of the Greenbelt News Review. Please note the following:

Last Issue before Christmas – dated Thursday, December 18
Advertising and Copy Deadline: TUESDAY 12/16

Christmas Week Issue – dated Thursday, December 25
Advertising and Copy Deadline: MONDAY 12/22

New Year's Week Issue – dated Thursday, January 1
Advertising and Copy Deadline: MONDAY 12/29

Holiday Office Hours:

Monday 12/22 - 2 to 4 p.m.; 8 to 10 p.m.
(Tuesday 12/23 - Sunday 12/28 - CLOSED)
Monday 12/29 - 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.
(Tuesday 12/30 - Sunday 1/4 - CLOSED)

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

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

School Winter Break Homework Available

Educational packets designed to sharpen students' skills and prepare them for state exams and college prep are available online. The Prince George's County Board of Education continues to see remarkable progress by county public school students and encourages all students to complete and return their winter vacation homework packets on time.

The schoolwork in these exercises is designed to maintain the momentum of five consecutive years of rising test scores on state assessments and prepare students for important college level Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

"Preparation is a key ingredient in the recipe for success in class work, state assessments and college admissions," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education. "These winter break packets give our students an opportunity to continue sharpening their skills at home, where they can relax and take their time with the work."

Students and parents can access the winter break packets by going to the school district's website at www.pgcps.org, clicking on the student's page and clicking on the icon for winter break packets. Packets in English will be available on Friday, December 12. Spanish packets will be available Friday, December 19. Winter break packets are for students in kindergarten

through Grade 10.

Packets should be completed and returned to schools when classes resume on January 5.

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Join the December meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group. It will occur on Tuesday, December 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School's Media Room (66 Ridge Road). Join in making plans for the New Year including the New Year's breakfast and walk.

Senator Pinsky Holds Town Hall Meeting

Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (22nd Legislative District) will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Lamont Elementary School, 7101 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton in the multipurpose room. Pinsky will share information about the proposed Purple Line and how it will affect the community, provide information on the foreclosure crisis and address the upcoming legislative session and state budget. Time will also be set aside to hear from constituents.

For more information or to RSVP call 410-841-3155 or email ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF Dec. 12 Milk (R)

Friday
*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
*2:15, *4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday
*2:15, *4:50, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

Grin Belt



"You can't buy a Senate seat with a basket of acorns."

On Screen

Greenbelt's Got Milk

In "Milk," Sean Penn stars as Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in San Francisco. Both Penn and supporting actor James Franco were nominated for Independent Spirit awards for their portrayal of the life, love and death of this groundbreaking figure, who was assassinated just one year after taking office.

Director Gus Van Sant (My Own Private Idaho) worked hard to maintain accuracy, including using a number of Milk's friends as extras and shooting in the same storefront that once housed Milk's camera shop in the Castro district. Rated R for language, sex and violence, this film runs 128 minutes.

— Cathy Jones

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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.



COMMITTEE VACANCY

Would you like to serve on the
Nominations & Elections
Committee?

Following a recent resignation, the GHI Nominations & Elections Committee has a vacancy to fill. N&E is an elected committee, filling a vacancy by appointment. N&E's primary responsibilities are to identify GHI members to be nominated as candidates for office in the cooperative and to plan and conduct fair and expeditious elections, including the annual election and any required referenda. In May 2009, offices on the ballot will include five two-year positions on the Board of Directors, three one-year positions on the Audit Committee, and five one-year N&E positions. If you are a member of the cooperative in good standing and would like to know more about serving on N&E, please call Marjorie Gray at 301-474-6224.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 15 through 20 include:

Monday – Split pea soup, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, chicken enchilada with sauce, black beans, garden salad, apple crisp.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup, baked wild salmon with dill sauce, home-fried potatoes, seasoned spinach, banana pudding.

Thursday – Eggnog, baked chicken breast with pineapple sauce, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, cherry pie with vanilla ice cream.

Friday – Cranapple juice, meat lasagna, sliced carrots, green peas, pineapple tidbits.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. – Nominations and Elections Committee, GHI Library

Monday, December 15, 6:45 p.m. – Communication Committee, GHI Lobby

7:15 pm Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Friday, December 19 – Employees' Holiday Party. Offices close at Noon. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day – Offices Closed

Friday, December 26, Day after Christmas – Offices Closed

Caregiver Support

There will be a caregiver support group meeting on Tuesday, December 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Municipal Building. This group is for those who are or know a caregiver for an older adult with dementia or other health-related condition.

For more information call Christal Batey at 301-474-8000 or email cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov.

Holy Cross Thrift Store
 Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
 1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.
 Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
 Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
 6905 Greenbelt Road
 Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

KIVA Music for the Spirit
 Friday, December 19th 8:00pm
 at the Greenbelt Arts Center.
 \$13 general admission
 For reservations call
 301-441-8770

Community Events

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.



Tuesday, December 16, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, December 18, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

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

Accessibility Grant Deadline Is Dec. 30

The deadline for applications for grants from the Accessible Greenbelt Program is December 30 at 4 p.m. Applications should be submitted to the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Community Block Grant Program awarded \$40,000 to the city to help qualified Greenbelt residents acquire home accessibility items or have modifications made to their residences. Allowable items include motorized stair lifts, grab rails, portable ramps and many other items.

Grants are available to residents 62 and over and to disabled residents. Qualified applicants must also meet maximum income limits of \$43,050 for an individual or \$49,200 for a couple.

Application forms are available on the city's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov and may also be obtained by calling the GAIL office at 301-345-6660. The GAIL office is also soliciting suggestions regarding people who might benefit from this grant program.

Scouts Collect Hats, Mittens for Poor Kids

Greenbelt Girl Scouts are collecting hats and mittens for needy children. Junior Troop 4816 is seeking donations of winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves to benefit local at-risk children.

Donations may be dropped off in the lobby of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Donations will be accepted through December 19. (New items only.) The Girl Scouts will package this winter wear in hand-made stockings, with other goodies tucked inside, and deliver them to a youth outreach program in DC.

Follow-up Meeting On P.G. Transit Cuts

The Greenbelt Disability Connection will sponsor a follow-up meeting regarding the cutbacks in public transit service proposed in the Prince George's County transportation plan. The meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14 from 2 to 4 p.m., in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Its goal is to bring together residents with a common interest in transportation and transit issues to create a permanent working group. Related interests include enhancing pedestrian safety, creating bicycle-friendly pathways and eliminating barriers between the different Greenbelt neighborhoods.

ASL interpretation will be available. Limited rides will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 (evenings only) or email annasocl@verizon.net for additional information, to request a ride or to volunteer a ride. To be kept informed of future events send contact information to terry.vanzetti@verizon.net.

For more community events see pages 2, 5, and 6.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

At the business meeting on December 3 the Golden Age Club elected the officers for 2009. They will be installed in January. Thanks to John Henry Jones and the nominating committee for a job well done.

Now, to continue the list of "thank you's." Bill Souser is the retiring president. He has served as president seven times. Bill is our electronics and equipment expert. Bill serves as host and guardian of the senior lounge in the community building. He also designs and makes beautiful greeting cards on his computer. As my teenage grandson would say "He's an awesome guy." Many thanks, Bill, and, yes, you do like hugs.

There are great plans for the Christmas lunch on December 17. There will be no meetings on December 24 or December 31. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and looking forward to a very active year ahead for the Golden Age Club.

ERHS Hosts Winter Concerto Concert

The Concerto Concert will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) auditorium on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Nirvan Sengupta of Greenbelt on vibraphone performing the Concerto for Vibraphone and Orchestra by Rosauero; Riannon Aguilar of Laurel on piano performing the Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor by Beethoven; and Christi Rajnes of Bowie on flute performing Fantasie Pastorale Hongroise by Doppler. All soloists are accompanied by the ERHS Chamber Orchestra, directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. The concert is free and open to the public. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway.

New Deal Café Music Offerings this Week

On Friday, December 12 from 8 to 10 p.m. the always-popular "Rio Garage" will offer bossa nova jazz and Portuguese vocals. Saturday, December 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. will be classical guitar music by Bruce Krittr and, from 8 to 10 p.m., local musicians "Harp 46" with "Never in Denver" and Amanda Lee.

Sunday, December 14 there will be lute music by Jim Stimson from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; from 2 to 4 p.m. Carey Creed will perform contemporary vocals, piano and guitar; then from 5:30 to 8 p.m., music by local band "Jack Couldn't Make It."

On Tuesday, December 16 there will be a Cajun Music Jam from 6 to 9 p.m. – dancers welcome! Wednesday, December 17 Dennis Botzer will play Irish piano from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, December 18 the Songwriters' Association of Washington will hold an open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

To reach the Café visit the website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

New Deal Café Holds Cajun Jam

On Tuesday, December 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. the New Deal Café will present a Cajun Jam for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners are welcome. This is a free event. The Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center.

Advertising & the End of the World & The Story of Stuff

Films about Consumerism

Monday, Dec. 15, 7 pm
 New Deal Café • Roosevelt Center

Optional Meal, 6:30 pm

ELEANOR AND FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING
 Friday, December 19 at 7:30PM
 Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room,
 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt MD
 We will have two special guest speakers at our December General meeting: Board of Education At-Large member Amber Waller and interim superintendent Dr. William Hite.
 Please bring a dessert or snack to share.
 For information please call 301-386-0762 or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdemts.com>

Sat Dec 13 - 8 pm • Sun Dec 14 - 2 pm

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 Greenbelt Youth Center • 99 Centerway
 Tuesday, December 16
 7 to 8:15 p.m.
 *Additional dates to follow
 For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

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 All month long
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Obituaries

Galen E. Andrews

Galen Andrews, 97, died peacefully December 8, 2008, at Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Mitchellville. He lived at Green Ridge House where he suffered a stroke on November 20.

Mr. Andrews moved to Greenbelt in September 2002 to live with his younger daughter Marsha Voigt on Research Road. He thought Greenbelt was terrific especially the Community Center's poker group, Generous Joe's staff and grilled cheese sandwiches, Greenbelt Connection and driver Larry and the library. He liked Green Ridge House and its poker group and his many friends at Greenbelt Community Church and elsewhere around town.

In addition to Marsha and Larry Voigt, Mr. Andrews is survived by his older daughter Diane Seely of Lumberton, N.J.; two granddaughters Jennifer and Michelle; and a new great-grandson Alexander.



Our condolences to Marsha and Larry Voigt on the death of Marsha's father, Galen Andrews, who died on December 8.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Bernice Bryant of Green Ridge House, who died on December 2, 2008.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Marie "Honey" Sansone D'Aiuto of Land O'Lakes, Fla., on November 29, 2008. She was a 1948 graduate of Greenbelt High School; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sansone, were pioneer Greenbelters.

Our sympathy to News Review staffer Eugenia Macarthy, whose mother died on December 3, 2008.

Former Greenbelt residents Dave and Nancy Hutchins had lunch in Greenbelt on December 2 along with Marj and Bert Donn and two friends from North Carolina. When they came to pay their bill, they discovered that some kind person had paid the bill for them all.

The Hutchins, formerly of 65 Court Ridge Road, now live in Frederick, Md. Nancy is a former GHI board member.

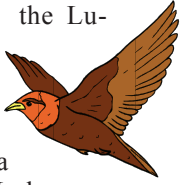
Darrell and Leta Mach happily announce the birth of granddaughter Amelia Jordan Avila on November 29, 2008. Proud parents are Amy and Albert Avila of Olney. Amelia joins big sisters Anna and Alexa.

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

— Kathleen McFarland

Audubon Society Winter Bird Walk

Take a winter mid-week bird walk on the Luther Goldman Birding Trail. On Thursday, December 18 at 3 p.m. take a stroll around Lake Artemesia to look for wintering songbirds, waterfowl and other bird life flyovers.



This 2.2-mile paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and alongside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Recommended for beginners and experts; binoculars are suggested. No reservations are needed for this free event.

Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

Laurel Offers Free Kids Holiday Program

Children of all ages are invited to the South Laurel Recreation Council's 33rd Annual Holiday Program held at the Deerfield Run Elementary School and Community Center located at 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197) in Laurel. Admission is free. No tickets or reservations are needed.

On Sunday, December 14 from 7 to 8 p.m., the "Nutcracker Fantasy" will be presented by Bob Brown Puppets. The show will be followed by a visit with Santa and his friends. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take photos of their children with Santa and/or the special guests.

For further information call South Laurel Recreation Council volunteers (301-776-2805).

Dollar Tree Is Santa To Military Kids

Dollar Tree's Operation Homefront 2008 Holiday Toy Drive will end on December 15. Customers purchase a toy or care item that will then be collected and distributed to military families in Maryland, D.C. and Northern Virginia.

Operation Homefront provides emergency assistance and morale boosters to deployed military members, the families they leave behind and the returning wounded. Look for the big collection boxes with Dollar Tree Toy Platoon posters in Dollar Tree stores.

Toys purchased and donated by the community at area Dollar Tree stores are used to fill stockings for military children living in the D.C. Metro area. Many of the children have been living for months with one of their parents deployed overseas.

The nearest Dollar Tree stores to Greenbelt are located at Enterprise Plaza Shopping Center on Greenbelt Road in Lanham and the Capital Corner Shopping Center in Landover Hills.

Local NAMI Group Meets

The local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) invites interested persons to attend the regular meeting of the New Carrollton Area Support Group. The meeting will take place at the Hanco building, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group provides a forum for sharing mental health experiences, challenges and solutions.

For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.



So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.
(Bahá'u'lláh)



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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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9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service



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

Wellcome!
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Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
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Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
Sunday, December 14, 10 a.m.
"What Gift Can We Bring?"
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Chromatics Return For Traditional Visit

The Chromatics, Greenbelt's own original a cappella sextet, will return to the Greenbelt Arts Center this weekend for their annual concert of musical offerings both traditional and original. The Chromatics are a unique high-energy vocal band that delights in offering audiences a combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, melodic insights into modern life and a smattering of science songs.

Greenbelter Deb Nixon says "We're delighted to return to GAC for what is now a holiday tradition for the group. It wouldn't be Christmas without the Chromatics at GAC." This year, the APL Scats will join the Chromatics for the first time at GAC. The APL Scats are a vocal group composed of singers who work at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

The Scats sing traditional and modern pieces, usually accompanied by piano. "A big highlight for our joint concert was getting both groups together to sing a few numbers with the piano. We definitely intend to do so again this year at GAC," says Greenbelter Padi Boyd. Boyd says the Chromatics will sing many of their old favorite holiday and pop tunes and sing a few songs including "Shoulders of Giants," a song penned by Boyd about Galileo's first glimpse at the wonders of the night sky through his telescope, written to celebrate 2009-the International Year of Astronomy.

"We're looking forward to singing at the Arts Center again. It's such a warm space and a welcoming crowd."

Concert times are Saturday, December 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

For more information and a free download of "Shoulders of Giants" visit <http://www.thechromatics.com/>.

Consumption Movies At Reel and Meal

As holiday shopping takes up time, watch a double feature film about the real costs of over-consumption at the New Deal Café on Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal will present two films dealing with the immense accumulation of stuff that characterizes people's lives all year round, not just during December.

"Advertising and the End of the World," written and directed by Sut Jhally (1997, 47 minutes) focuses on the impact of advertising on consumer thinking, specifically on how advertising defines happiness as having material things and how having material things leads to the depletion of natural resources. "The Story of Stuff," written by Annie Leonard (2007, 20 minutes) also focuses on the devastating consequences of such consumption on the environment and on personal happiness. In an engaging, spirited fashion it looks at where stuff comes from and where it goes and what happens to it when it is thrown away. A discussion will follow, led by Lore Rosenthal of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores environmental and social issues. There is no charge for admission to the film. At 6:30 p.m., an optional vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase.

Email sr.kane@verizon.net for more information.

NAMI Presents Annual Awards

The local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) presents the annual NAMI Prince George's County awards program on Saturday, December 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Book Club to Meet In College Park

Discuss literary non-fiction by women at the CPAE Book Club located at Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. The next book discussion is on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 pm: "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life" by Barbara Kingsolver. In her first nonfiction narrative, Kingsolver describes living for a year in rural Virginia growing or buying locally all her family's food. Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 for more information.

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Week of Dec. 12

FRI. - SAT.
Madagascar 2, PG
11:30, 2
Punisher: War Zone, R
4:30, 6:50, 9:30
Bolt, PG
11:20, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:20
Nothing Like the Holidays, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:30
Delgo, PG (!)
11:30, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
Cadillac Records, R (!!)
11:45, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25
The Day the Earth Stood Still, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
Transporter 3, PG-13
12, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
Twilight, PG-13
11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25


SUN.
Madagascar 2, PG
11:30, 2
Punisher: War Zone, R
4:30, 6:50
Bolt, PG
11:20, 2, 4:10, 7
Nothing Like the Holidays, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7
Delgo, PG (!)
11:30, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45
Cadillac Records, R (!!)
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Transporter 3, PG-13
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Twilight, PG-13
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MON. - THUR.
Madagascar 2, PG
12:20, 2:50
Punisher: War Zone, R
5, 7:30
Bolt, PG
12, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40
Nothing Like the Holidays, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:30, 5, 7:40
Delgo, PG (!)
12, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40
Cadillac Records, R
12:10, 3, 5:30, 8
The Day the Earth Stood Still, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8
Transporter 3, PG-13
12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8
Twilight, PG-13
12:10, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50

City Information

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 15-19
Wednesday, December 17th at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Visioning Review at the Community Center.
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Forest Preserve Advisory Board,
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and the
Youth Advisory Committee.
For more info call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER
Greenbelt Pets of the Month
Congratulations to NADIA, IZZY, and BETTY AND WILMA on their adoptions! We wish them happiness in their new homes. Thank you to Green Ridge House and the Greenbelt Co-op for all their assistance in capturing the big red dog.

KIMMIE: A dark 1 1/2 year old female tabby. Loves to hang out with other cats. She is still waiting on a home for the holidays!
For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Santa's Visit: Saturday, December 13th from 10am-12pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center.
Holiday Lights Concert: Sunday, December 14th at 3pm at the Greenbelt Community Center.
Please check www.greenbeltmd.gov for a full schedule of events.

CITY JOB OPENING
Human Resources Director, City of Greenbelt, MD, \$64,576 to \$103,334. The City of Greenbelt, MD is a municipal government adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. With a population of 21,000, Greenbelt is a diverse, progressive and historic community and is seeking a new Human Resources (HR) Director. This person reports to the City Manager and provides HR support to six departments and approximately 180 employees. In addition, the incumbent is responsible for classification & compensation; recruitment; EEO and ADA compliance; training; benefits; employee relations and risk management.

The ideal candidate is an experienced human resources executive or top-level assistant with a broad background in human resources. Candidate should bring extensive managerial, interpersonal, creative problem solving, and communication skills along with a strong customer service orientation. Candidate should be a strategic thinker committed to staff development and comfortable working with a broad range of city officials and management staff. Work involves critical decisions including staff recruitment, selection and development, interpretation and explanation of personnel rules and state/federal laws. The HR director will lead critical human resources related initiatives and policy discussions within city. Familiarity with HR Information Systems is desirable.

Job Requirements: Candidates should have a B.S. degree in human resources or a related field of study and possess at least 10 years of progressively responsible and recent Human Resources experience, including at least five years of supervisory experience, with a preference given to candidates with prior local government experience. PHR/SPHR/IPMA-CP certification is a plus.

To Apply: Call the Job Line 301-474-1872 to request an application or www.greenbeltmd.gov and download one. We must have an application on file, no later than December 31, 2008.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, December 16 & 18: 6pm "Ask the Expert-Avoiding Fraud" 7pm "Avoiding the Holiday Blues" 7:30pm "Holiday Lights Concert" 9:00pm "DTV Conversion"
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 17 & 19: Call for Schedule

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Permit for Electrical Work

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Nonconforming, Unpermitted, Red Serviceside Entry Door, 10V Southway
- Strategic Plan Review
- Boiler Room Conversion to Storage Units - Cost Projection
- Auditing firm bids for 2008
- Spending Authorization #1 for 2009, p.
- Alternate Work Week Proposal
- Verizon Premises Access License Agreement

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Seniors Point Out Lake's Poor Condition

From notes taken at the annual open forum held by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee on Saturday, September 13 and released in a December 5 report to the Greenbelt City Council, many members of the seniors group have their eyes on the condition of Greenbelt Lake. "It seems neglected lately," says long-time resident Kathleen McFarland, who grew up here.

The "holding pond" is a disgrace, she says. "It is overgrown with vegetation and sometimes smells." In a written report to council, McFarland deplors the poison ivy growing on the wooden fence "where some of us lean over (or used to) to enjoy its beauty."

"Only a few years ago, I watched the heron stalk its prey there and there I saw turtles sitting on the bales of straw and ducks swimming in the water."

Conditions are even worse in the water on either side of the peninsula, McFarland reports. The water is covered with "a film of pea-green algae."

Councilmember Rodney Roberts corrected the identification. The green scum is duckweed, not algae, he noted. "Too much fertilizer is going into the lake," he said. McFarland also reported on "soft drink cans sticking out of the scum" on one side.

Broken Trees

She also said that several large trees on the other side had been broken, possibly gnawed by beavers and were lying half-submerged. In the middle of the peninsula, McFarland reports, a large depression "fills up with water and becomes a muddy puddle when it rains." She recommends that it be filled in.

Two large groundhog holes near the end of the peninsula "pose a danger" to pedestrians, McFarland warns. But her report ends on a high note: "There is a bench at the end of the peninsula which is lovely to sit on and enjoy the beauty of the lake. This spot should be a city treasure; it sorely needs attention. Please, clean up the Lake!"

Following McFarland's oral report at the September 13 meeting, Mayor Judith Davis responded that the city staff and council "are aware of the issue." She commented that the city is currently looking for grants – "possibly over \$1 million" – to fund the necessary clean up.

"It's difficult to clean," she said. "In order to do so, the watershed streams flowing into it must also be improved."

The Green Life

Wintry weather has blown in with gusto. Here is one way to make the most of a home heating system and get warm without cranking up the thermostat.

The human body is essentially a walking heat factory so why not harvest one's own natural resource? For each degree a thermostat is lowered over a regular eight-hour stretch in the winter heating season – every night when tucked snugly in bed, for example – energy costs drop by about one percent, according to the Department of Energy. If that leaves one feeling a little chilly, consider adding a layer of clothing before resorting to turning up the thermostat.

Commander Beth Osborne Transferred to Georgia

One of Greenbelt Aquatic Center's longtime members will be leaving Greenbelt. This Christmas, Naval Commander Beth Osborne is moving to Brunswick, Ga., for her job with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She will become a Public Health Instructor and Course Developer for the Department's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Osborne and her family have been members of the pool for more than 40 years. "Believe it or not, even back then in the 60s, people were talking about enclosing the pool so we could swim year round. I used to dream about that at swim team practice because I was certain that I would freeze to death every morning in the summertime," says Osborne.



Beth Osborne

In their early years Osborne and her sisters played on the first Greenbelt girls' soccer team. "There was such an age span because it was prior to Title IX and not that many girls participated in sports, plus soccer was not that popular in the US. In fact, at our very first practice, all we had were worn-out

basketballs to kick," recalls Osborne, who was also on Eleanor Roosevelt High School's first volleyball team.

Osborne has been actively involved in a variety of sports including swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball and archery. She has completed marathons and half-marathons including the Marine Corps Marathon. In addition, she coached soccer, softball and basketball. Her many friends and neighbors will miss her.

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hood teacher that's the total opposite," she said, "that treats everyone with equal respect and is a positive influence on their life."

One of her goals is to try to make school fun for the kids while making sure at the same time that they are learning. For example, instead of simply reciting the alphabet, they go through and assign each letter a character. That day, she said, they learned about the letter F from Friendly Frog.

She is also in constant correspondence with students' parents through email and notes they send to school with their children.

With the modest size of St. Hugh's School – essentially one hallway and one teacher per grade, K through 8th – Gibbins feels it is easier to make connections with each of her students. This is also helpful with preparing them for first grade where she knows exactly which teacher will pick up where she leaves off.

O'BRIEN

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teaches them how to write a decent paragraph and tries to get them comfortable with writing in general. As the librarian, she sometimes designs projects but mostly takes care of normal library duties.

O'Brien says she enjoys a challenge and teaching is "always a challenge." She also takes pleasure in knowing she's making a difference – "where a child's eyes suddenly light up because they finally understand something," she says.

"I've been here so long that I think a lot of them treat me like their mother," she says, laughing. "I've even been called 'mom' on several occasions."

Postal Services Available



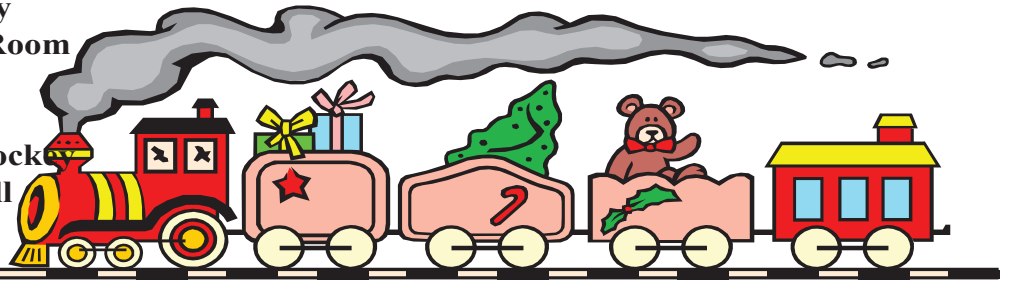
Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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- DJ Sk8 Night



Pajama Night **Friday, December 12th 8:00pm – 10:00pm**

Wear your pajamas and skate under lights while listening to music from our DJ
\$3.00 Price includes skate rental



Parents Night Out

Friday, December 5th, Friday, December 12th Pajama Night, & Friday, December 19th
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Treat yourself to a night out on the town, shopping for that special gift, take in a movie, go-out to diner or a quiet night at home. Drop your child off and we will supervise their night of fun. They will enjoy a night of ice- skating, crafts, and games.

6yrs –12yrs old
\$7 resident / \$9 non-resident

Holiday Skating Lessons

Monday – Tuesday December 22, 23, 29, & 30
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Herbert Wells Hockey Skills Camp

Ages: 7 -17 years
Hockey Skills Camp December 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 29th, 30th and January 2nd from 7:00am – 6:00pm. Meets the needs of the novice and intermediate hockey players and goalies that are interested in sharpening their hockey skills. Our goal is the development of better hockey skills. To achieve this goal we emphasize power skating, stick handling, passing, shooting and team play. Full equipment required, including mouth guard and neck guard. FEE: \$75.00 resident



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		Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts	\$2⁶⁹ lb.
		Fresh 93% Super Lean Ground Beef	\$2⁷⁹ lb.
		Fresh All Natural Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops	\$1⁹⁹ lb.
		Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steaks	\$2⁹⁹ lb.

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Pillsbury Ready to Bake Cookies Assorted 16 oz.		Stouffer's French Bread Pizza Assorted 10-12 oz.
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet
Colgate Tooth Paste Select Varieties 6 oz.	Fresh Catch Salmon Fillets	Bigelow Gourmet Tea Select Varieties 20 pk.
Western Family 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditoner 13 oz.	East Coast Fresh Select Oysters 16 oz.	Annie's Cheddar Bunnies Snack Crackers 7.5 oz.
		Fresh Store Baked Original Italian Bread loaf
		Fresh Original Pumpkin Pie 8 inch

Customer Appreciation Discount Day

December 17th
5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases
(except stamps and gift cards)

Grocery Bargains			
Green Giant Canned Vegetables Select Varieties 11-14 oz.	Domino Baking Sugars 2 lb. 10X/Dark/Light Brown	Stove Top Stuffing Mix Assorted 5-6 oz.	Kraft Family Size Salad Dressings Assorted 14-16 oz.
JIF Peanut Butter Assorted 17-18 oz.	Gold Medal Flour All Purpose/Unbleached 5 lb.	Knorr/Lipton Noodle or Rice Side Dishes Assorted 4-5 oz.	Betty Crocker Super Moist Cake Mix Assorted 16-19 oz.
			Maxwell House Ground Coffee Select Varieties 11-13 oz.
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Police Blotter

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

Robberies

December 1, 6:27 p.m., Greenway Center, two men entered Greenbelt Exxon, robbed the cashier at gunpoint and fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'8" to 5'10", 180 to 190 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants; and a black male, 5'10" to 6', 180 to 190 pounds, wearing all dark clothing.

December 3, 10:03 p.m., 7700 block Mandan Road, a man was robbed by approximately seven males who assaulted him and took his cell phone and money. The man declined treatment for minor injuries. He said that he knew the suspects but could not give a definitive description.

Drug Arrest

November 21, 12:17 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a nonresident youth and a resident youth were arrested for possession of marijuana. Both were released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Reckless Endangerment

December 4, in reference to a reckless endangerment reported October 17 in the 53 block of Crescent Road, a criminal summons has been obtained charging a resident man with reckless endangerment and malicious destruction.

Disorderly Conduct

December 1, 2:33 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and was released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption

December 2, 11:16 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities and released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

False Statement

December 3, 7:17 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested for false statement. He was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of two arrest warrants with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department.

Vandalism

November 27, 11:56 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) used a wooden post to break out the sliding glass door of a residence.

Burglaries

November 24, 2:39 p.m., 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

December 1, 9:59 p.m., 6500 block Springcrest Drive, two televisions were reported as taken.

December 3, 12:25 a.m., 9240 Springhill Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

December 3, 12:41 p.m., 8100 block Ryan's Way, unknown suspects fled the scene when the alarm sounded. Nothing was taken.

December 3, 12:59 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a laptop computer was reported as taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a blue 1992 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 2AKL34 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a red 2005 Toyota Scion 2-door, Maryland tags 9DHY13 and a light green 1996 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 6DBL76 from the 100 block Westway; a 2007 Ford van from the 5800 block Greenbelt Road; and a green 1999 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags MRB233 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An attempt to steal a vehicle was reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrest and one was recovered by an outside department with no arrest made.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (in-dash CD player, stereo equipment); 8000 block Greenbury Drive (two incidents - tote bag, GPS, phone charger); 6800 block Green Crescent Road (iPod); 6200 block Springhill Court (groceries, cassette tapes); Frankfort Drive and Frankfort Court (GPS); 6200 block Springhill Court (radar detector); 6800 Springshire Way (power tools, board games); 71 Court Ridge Road (rear tag); 7800 block Walker Drive (GPS); 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (vehicle tags); 6200 block Breezewood Court (generator, air tools); 6100 block Breezewood Drive (two incidents - rear tags); and 6400 block Ivy Lane (GPS).

Vandalism to vehicles occurred at Beltway Plaza (broken door lock), 7200 block South Ora Court (broken passenger window), 7700 block Mandan Road (broken passenger window), 6200 block Breezewood Court (damaged door handle) and 8000 block Mandan Road (slashed tires).

Also, on December 1 at Beltway Plaza a vehicle was vandalized (broken rear window). A possible suspect seen fleeing the area in an unknown vehicle is described as a black male, 5'10", 180 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and brown pants.

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the system identifies the date, time, location, event, type and incident number of reported crimes. Event location information is provided at the block or intersection level.

By participating in CrimeReports.com, the Greenbelt Police Department is demonstrating commitment to service and safety by making crime information available to residents.

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Choral Society Holds Christmas Concert

The Prince George's Choral Society presents a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 13 at 8 p.m. in the Prince George's Publick Playhouse. This annual evening features several highlights, including the world premiere of "Sad Little Reindeer," a treat for the whole family performed by song and storyteller.

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The workshop dates are Tuesday, December 16th at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room #103, and Saturday, December 20th in Room #114. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. On Tuesday, December 16th, the class is from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. On

Saturday, December 20th, the class is from 12:15p.m. - 1:45p.m. The workshop is being taught by John Middleton, an expert on paying for college, who is a member of a tax, accounting and financial planning practice located in Beltsville, Maryland.

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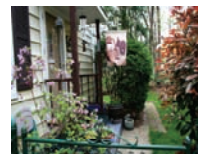
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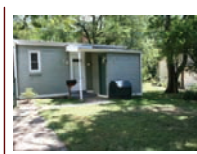
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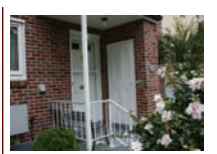
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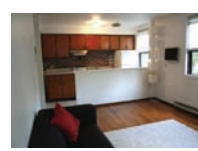
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Guitarist Jason Wood Competes Nationally

by Paula Clinedinst

Greenbelter Jason Wood is a self-proclaimed "jack of all trades." A Southway resident, his interests are all over the map but his focus lies primarily with music. Guitar World's latest Internet contest is proof that Jason is a talented musician – he is a top-10 finalist in GuitarWorld.com's "Shred the Web" guitar competition. In addition to being a guitarist, Wood is a composer, a teacher and a video game creator.

Wood composes music for various instruments but his "writing tool" is the keyboard. Using Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI), he can orchestrate numerous instruments and capture the melodies that sometimes "literally come in the middle of the night."

"I get a melody in my head," says Wood and then he puts the guitar, keyboard and computer to work.

Originally from New Jersey, Wood moved to northern Virginia in 2002 to join a band called Rain Fell Within. There he met his fiancée, Laurie Ann Haus, who was their backup singer. In 2004 the two formed their current band, Todesbonden. Wood plays guitar; Haus is the singer and the band's manager and also the creative genius behind the band.

In college, while analyzing "Christ Lag in Todesbanden" by J.S. Bach, Haus came up with the idea of a band that would combine dark melodies, heavy metal and orchestral music. Haus had the vision and Wood had the recording equipment; together they had the direction each wanted. Todesbonden, which means "bonds of death" in Old German, was formed.

In 2004 Todesbonden released its debut CD and was signed to Prophecy Productions, a German recording label. Wood says, "The eight months of negotiations was worth it considering the promotion and distribution we've received." In June this year the band released its first full-length CD, "Sleep Now, Quiet Forest."

Solo Project

In addition to being a member of Todesbonden, Wood has a solo music project, Ol Sonuf, underway. The foundation of the project is based in the Enochian language – a cryptic language of legendary origin. "It's supposedly the language of the Angels," says Wood. "It's an instrumental project and I would love to do it live but it would take many musicians."

Basically it begins with a computerized drumbeat and other instruments are then worked into the composition. Sometimes, though, the guitar comes first in the compilation. This makes sense, since playing the guitar is how Wood started down his musical path.

"The same musical language applies to all instruments," Wood says. "Iron Maiden was the catalyst for my picking up the guitar at age 12 but I also was inspired by classical music since early childhood." Wood explains that his first music love is the music of Bach and Moussorgsky but anyone who has seen him perform sees that heavy metal music roots run deep as well.

"Classical music sets the standard for what I hope to achieve," he says, "because it's a different level than what I play and listen



Greenbelt musician Jason Wood is one of the top 10 finalists in the GuitarWorld.com's "Shred the Web" guitar competition.

to." When asked about the nexus between two arguably different types of music, Jason says, "The guitar is like an intensified means of achieving dynamic things and heavy metal is classical music with more intensity."

Wood is among the Top Ten Finalists in GuitarWorld.com's "Shred the Web" competition. Out of 298 first-round contestants, Wood is now banking on his performance of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" to win the grand prize. The final round of the contest ends December 17 and voting is done at <http://tabs.guitarworld.com/shredtheweb>.

Wood is entered in the contest as olsonuf – not Jason Wood or Ol Sonuf – and is the only artist performing "Stairway to Heaven." One must register an account with Guitar World online to vote but membership is free.

School of Rock

In addition to teaching guitar, Wood has the ability to teach his students the art of mixing and recording and the skills needed to get signed with a recording label. "Each student has different needs and I try to cover more to provide the complete musician package," he says.

His current students range in age from 8 to 50, two of whom live in Greenbelt. "The hardest thing about teaching kids," Wood says, "is keeping their attention and keeping the lesson exciting." As for the older generation of students, "It's about having faith in yourself and the willingness to push yourself."

Some students really do want to be rock stars but others are interested in "networking, promoting and the business end of things, too." Wood says his varied musical influences have enabled him to teach students with their own varied tastes. A former student is a member of Baltimore-based Condemn the Infected.

Another student, a man in College Park, looks to improve his lead guitar skills. Yet another is a young woman in Kensington just getting started. She is interested in learning classical guitar and music theory.

Other Interests

In addition to the various music outlets, Wood has other creative hobbies. He tends to foster them in two- to six-week long

phases: "I dive head-on, whether it's video editing, MIDI sequencing or audio production and then something else comes along and takes my attention." Thus, he has quite a few projects ongoing. One of these is a book he is writing on music history and music theory. "It has been a learning experience and one thing I've learned is just how long-winded I really can be."

Another project in the works is a series of children's video games that will feature the antics of two cats and will be called "The Adventures of Baby Smush." In addition to writing the story, Wood intends to compose the music for the series. The game will be "very cartoon-like" and Wood hopes to appeal to a wide age range.

Wood's interest in mythology is leading him to create mythological games, all to the soundtrack of music he himself has composed.

Jason Wood is the type of musician one can admire. As a teacher, as a composer and as a performer, he has the right mix of talent and aspirations that music lovers want to see. "I would be doing something musical no matter what," he says.

Music impacts his life in every possible way. "I'm always trying to expand my knowledge and learn something else. I'll never be finished."

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Joint Choir Offers Christmas Cantata

A choral presentation of "The Winter Rose" will be given on December 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at College Park United Methodist Church at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. The choir will consist of members of the College Park and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist churches and "The Suspenders," an elite cappella choral group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A reception in the social hall will follow. For further information, call 301-345-1010.

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This annual holiday event is a great way to make time with the family during the hectic holiday season. These events are ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for these events as space is limited.

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Neediest Kids Food Drive at Safeway

This year Safeway grocery stores throughout the region are providing customers with more than just the ingredients for celebrating the spirit of the holidays. The company's Neediest Kids Fund Drive also is a convenient way for area residents to help their neighbors in need during the season of giving.

From now through December 27 all Safeway grocery stores in the area will collect donations from customers at checkout to benefit Neediest Kids, Inc. For more than 35 years this local organization has provided funds to school systems throughout the area to meet the immediate needs of students for new clothes, medicines, eye exams and glasses, school fees, transportation and more.

"These are challenging economic times for everyone and this campaign will help ensure that every student in our area has the opportunity to reach their own bridge to success," said Gregory Ten Eyck, Safeway's Eastern director of public affairs. Safeway supports a broad range of charitable and community programs and last year donated more than \$154 million to causes such as cancer research, education, food banks and programs focused on assisting people with disabilities.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may send it to Neediest Kids, c/o Comcast SportsNet, PO Box 31257, Bethesda, MD 20824.

The Raw Truth: Traveling By Bike Back to Mt. Airy

by Bill Norwood

I grew up in the Mt. Airy area and finally settled in Greenbelt in 1981, returning there September 20 and 21 to attend my 50th Mt. Airy High School reunion. Having ditched my car over three years ago due to its risk, inconvenience, expense, limited usefulness and my own declining ability to perform auto maintenance, I saw fit to just ride my bicycle the 41 miles. But having seldom exceeded six miles of riding in a day, I went into training for three months to do the distance for sure. This included running 3-milers for cardiovascular fitness and doing a 28-mile ride via the Northern Central RR trail in Maryland and the Heritage RR Trail in Pennsylvania to Glen Rock, where I visited relatives. (I returned via the same trails the next day.)

Meanwhile I had seen my daughter, Jenna, go from fat to fit in just a few months primarily by transitioning to a raw foods diet. For starters she had eaten raw food for 30 days while creating a feature-length documentary of her experience (www.superchargeme.com). So I thought, why not try the same thing leading up to the 41-mile bike ride and I've found that I feel better and also get plenty

of "biking energy" from this diet.

As one who has variously involved himself over the decades in weight-lifting, walking, running, aerobics, bicycling, yoga and ballroom dancing, as I move into "seniorhood," I seek to promote senior fitness. A few years ago I performed my age in push-ups, then in 2006 won the pedometer challenge (who could walk the farthest in two months) at the University of Maryland College Park where I work. My favorite exercise in summer is to bike the trails shirtless when the temperature is over 95 degrees – the breeze really feels good!



Bill Norwood and his daughter Jenna celebrate his arrival at Mt. Airy.



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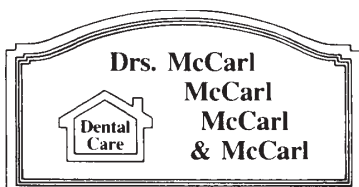


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