

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Top Ten Stories of 2010

As in the past, the News Review presents a review of major stories of the past year. They were prepared by Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, Mary Willis Clarke, James Giese, Thomas X. White and Renauta York.

### Library Renovation

Library officials confirmed in January that the Greenbelt branch of the county library system would be renovated in 2010. During the six-month renovation, the library was temporarily relocated to a room in the Community Center, where over 10,000 books were checked out. A grand re-opening was held December 4, receiving rave reviews for new energy-efficient lighting, bright colors on the walls, an express self-checkout station and a newly-defined area for computer stations, among other improvements.

### Year of Storms

Greenbelt suffered with the rest of the metropolitan area in a winter that brought more snow than ever before recorded and a summer of violent storms and above-average heat. A 19-inch December 19, 2009, snowstorm assured a white Christmas but a \$82,649 clean-up bill for which the city sought Federal Emergency Management relief funds in January. Then on February 5-6 the city was hit with a 24-inch snowfall named "snowmageddon." With the area at a standstill, Greenbelters hunkered down from Friday night until Sunday morning and then began clearing snow away from cars, streets and sidewalks. Heavy snow knocked down some 50 trees, over 30 along Crescent Road, and caused power outages of up to eight hours.

Another storm on February 9-10 brought 10 more inches to the already overwhelmed area. On July 25 the worst wind-storm of recent memory brought a fast-moving cold front and hurricane-force winds that felled trees and knocked out power to 90 percent of the city, causing the loss of even emergency communication. Roofs blown off at Empirian Village forced 65 units to be evacuated and fallen trees damaged homes in Lakeside and elsewhere. Without a staff member's cell phone, News Review staffers might not have been able to get that week's paper to the printer on time. It took up to five days for power to be restored to all areas of the city.

### Greenbelt East Fire

A devastating two-alarm fire on April 8 in the 7800 block of Jacobs Drive in Windsor Green destroyed three townhouses and damaged two others. As many as 20 people were forced to evacuate their homes. No residents were reported injured. Flames were seen shooting up high above the townhouses and smoke from the fire brought visibility to zero on Greenbelt Road. Cause of the fire is still under investigation.

### WAMU, Fox 5 News Visit

Greenbelt was the star of two news programs in 2010. On April 20, 200 Greenbelters joined two panels of city, county and regional representatives for WAMU's *Kojo in Your Community* to answer two questions: Why do you like living in Greenbelt? What are the challenges facing your community? Audience and panel members spent the first hour enthusiastically spotlighting Greenbelt's activist history, diverse and caring community spirit and environmentally sustainable lifestyle. In the second hour, participants focused on transportation, education, development, retail and safety challenges facing the community and the region as a whole.

On July 30, Roosevelt Center was the backdrop as Greenbelt shone on Fox 5's "Hometown Fridays" program. Segments focused on Greenbelt's youth, history, future and food. Featured were the three Misses Greenbelt, Greenbelt CITY Stars, Circus Camp, Camp Encore and the band Kerc. Greenbelt's history was highlighted by a Greenbelt Museum segment on furniture and gardens and recollections by early residents. Also discussed was the News Review's role in keeping the community together. Greenbelt Today's segment highlighted Goddard Space Center and an interview with Mayor Judith Davis. Viewers were also treated to on-air food demonstrations from the Co-op, New Deal Café and Chef Lou's Desserts.

### Greenbelt West

Greenbelt's largest apartment complex, Empirian Village, had fallen on hard times. There were fires, heating and electrical failures. Security issues and crime were common. In March at a city council stakeholders worksession, city staff and residents described code violations, security dangers, fires, plumbing and

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## Joan Conway's Leadership Role At Food Pantry Is Recognized

by Paula Clinedinst

Joan Conway is a spiritual philanthropist and scientist. With degrees in chemistry, education and nutrition and years of formal training in spirituality, she combines these various disciplines, providing what *Washingtonian* magazine has called "a taste of home for the working poor" (January 2011).

A retired USDA nutritionist, Conway, along with others, has turned a small food pantry at St. Camillus Church into an entity that feeds 6,000 families per year. Because of this work, she has been named one of the magazine's Top 12 Washingtonians of the year.

Spirituality is evident in Conway's living room during this season. In addition to a Christmas tree, gifts beneath it and holiday music playing softly, 31 nativity scenes representing different countries and cultures are set forth on shelves and tables. Inspired by Saints Francis and Claire of Assisi, Conway exhibits the passion of knowing God's love and trusting that God will provide.



Joan Conway

### USDA

When Conway began her studies in nutrition, food and science in the 1970s, the depth of the research involved was new. "It was just after World War II and scientists were trying to figure out what role vitamins played in health," she says. As technology and scientific equipment ad-

vanced, so did the ability to carry on new research.

Conway came to Greenbelt in 1981 to work at USDA as a research nutritionist and chemist. She lived in Springhill Lake for three years and then moved to a home in GHI, attracted to the co-op and its amenities.

"It had everything and was close to work," she says. She clocked her commute as seven minutes and seven stop signs. Toward the end of her 22-year career, a federal buyout occurred and Conway decided to retire. She adds, "Where else would I want to retire but Greenbelt?"

### Food Security

From 1997 to 1999, Conway was a visiting scientist in Rome with the United Nations. She led a team there with the Food and Agricultural Organization to revise their recommended daily allowances. While there she was introduced to the concept of food security at the international level. According to Conway, "food

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## The Greenbelt News Review's Story as Told in Early Issues

by Cindy Henneberger

On November 24 the Greenbelt News Review celebrated its 73rd anniversary as Greenbelt's weekly community newspaper. In recognition of its anniversaries, the paper usually publishes its own account of its history. This time we present the following history with the permission of Greenbelt.Patch.com which appeared in two parts on the internet in September 2010.

On Nov. 24, 1937, six weeks after the first 197 families moved into Greenbelt, 19 volunteers from the Journalistic Club decided to jump in the water and learn how to swim. Thus began

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the then Greenbelt Cooperator and the story of the longest running cooperative weekly newspaper in the United States.

The early editors weren't re-

quired to be specialists. They learned their craft in the process, and terms of service were short – generally under one year.

"I took the reins of the Cooperator with little journalistic experience," wrote William Poole, editor for one month, from Jan. to Feb. 1938 "I wasn't afraid though because the Cooperator was just a hometown paper and if one switched his nouns and pronouns a bit it wasn't so bad a breach."

Like the residents of Greenbelt – the Roosevelt administration's

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Staff members are clipping galley and pasting up the weekly newspaper, the Cooperator.

PHOTO BY MARJORIE COLLINS COURTESY OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### What Goes On

**Friday, December 31** – City and GHI Offices closed for the New Year's Holiday  
**Wednesday, January 5** 8 p.m., APB Meeting, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening

I travel the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP) twice a day, once in the morning north to Route 32 and back south to Greenbelt in the evening. Even as early as 6 a.m. the southbound lanes are heavily congested and slow. After 3 p.m. the northbound lanes are bumper to bumper at about 5 mph with frequent accidents making the congestion even worse. Southbound the congestion begins after 4 p.m. Holidays and inclement weather often create total gridlock.

As per the December 23 News Review, the U.S. government will study the feasibility of widening the BWP to six lanes. This is in response to the military Base Realignment and Closure procedure transfer of additional employees to Ft. Meade. The move will result in additional traffic on the surrounding roads. The Ft. Meade expansion is a large economic benefit to the state of Maryland which will be concentrated in the communities around Ft. Meade including Greenbelt.

From the News Review article I get the impression that at least some members of the City Council plan to oppose the BWP expansion. As a city taxpayer who is often stuck in the BWP congestion, I feel that this opposition is highly unproductive and uncalled for. The maintenance and growth of this area's economy requires a supporting investment in the transportation infrastructure such as the Inter-County Connector and BWP expansion. Greenbelt citizens' jobs depend on the health of our local economy. In turn these jobs pay taxes that support Greenbelt's excellent city government . . . and pay City Council salaries.

During the door to door campaigning of the past few elections I have brought the north-south transportation infrastructure issue to the attention of two of the current councilmembers. Neither of them was able to form a coherent, supportable response that demonstrated any awareness of area-wide traffic patterns and congestion bottlenecks.

I urge the Greenbelt electorate to let their councilmembers know how they feel on this issue. If the area economy does not grow, we all suffer. The long term tax base will shrink, necessitating a retrenchment of Greenbelt city services. Typical service cuts could include decreased police coverage, less frequent snow plowing and reduced recreation center staff and hours. Oh and of course council salaries might be cut too.

William E. Hatch

## Questions Objectivity

I was confused and disappointed by the op-ed by Kathleen Gallagher along-side her news story about the proposed widening of the B-W Parkway in the last issue.

Readers could not easily discern whether the colorful account of discussion on the Greenbelters email list was an editorial, an op-ed, a column, analysis or a whimsical sidebar of some kind, since it was unlabeled as any of the above. The use of flamboyant, personalized phrasing amounted, in my view, to an op-ed, in which I was described as having experienced "epiphany" but later "hoisted with [my] own petard . . ."

Most readers were left thinking that it was not a news report but rather an expression of opinion. This perception was vaguely confirmed by the author's name appearing at the bottom, not the top, as in News Review news stories.

After 56 years and major changes in user volume and patterns on the Parkway, reasonable people can and will debate whether the addition of lanes is practical, advisable, affordable and constructive.

In exploring those topics, folks on Greenbelters debated the counter-intuitive claims that adding lanes always worsens congestion while removing lanes or capacity would, in theory, reduce congestion. The seeming satire in your paper – with its florid depiction of complicated arguments by local residents very much concerned about impacts on the community – cast doubt on the objectivity and fairness of your publication.

Andy Carruthers

## Knights Give Gifts

I would like to tell you a little story of how our community will always be there when there is a need. It goes like this:

Once upon a Christmas season the Lord told the Knights of Columbus to sponsor an Angel Tree, collecting toys for the underprivileged children of the area. With the incredible generosity of the parishioners of St. Hugh of Grenoble and the fantastic support of the Greenbelt community they were successful in providing toys to every boy and girl they received a request for. They had 95 requests throughout Greenbelt and surrounding communities.

The Knights collected over 350 toys and every single one was in the hands of a child on Christmas morning. With the

help of Silke Pope they were able to get the contacts for the schools. It was critical in the process to get the counselors in the schools who help find the kids and their needs, done with the help of Joan Nachman at Magnolia Elementary School, Donna Behe at Greenbelt Elementary, Silke Pope at Springhill Lake Elementary and Ms. Ilma-Francis at Fuchs Elementary. They had a daunting task before them but they had the true meaning of Christmas on their side.

It took several weeks to collect and organize the toys but everyone looked forward to giving that special Christmas glow that now was sure to be on every child. Without the special support of Curves and the Co-op grocery the task may have been too much but with the guidance of the Pastor of St. Hugh of Grenoble they were able to see that bright star just like some other people used to guide them over 2,000 years ago. Through the generosity of a community truly touched by the real meaning of Christmas, many children and their families will know what can happen when people have the real reason for the season on their side.

The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus wish each of you a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

SK John Winfrey  
(FDD,PGK,PFN)  
Provincial Marshal,  
Calvert Province  
District Marshal  
Archdiocese of Washington  
District

## Greenbelt Pantry Thanks Everyone

Thank goodness for special people like you. You have supported The Pantry all year long. The Pantry has been able to feed the needy with generous food-stuffs and food certificates.

Your support has meant more than you realize.

With many thanks and good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Solange Hess  
The Greenbelt Pantry

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC 31 Black Swan

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Friday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Saturday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

\*5:15, 7:30

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## Grin Belt



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## Green Ridge House Opens Waiting List

Green Ridge House, Greenbelt's HUD apartments for the elderly and disabled, will open its waiting list January 3 through 7 and 10 through 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications must be made in person at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

Applicants must be 62 years or older or a disabled adult: income limits apply to both groups. Apartments are all one bedroom. Those applying should be able to move in six months to a year and within 30 days of being notified a unit is available. For details see ad on page 3.

## Omission

The News Review belatedly learned we had omitted one of the New Deal Café artists exhibiting from January 4 through February 28 in our article on the upcoming shows in last week's News Review. In fact there are three artists – familiar Café musician-artist John Guernsey and Nicholas Condon in the back and front rooms and Nancy DePlatchett displaying handmade jewelry items. Please see information about Guernsey's exhibit on page 3 in this issue.

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

## To Greenbelt Friends & Neighbors



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&  
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# Community Events



PHOTO BY HILLARY HOWES

Costume designer Celestine Ranney-Howes of the UMBC Department of Theater costume faculty (center) will lead a covered-button art workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center on January 2.

## Button Crafts Featured At Artful Afternoon

The next City of Greenbelt Artful Afternoon program will be held on Sunday, January 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature a button-covered jewelry-making workshop along with other activities.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Artist-in-Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes will lead a craft workshop on making covered-button jewelry using a wide variety of fabrics to create different sized buttons, which can be strung into pendants or bracelets. Ranney-Howes works with area theater groups including Arena Stage and the Maryland Shakespeare Festival. She teaches costume design at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, also designing costumes for the university's productions.

At 1:30 p.m. the closing will be observed of the exhibit "Respondings: objects, actions and documents by Marian Glebes", with the artist reading messages to be carried off symbolically by the smoke of three fires lit on the Community Center lawn.

At 3 p.m. there will be a drawing for two tickets to see the New York Festival of Song: "Night and Day/USA" at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The winner can instead select two tickets to the performance of his or her choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Anyone can enter the free drawing up to 2 p.m. January 2 at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery or at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon also offers a studio open house and sale with the Community Center artists-in-residence. Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public and free. Artful Afternoons provide an introduction to the many art classes and activities offered by the city.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

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## New Deal to Exhibit Art by J. Guernsey

In addition to the January-February exhibits at the New Deal Café covered in last week's News Review, the Café will display art by Café musician regular John Guernsey and by photographer Nicholas Condon and 3D jewelry artist Nancy DePlatchett. The artists' reception for all three will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. Music will be provided by the Danny Griffin Jazz Trio; it is free and all are invited.



Work by John Guernsey, including this painting will be on display at the New Deal Café from January 4 to February 28.

Musician and artist John Guernsey will show his etchings, mixed media drawings and paintings at the Café from January 4 to February 28. Guernsey, who plays jazz and blues piano at the Café every Friday and Saturday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m., is an accomplished print-maker who studied etching with Professor Joyce Jewell at Montgomery

College for the past 15 years. His imagery is dreamlike, personal and finds its way into nooks and crannies of the human psyche. The etchings are large, high contrast and in black and white. His mixed media drawings and paintings are larger still and employ vibrant colors. Guernsey has had many area shows, both single and group and has participated in the last five Artomatics, Washington's largest arts festival.

The art exhibit program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FOND-CA).

## GHI Notes

Friday, December 31, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

The fall leaf bag program ends December 29 - a limited supply of bags is still available in the lobby.

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

## Arts Advisory Board Will Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, January 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

For more information call Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club will begin the New Year with the installation of officers for 2011 on January 5. Come to the meeting and bring a friend. We had several new members join the Club this past year and always welcome more.

On January 12 Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio will speak on heart health and "The Inside Scoop."

There's a trip in March that was not in the brochure, as it was planned later. It includes some Irish dancers, a museum and luck. Be sure to check with Karen Haseley for more information.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Christine Elliot.

Now that the holidays are over let's all look forward to an active year in the Golden Age Club and hope Mother Nature will be kind to us. Stay warm and be careful walking and driving.

# Season's Greetings!

## Windsor Green HOA



*The Board of Directors  
and Staff of GHI  
Would Like to Wish  
All our Members and Friends in the  
Greenbelt Community  
Happy Holidays!  
May Your Homes and Hearts be Filled  
with Peace, Hope and Joy this Season  
and in the New Year.*

## GREEN RIDGE HOUSE OPENS WAITING LIST

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from January 3-7 and 10-14, 2011, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled adult. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$36,625 for individuals and \$41,400 for couples. All apartments are one bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply.



## NARFE Meeting To Be Held Here

National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George's County will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Call the office for directions, 301-441-1096, dial 0. Membership is not required to attend. The speaker will be Chef Monica Thomas speaking on "Healthy Eating for Seniors." Refreshments are usually served.

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## Week of DEC 31

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The Fighter, R (!)  
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Little Fockers, PG-13 (!)  
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Gullivers Travels, PG (!)  
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Yogi Bear, PG (!)  
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The Tourist, PG-13  
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True Grit, PG-13  
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MON. - THU.

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# Obituaries

## Sheldon A. Goldberg

Sheldon Abraham Goldberg, 71, of the Windsor Green community, died at Prince George's Hospital on Monday, December 27, 2010. Mr. Goldberg had no immediate family but was well respected and will be much missed by his extended "family" of friends, volunteer colleagues (Windsor Green HOA and the City of Greenbelt) and U. S. Air Force and National Archives work associates.



A brief grave-site service will be held on Thursday, December 30 at 10 a.m. at the George Washington Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, 9500 Riggs Road in Adelphi. [For directions call 301-434-4640.] As there will be no funeral procession those attending should meet at the cemetery before the service. [Use the cemetery entrance on Riggs Road and go straight ahead to cemetery section 19B – a cemetery staff person will be there to help.]

His Windsor Green "family" including Derek, Ed, Judith, Pat, Catherine, Vicki, Randall and many others, will receive friends at a luncheon buffet immediately following the service. The repast will be at the Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive in Greenbelt. [The Community Center (301-345-4837) is located at the junction of Greenbelt Road (Rte 193) and Frankfort Drive.]

In lieu of flowers, in recognition of Sheldon's Jewish faith, please consider a donation to the Fisher House Foundation, Sheldon Abraham Goldberg Memorial Fund. [Donations may be made: online at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org); by phone at 888-294-8560; or by mail to Fisher House Foundation, Inc., 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD, 20850-5168.]

A more complete obituary will be posted in a few days on the funeral home website at [www.gaschs.com](http://www.gaschs.com).

## Carroll C. Skinner

Carroll Chester Skinner, 78, of Green Ridge House and formerly of GHI, died of complications from surgery at Doctors Community Hospital on Sunday, December 19, 2010.



He was born and raised in Burke, Va. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. For most of Mr. Skinner's life, he was a truck driver. He belonged to the Teamsters Local Retirees Club #639 of Washington D.C.

Mr. Skinner was a member of American Legion Post 136 and was a member of the Disabled

American Veterans of Bowie, Omaha Chapter.

He often walked his dog in old Greenbelt. He loved to listen to bluegrass music. He liked to visit the casinos in Delaware.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frederic and Ruby Skinner of Burke, Va., his wife Shirley and his wife of 25 years Rosa Mae Skinner of Alexandria; a sister Edith Skinner and brothers Dick and Buck Skinner, all of Burke, Va.

Survivors include stepdaughters Agnes Tedder of Hammond, La., and Joyce Saltz of Gordonsville, Va.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 5, 2011, from 10 a.m. to noon at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. At 1 p.m. a ceremony will be held at the chapel of Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Interment will follow immediately.

## David A. Hensel

David Arthur Hensel, 48, formerly of Greenbelt and the son of Irene Hensel and the late Richard T. Hensel, died Wednesday, Decem-

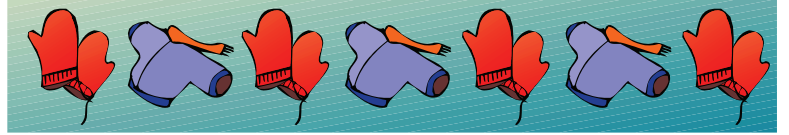


ber 8, 2010, at his residence in Jessup.

The third of six children, David was born December 1, 1962. The family lived in the 6 court of Crescent Road but moved to Orange Court in the Lakewood subdivision in 1968 where David grew up with his five sisters. He attended St. Hugh's Catholic School from 1st grade to 8th grade, graduating in 1976. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School but withdrew midway through his junior year and obtained a GED instead.

David worked for many years as a distributor for the Washington Post, picking up newspapers at the Post plant in the District of Columbia and dropping them for carriers throughout old Greenbelt and the surrounding area. In his 20s he trained as an auto mechanic at the Diesel Institute of America in Cheverly and went on to work for Oldsmobile dealerships and other general auto and transmission repair shops. David had always enjoyed driving, so he eventually traded his mechanics' tools for a Class A tractor trailer license, which he earned at Lincoln Technical Institute. He drove long and short haul, first for Kraft Foods and later for John W. Ritter Trucking in Laurel

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## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
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Sunday School : 9:30 am  
Worship : 11:00 am  
Child Care Available  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

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

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• Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

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January 2, 10 a.m.

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No diet, no exercise pledges, no resolutions required –  
Come celebrate the turning of the calendar.

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[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

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An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
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Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
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## Greenbelt Community Church

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
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10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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News Year's Eve, December 31  
5 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
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## Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

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for more than 15 years.

As a boy, David ran track and played baseball and basketball for St. Hugh's CYO teams; at Eleanor Roosevelt, he was a member of the cross country team. He continued to play basketball in pickup games and recreational leagues throughout his adulthood. He also was an avid golfer and participated in memorial tournaments for Pat Favret and Gene Kellaher.

David was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville and the Knights of Columbus St. Hugh's Council.

As the only boy in a family of girls who were all talkers, it wasn't surprising that David became a great conversationalist. He loved swapping stories about people, life experiences, cars, current events, sports and the weather, among other subjects. It's fair to say he never met a stranger. "What a talker!" or "Dave sure loves to talk" were the most frequent observations people made about him.

David's favorite subject, especially in recent years, was his native Greenbelt. He loved the history, the people and the memories associated with the place where he spent the happiest years of his life. He had an amazing recall for names and dates and he knew people – old and young – that the rest of us, with the possible exception of our mother, did not. Those who remembered their last encounter with David always did so in terms of what they discussed, whether it was family, mutual friends or the Redskins.

In 1989, David married fellow Greenbelter Colleen McCarthy. They settled in Laurel and had two sons, Timothy David, born August 15, 1994, and Brendan Anthony, born May 15, 1996. After his divorce, David bought a home in Jessup but stayed primarily in the Laurel and Burtonsville areas to be closer to Tim and Brendan. He was exceptionally proud of his sons, attending every baseball game they played for St. Joseph's CYO team. He often said that because our father, who worked multiple jobs, could not attend his games, he was determined never to miss one of Tim or Brendan's. Although he was not officially a team coach, he was honored by St. Joseph's with a special award for his many contributions. David also helped with Tim and Brendan's Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops in Laurel and chaperoned a weekend camping and biking trip to Antietam National Battlefield in October.

Just prior to his death, David spent almost a month as a volunteer tool coordinator and builder for a new playground at Bond Mill Elementary School in Laurel, which Tim and Brendan had attended. He enjoyed the teamwork, camaraderie and of course the conversation associated with the project. He commented more than once after a long day on the construction site that he hadn't been so tired in years but it was "a good kind of tired." The family plans to erect a plaque and a weather station at the playground in his honor, acknowledging his contributions to the project and his fascination for meteorology.

David A. Hensel was preceded in death by his father, Richard T. Hensel, and his nephew,

Christopher O. Fink. David is survived by his sons, Timothy and Brendan Hensel; his mother, Irene Hensel; sisters Gloria A. Hensel, Jeanne M. (Frank) Taylor, Mary A. (Dale) Lehman, Terese A. (Neil) Sehgal and Monica E. Heinlein; and 10 nieces and nephews. He will always be loved and forever missed by his family and countless friends, especially Don Dorsey and Mark

Opsasnick.

Memorial contributions may be made online to NAMI Maryland, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, at [www.namimd.org](http://www.namimd.org); by mailing a check to 10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Ste. 475, Columbia, MD 21044, or for more information contact the NAMI Prince George's County Chapter at 301-894-3042.

— Mary Hensel Lehman

## Student Achievement Focus of Bd. of Ed.

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet Thursday, January 6 at 1 p.m. The meeting will focus on student achievement and be in the Sasser Administration Building Board Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

It is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for three minutes by registering with the board office by 11 a.m. the day of the meeting. (Note: Board meets in Executive Session at 11 a.m.)



**Have a Safe and Happy New Year!**



# City Information

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board. For information call 301-474-8000.

### MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 3-7

Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information call Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

Wednesday, January 5th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm. 114. On the Agenda: City-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan: a. Recommendations Matrix, b. Enforcement and c. Goddard Bike Path. For more information call 301-345-5417.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### NEW YEAR RESOLUTION SWIM SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

10:00am-11:30am

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center  
101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Start off your New Year right with a Resolution Swim at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. Ages 8 and up, \$5.00 each. Please try to register in advance. Form is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/aquatic\\_fitness\\_center](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/aquatic_fitness_center). For more information call 301-397-2204.

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LAYLA, MR. WILSON, SALEM, OSCAR, AND HERBERT ON THEIR ADOPTIONS! COME OUT AND VISIT:**



George is a young mastiff mix who was found roaming the streets all by himself. He is very friendly and playful. He loves cuddles and long walks.

Gypsy is a beautiful young lady who was sadly surrendered by her owner. Open Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124



Make a donation for the holidays in the name of a friend! Visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

- The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html)
- The online home of President Obama's "United We Serve" initiative: [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)

### AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, January 2nd from 1-4pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

1-3pm: Make stylish covered button jewelry with Artist in Residence Celestine Ranney-Howes.

1-4pm: Artists' studio open house; visit the art gallery

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Your discarded Christmas Tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas up until February 4, 2011

#### GHI:

- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
- Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
- Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)
- Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)
- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
- Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)
- Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
- Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
- Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court area (area between courts)

**BOXWOOD:** Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

#### LAKESIDE:

- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

#### CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE AND CHARLESTOWN NORTH:

- Property adjacent to Attic Park

**UNIVERSITY SQUARE:** In front of swimming pool

**LAKESIDE NORTH:** Near Swimming pool

**FRANKLIN PARK:** Community Building

#### GREENBRIAR

- Between buildings 7708 and 7710, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7728 and 7730, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7826 and 7828, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 8003 and 8009, Mandan Road

#### GLEN OAKS

- Between buildings 7903 and 7905, Mandan Road
- Between buildings 7509 and 7511, Mandan Road

#### HUNTING RIDGE

- Between buildings 6936 and 6978, Hanover Pkwy

#### WINDSOR GREEN

- Court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff

#### GREENBROOK VILLAGE AND ESTATES

- Ora Glen Dr. and Mathew Drive (Southeast corner)
- Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive (Southeast corner)
- Mandan Road and Mathew Street (in front of barricade)

#### GREENWOOD VILLAGE

- Across from 8175 Mandan Terrace
- Across from 7646 Mandan Road
- Across from 7648 Mandan Road

#### GREENSPRING AND GREENSPRING II

- Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
- Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
- Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
- Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

#### BELLE POINT

- Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
- Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
- Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive

#### GREENBELT VILLAGE

- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
- Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
- Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive



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Find us at  
[www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)

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experimental “Town of the Future” – early editors were treading upon new territory.

“I didn’t know the first thing about running a paper,” said Harry Zubkoff, the 19th editor in the paper’s first 13 years. Zubkoff reported he had been dropping in for a couple of months, “when the editor resigned, and somehow I found myself in charge.”

The Cooperator, which changed its name to the Greenbelt News Review in 1954, became a repository for Greenbelters’ ideas, humor, celebrations and ever-present opinions. And its pages brimmed with plans to create a successful community as a model for the rest of the world.

“We are pioneers of a new way of living,” Mary E. Van Cleave wrote in the first paper. “Our families and our children will live under laws of our own making. Only in our fondest and most youthful dreams have we imagined such a chance. What will we make of it?”

Though Greenbelters showed enthusiasm, the nation’s press was not entirely convinced.

Outsiders viewed the experiment as socialistic and extreme, feeling discomfort over the federal government’s town ownership. They also winced at its numerous rules, including the demand that residents have their laundry off the line by 4 p.m. and the prohibition against hanging pictures on home walls. An article in the Nov. 25, 1937, Baltimore Sun stated, “It is seriously to be feared that life in Greenbelt is going to be dull.”

Urban legends abounded. There were rumors that all lights had to be out by 10 p.m. and that families had to get permission to have more children.

Though many accusations were fabricated, others were fueled by some Greenbelters who took their zeal for cooperatives and cooperation into overdrive. Seething with passion for more community involvement, the Cooperator’s Sept. 5, 1940 editorial titled “Greenbelt Parasites,” rebuked residents who didn’t volunteer.

Though not all gave their time and talents freely, many citizens thrived in the town’s busy atmosphere, having gained entrance into Greenbelt with this in mind.

Of the 12,000 families applying for residence, the Roos-

velt administration selected 885, based in no small part on their willingness to contribute to the community. So from on your mark, get set and go, Greenbelt teemed with volunteers, and the non-profit paper benefited from this early trend.

Every week, journalism volunteers gathered in each other’s homes to write and staple the Cooperator’s 16-page mimeographed sheets. Town children soon passed out the paper, beginning free home delivery on Sept. 7, 1939 – exactly 71 years ago today.

In 1938, the Cooperator found a home when the federal government, then town owner, gave the paper free office space in the town center.

Poole recalled it was not posh: “We had offices over the Food Store then and the heating system had not been installed. We looked like members of the Byrd expedition as we sat around punching typewriters, buried in heavy overcoats.”

In the beginning, the paper announced watershed events. The headlines from 1937 were in all caps, from “NEW GROCERY STORE TO OPEN HERE SOON” (Nov. 24), and “COUNCILMEN ELECT MAYOR!!” (Dec. 8), to “FIRST LADY MAKES SURPRISE VISIT HERE!!!!” (Dec. 15), and “TRANSPORTATION BY JANUARY FIRST” (Dec. 22).

In the midst of headliner firsts and never before, the Cooperator also recognized the importance of the daily happenings that tied neighbor to neighbor. Its pages brimmed with jokes, homespun poetry and talk of recipes and local get-togethers.

On Dec. 8, 1937, readers learned, “Mrs. Edna Benefiel of 60 B Crescent Road gave a ‘Good Neighbor Tea’ last Thursday afternoon for all the women residing in the courts formed by the houses numbered 60 to 62.” They also found cooking instructions for cranberry jelly and pecan pie along with the news that Reverend M.E. King had returned home to Chicago after visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Barr of 39 L Ridge Road.

The tradition continued on June 1, 1938, when, with the words – “Brought into the world at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, May 28,

1938,” the Cooperator announced the first baby born in Greenbelt. “The baby is Richard Lawrence Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jones of 1-C Westway.” Born an unexpected 10 days early, a neighbor James H. Lamb of 1-F Westway assisted in the delivery, improvising, as reported by the Cooperator, with “a string from his house keys and a string found around the neck of a toy dog.”

As the news and daily conversation continued, the paper grew from a home-bound mimeographed version to today’s electronic zeros and ones that are transformed into 9,600 free printed copies still delivered from door to door, neighbor to neighbor.

### Covering Controversy

In addition to communications that reported news, announced births and shared recipes, from week one, Greenbelters also sounded their yawp out over the headlines and sidebars of the Greenbelt Cooperator.

On December 1, 1937, an article titled “THE PROPER PLACE FOR TRASH CANS,” scolded negligent citizens who failed to realize “the unsightly appearance that ‘parked’ trash cans make in the rear of their homes” – a precursor to the battles their descendants would fight out over recalcitrant recyclers.

To be or not to be – a pet owner that is, was a decades-long debate. In 1937, a Greenbelt wrote the Cooperator warning if one person were allowed to have a dog, his neighbor would be allowed a cat, and “In the early hours of the morning it is not so easy to shut up a cat serenade.” The argument ended in 1957, (or did it?), when residents with four-legged friends took their eviction cases to court and won. Fido stayed.

Cooperator staff and contributors believed the paper should work for them too, and joined in the public debate it afforded. In 1940, a former staff member wrote to complain about the previous issue, saying without equivocation it was the worst newspaper ever, quite simply, “it stunk.”

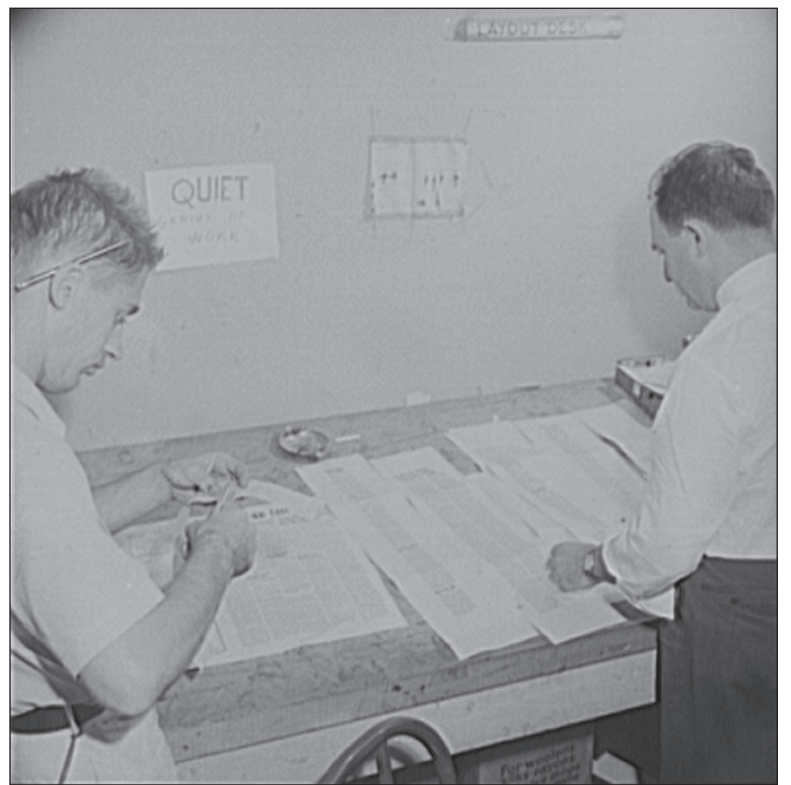
And in 1950, editor, Harry Zubkoff used the paper as a venue for a poetic and humorous denouncement of a local vandal:

This I say and this I mean  
And you can mark it down,  
That someday I will catch the guy

Who cuts my clothesline down!

On Feb. 4, 1960, Vivian Greenbaum made it into the annals of internal Greenbelt News Review protests, when she printed her spouse’s misdeeds and aired them in front of the entire town. Forget water colors, Vivian went straight to the “The Scream.” Calling herself “editor in chief,” she informed readers that for two years her husband, Russell, had gone to board meetings with the words, “Don’t come back editor,” boomeranging between his ears. Despite this, she said, “He lost his nerve, the coward,” and caved to the board’s wishes, accepting the post.

The newspaper’s local flair continued down the years, with staff and citizens alike entering the fray – from the hotly contested pink house that broke all color rules to the women turned outlaw who marched into the



Staff members of the Cooperator paste up the pages manually; this same work is now done electronically.

Roosevelt Center with the audacity to wear shorts not skirts. And then there were the streakers, who landed smack in the middle of its pages, when they made the mistake of peeling it off among the brambles of Greenbelt Lake.

But the battles weren’t all clothing and Chihuahuas. As the town grew, so did its debates. In 1952, when the federal government was forced to sell Greenbelt, the Cooperator covered the seismic shakeup. Editor Sally Meredith spoke out in a front page editorial, titled, “Future for Sale,” saying the fight to maintain Greenbelt would take “ceaseless vigilance.”

A warning that proved true. From the 1950s onward, the News Review reported on king-of-the-mountain face-offs between hungry developers pushing for higher density zoning and Greenbelt residents holding fast to the original pioneers’ green vision. The rehabilitation of homes and public facilities have also been hot newspaper topics along with the arrival of Metro and the city’s budgets.

The News Review took the trend into this century. In 2008, it covered the controversy over the seven-decade void of black members on the City Council. And minority candidate Emmett Jordan made the front page on Nov. 5, 2009, winning a seat and making Greenbelt history.

Raising city-wide and neighborhood issues, the News Review has been in continuous publication since its first days of mimeographed sheets and hand

stapling. “It’s unusual that a community of this size could produce a newspaper every week for 73 years without missing an issue,” said Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum curator.

They haven’t had one lapse, “no matter what was happening, no matter how catastrophic,” added Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, education coordinator of the Museum.

But there were some close calls. Mary Lou Williamson, the News Review’s longest serving editor, recalled a fateful Wednesday morning in 1952 that was “the greatest panic that we ever had in one week.” Her neighbor was running the copy to the print shop on the back of his motorcycle when it fell off during rush hour. Despite panicked radio appeals for help and frantic searches along the shoulders of Kenilworth Avenue, like the country song – it was gone, gone, gone. Williamson and a team of volunteers set about to salvage the paper. “We ransacked the waste baskets trying to recover,” said Williamson.

Recover they did, keeping the record up to this week, when the Greenbelt News Review is slated to deliver its latest edition. Wagers aren’t out yet on the stories the staff will share, but it’s a good bet that Vol. 73, No. 43 will make it to Greenbelters’ doorsteps – come developers, motorcycle mishaps, high winds or streakers.

The original stories can be found at <http://patch.com/A-5lq> and <http://patch.com/A-6Wv>.



Typist prepares copy for the Cooperator. The old typewriters are still in the News Review office on display.

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PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

This tree at 13 Court Ridge Road sparkled with lights and a light dusting of snow.

## Our Former City Manager Recounts Labor Day Chat

by James Giese

On Labor Day my wife, Bernina, and I met Governor Martin O'Malley. Bernie and I were riding in the lead car of the Labor Day Parade, closely followed by the Greenbelt City Council on an ancient fire truck. The governor was not far behind.

Since it was an election year, candidates seeking election often appear in the parade. In September the governor was hoping to receive another term of office in November.

When a car reaches the reviewing stand, some dignitaries get out to sit in the stand to watch the parade. Many, however, keep on going in order to get back to their families or other campaign events or to continue working the crowd. Bernie and I got out and took seats. Being first, we had the best choice but chose to sit somewhat to the back so that more important arrivals could be well seen when they arrived. The councilmembers arrived and took their seats on the other side of the stand.

Shortly thereafter, O'Malley's car pulled in front of the stand and he got out. Entering the stand, he greeted the councilmembers but chose to sit away from them and next to us. O'Malley was the only politician that day to stop at the reviewing stand.

We greeted him and introduced ourselves. I then asked him how he thought his re-election campaign was going. At that time, the only statewide poll showed former Governor Robert Ehrlich just a few points behind O'Malley. The governor recited, almost by rote, a long list of accomplishments during his term of office that he felt would sway the voters to vote for him.

Yet I could see he was clearly worried that the predicted Republican tidal wave would sweep him out of office.

We talked about campaigning. I commented that I could never have been a good politician be-

cause I was too introverted. He said he tended to be such as well. He wished he could be more like President William Clinton in his ability to work the crowds and enjoy doing so.

O'Malley told us he was much happier managing the government and solving its many problems than in politicking and campaigning. If he lost re-election, he said, he would still be proud of what he had accomplished, particularly as mayor of Baltimore. He had really enjoyed being mayor of that city.

### Governor Leaves

After about 15 minutes he caught a signal from someone standing outside the reviewing stand. O'Malley excused himself and quickly left.

This is the first time I have ever had a chance to chat personally with a governor (although I had met Parris Glendening on numerous occasions at the county level). What I know about others I mostly know from reading the papers and watching television. For that matter, most of what I know about O'Malley I know from the media.

My impression of the governor on that Labor Day is that he is a sincere, down-to-earth person, committed to public service, who enjoys dealing with the many problems of governance. He seems to lack the aura of self-importance I have seen in other politicians who keep a cluster of yes-men and aides surrounding them. He may be a nice guy but he is not a glad-hander.

Whether or not O'Malley is a good politician, he exceeded expectations in his re-election win over Ehrlich. Whether or not it was his sincerity, his personality, his record of accomplishment, dissatisfaction with his opponent or other reasons, a significant majority of Maryland voters chose to keep Martin O'Malley in office for another term.

It was our pleasure to have met him.



We were saddened to hear of the loss of Greenbelt East activist Sheldon Goldberg, who died on December 27, 2010, and leaves a big gap in the city as well as among his friends and neighbors.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Carroll C. Skinner, who died December 19, 2010.

We were sorry to learn of the death of former resident Christine Elliott in Leonardtown on December 19, 2010.

Condolences to the family of Kenneth Stair, Sr., who died on December 23, 2010.

Congratulations to Army Pvt. David L. Morris, a 2003 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, who has completed basic infantry training at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Happy 96th birthday to former Greenbelter Charlotte Clinedinst.

Best wishes to Neighbors columnist Kathleen McFarland as she recovers from surgery.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

### Pollution Solutions Is Visitor Center Topic

A children's program on pollution solutions will be offered at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Thursday, January 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 through 7. The theme is "Pollution! Yuck!" Come explore through videos and games the types of pollution and why it is bad for everyone. Learn how not to pollute.

The National Wildlife Visitors Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. For more information call 301-497-5887 or visit the website at [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

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security" is defined as "safe, adequate, nutritious and culturally appropriate food at all times of the year."

She explains that there are "a billion people in the world at risk of hunger and 14 million of them are in the U.S." Breaking the numbers down, she says that one in five children in both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are hungry and one in two in D.C. suffers the same fate.

During the 1970s while in graduate school, Conway began training in Christian meditation. Later, in 2001, attracted to its Franciscan leadership and teachings, she joined St. Camillus Catholic Church in Silver Spring.

After talking with several friends from USDA and deciding on a menu that would be culturally appropriate for the demographics of the area, Conway approached the pastor at St. Camillus about expanding the church's food pantry. The goal then was to feed each family of four for four days. That same goal exists and is reached today.

### Pantry

The hardest part of organizing a pantry feeding this number of people is organizing the many volunteers. While it is remarkable that so many people want to volunteer (roughly 150), "everyone wants to work Saturdays," says Conway.

Help comes in many ways, however. Besides the volunteers, who put in their hours, and food that comes from area food banks, a real estate management company has donated space to house the many shelves of food. This company also pays utility bills for the space.

Eight area organizations regularly provide food and money to the St. Camillus Food Pantries. A year ago the pantry received a total of \$50,000 in grant money.

Each week, three to four thousand pounds of food is transported through pick-ups and deliveries and trips to grocery stores. The rice, beans and sugar are divided into two-pound packages to be given, along with other shelf-stable foods such as vegetable oil and masa for making tortillas, to families who come to the pantry.

A lot of care goes into the packaging: "If you wouldn't serve it to a guest in your home, we wouldn't serve it either," says Conway. "Very few of the largely Hispanic families like peanut butter or sugary baked beans." Ironically, these are among the most popular items donated to food pantries.

In fact, Conway adds, when donating food to a pantry, "Stop and think before putting something in the basket. Think about what makes a good meal. Think about who the target population is. What good is a packaged item that has instructions when the recipient can't read? Don't just clean out closets when there is a food drive. Stop and look at expiration dates."

### Food a Right

"Food is a right, not a privilege," Conway says. She believes it is a privilege to be able

to give food to people who need it. "There is enough food in the world but there are problems in transporting it and access to it," she says.

With this in mind, Conway and her team of volunteers – many of whom are bilingual – put together food bags carefully. This is where the science comes in. Things like formula for babies and proper foods for dialysis patients are considered.

"We respond to deficiencies in women and children," she says. We provide fruit, not fruit juice. Everyone gets tomatoes because they are well accepted and also high in fiber and vitamins." Because what is lacking in food pantries is high-protein, high-calcium food, one of her goals for 2011 is to obtain more of such foods for the families.

For at least three months out of the year, usually January through March, many families who come to the food pantry are "food insecure." This means they do not have enough to eat. They buy the cheapest food, which is usually highest in fat, salt and sugar. Sadly, this is also the time when donations drop off.

### Link

For Conway, there is a link between spirituality and nutrition, a link that hit her in 2004. She had been invited by Franciscan friars to speak at a conference on globalization. In the middle of her speech, Conway realized, "All of me was in the room." Prior to this experience, she says, she knew that "part of me wasn't coming to the table." Although her career was in nutrition and she was in the midst of formal training in spirituality, her passion for both seemed to be moving on separate paths. She has since found their convergence in the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. With a grin, she says that he is "more than just the birdbath saint."

Following the Franciscan method she so strongly believes in, Conway feels that our goal as individuals should be "to realize that we are good and that we have dignity as a human being because we are made in the image and likeness of God." She will always be involved peripherally in the food pantry work but, she says, she also wants to be "more involved in spiritual retreat work and spiritual direction in Spanish." She hopes to write a book on spiritual direction in the Franciscan method, putting forth the ideas of dignity and love. In retirement, she is "busier now than ever" and wonders how she ever had time to work.

"Dr. Conway" is now "Juanita" to many. With five degrees under her belt – one at the post-doctoral level – and more than 30 years of training in spirituality, Conway firmly believes she is blessed to be able to provide this service. The 6,000 recipients of the St. Camillus church food pantry are also blessed, thanks to leadership of Joan Conway and the work of 150 other volunteers.

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heating failures with heartbreaking personal stories.

Then, in October came news that Fieldstone Properties had purchased and renamed it Franklin Park changing signage, planting pansies and showing off models of renovated apartments.

At year's end, city staff reports that progress is steady on the backlog of repairs.

### Greenbelt Middle School

The city council, state legislators, school officials and residents attended the groundbreaking ceremony on September 27 for the new Greenbelt Middle School under construction next to the present school. Designed for 990 students, the new school will have an environmentally advanced design. After it opens in 2011, most of the present school will be torn down. New principal Sharon Porter met in August with parents to form a PTA and the city council appointed a citizen task force to assist with plans.

### Charter School Proposal

A second charter school in the city, Greenbelt Public Charter School, was proposed for the vacant St. Hugh's school building but did not achieve school board approval. Founding board members for the charter school met with county staff to learn reasons for the denial. A re-application is pending.

### Development Pace Slows

During 2010 Quantum Management, operators of Beltway Plaza Mall in Greenbelt West, resurrected plans to redevelop the rear parking lot facing Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane into a mixed use retail and multi-family mid-rise housing town center development, scaling back original plans to redevelop the entire shopping center. During meetings in July and August 2010, city officials expressed strong opposition to the scaled-down project while the county's planning board technical staff recommends approval.

A proposal for rental apartments at the former nursing home site on Greenbelt Road was considered in early fall.

### WMATA Lawsuit

A lawsuit filed in the Greenbelt Federal District Court could have a major impact on development at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Documents filed in the lawsuit against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA) by Greenbelt Ventures LLC claim that WMATA improperly withheld approval of the substitution of Greenbelt Ventures for the original developer, Metroland, to participate in a Joint Development Agreement for the parcel. Court documents showed Metroland had terminated a purchase agreement with Greenbelt Ventures to purchase Metroland and its rights under the Greenbelt Metro Joint Development Agreement with WMATA. Greenbelt Ventures in another filing referenced negotiations that Metroland had conducted to bring the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the valuable site as a substitute for the planned mixed used residential/commercial project. WMATA asserts that the original 2000 development agreement will expire in March 2011 and that developmental milestones to close on the sale to Metroland have not been accomplished.

### New Bus Routes

Near the close of 2010 and after many months of discussion, meetings and hearings, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation completed their proposed restructuring for nearly all bus routes serving Greenbelt. For transit riders some options are better; for others, the level of service has been reduced. All riders must learn new routes and schedules. The new routes began on December 20.

## Reichnach Is January Artist at Patuxent

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will display works by photographer Hans Reichnach in the Hollingsworth Gallery in January.

Reichnach was born in Austria and immigrated to the Baltimore area with his family in 1951. Although artistic inclinations run in the family (his father was a sculptor), hunting and fishing were always a part of their lives; Reichnach attributes some of his success with photography to a lifetime of familiarity with the habits of animals in the wild. Reichnach's camera of choice is a Canon 40D and he experiments with a variety of exotic papers, linen and canvas to create real works of art with texture. Reichnach says he was persuaded by people impressed with his works to exhibit them

publicly and enter shows.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between Md. Rt. 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway just south of Laurel. Visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5763 for directions.

### Winter Bonsai Show At U.S. Arboretum

Winter is the best time to enjoy the mastery of the art of bonsai by observing the "bare bones" of the trees after the leaves have fallen, revealing the structure of the tree. The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum of the U.S. National Arboretum holds a free exhibit, "Winter Silhouettes," from January 2 to 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

## Deaths in 2010

Lorraine Siegel, January 1	Walter C. Braun, 74, July 5
Jack Andrews, January 6	Eric Lee Moore, Jr., 48, July 11
Irene C. Dickerson, 85, January 12	Ray D. Wickline, Jr., 63, July 18
Roland F. Behnke, January 16	Rose G. Amberg, 89, July 22
Peggy L'Ecuyer, 73, January 19	Betty Kitchen Clark, 75, July 28
Marcette A. Lentz, 86, January 21	George J. Clark, 65, August 3
Vera Rollo, 85, February 3	Samuel F. Ashelman, 97, Aug. 10
Dorothy B. Wilhelm, February 4	Joseph W. Gibson, 66, August 17
Michael T. Jones, 55, February 6	Dorothy Sucher, 77, August 22
Joseph T. Cawley, 92, February 6	Fredda Dingler, 72, August 28
Benjamin E. Boyd, 92, February 8	Judith Goldstein, 87, August 28
Alma C. Marsden, 72, February 13	William M. Clark, 94, August 31
Larry Lates, February 15	Donna Costa Leonard, 58, September 1
James Shorty Magrum, 70, February 22	Richard Astrayka, 77, September 2
Greta Corbin-Horton, 91, March 1	James S. Cockburn, 72, September 3
Donald J. Nagle, 71, March 2	Nettie I. Granims, 95, September 9
Donald Lee Graff, 65, March 6	Linda Mona, 60, September 20
Caitlin A. Buemi, 16, March 7	Donald R. Schoeb, September 22
Patricia Bell Good, 82, March 12	Margaret L. Zupancic, 36, October 7
(Rev.) Edward Birner, 81, March 14	Cheryl Ann Chappell, October 7
Henry J. Hartwick, 65, March 18	William F. Harrison, 63, October 12
Thomas M. Teutsch, Jr., 63, March 21	Margaret Smith, 89, October 6
Robert H. McIntire, 91, March 29	Elaine M. Cardenas, 59, October 19
Richard C. Schrom, Sr., 71, March 31	Barbara Brubaker Lambert, October. 19
George B. Nelson, 93, April 4	Steven H. Hooper, 61, October 23
Christina Patton Burgess, 54, April 5	Vicky Martinez, 58, October 23
Andrea "Froggie" Henderson, 60, April 12	Celeste MacMillan, October 27
Robert Leech, April 14	Carol C. Patterson, 92, November 1
Samuel W. Beall, III, April 25	Charles Hatcher, 73, November 5
Robert L. Nelson, April 29	Joanne Kerr, November 9
John Alton Stratchko, 21, May 3	Barbara J. Scheibel, 79, November 14
Patricia A. Sweeney, 82, May 7	Miriam Dredger, November 15
Martha Hope Warren, 67, May 9	James "Pat" Gainor, 73, November 18
Sylvia Reisher, 67, May 22	Shirley L. Dwyer, 76, November 20
Irene Liggett, 87, May 25	Martha L. Robison, 88, November 28
John M. Mongelli, 76, May 28	Dolores Baxter, December 2
Joseph F. Hromulak, 93, June 13	David Hensel, 48, December 8
Robert M. Plackett, 77, June 13	Christine Elliott, December 19
Jean B. Crabill, 76, June 16	Carroll C. Skinner, 78, December 19
Louise Steinle Winker, 80, June 22	Kenneth Stair, Sr., 90, December 23
Charles Dorsey, June 29	Sheldon Goldberg, 71, December 27
Virginia L. Lammons, 91, July 4	

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### Robbery

December 18, 8:36 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a person was approached by two males, who produced a handgun, assaulted the person and demanded the person's money. The suspects are described as two black males, both 5'10" to 6'0" with black hair. One was wearing a light blue security uniform and the other was wearing a black jacket and jeans.

### DWI Arrests

December 19, 2:18 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 19, 5:55 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

December 15, 7:37 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident youth was petitioned for possession of drug paraphernalia and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

### Disorderly Conduct

December 17, 3:26 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident youth was petitioned for disorderly conduct and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

### Vandalism

December 20, 5:48 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a window was broken.

### Burglaries

December 20, 7:42 a.m., 7200 block Morrison Drive, an attempted burglary was reported.

December 21, 6:09 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a television and currency were reported taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

A black 2004 GMC Yukon with Md. tags, reported stolen from the 8000 block Mandan Road, was recovered in Upper Marlboro. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported at: 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS); 6000 block Springhill Drive (2 incidents - 2 GPS units, CDs, checkbook); Beltway Plaza (CDs, currency); 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (in-dash TV/radio); and 6000 block Springhill Drive (attempted theft).

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at: 6000 block Springhill Drive (spray painted vehicle), 100 block Westway (broken car window) and Mandan Road at Mathew Street (broken window).



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

This home at 125 Lastner Lane is adorned with lights, a nativity scene, Santa and his reindeer and a snowman.

## Man Shot December 22 In Greenbelt West

On Wednesday, December 22 at 5:59 p.m. a Greenbelt police officer was in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road when notified of a shooting victim in a vehicle. The officer responded and found an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound. It was determined that the victim, a resident of New Carrollton, was shot while in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, then driven to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, where the car with the victim came to rest next to the entrance to the theaters at Beltway Plaza. The back window of the car was completely gone. The shooting does not appear to be random.

The victim was flown to the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore where he is listed in critical condition. Investigation is

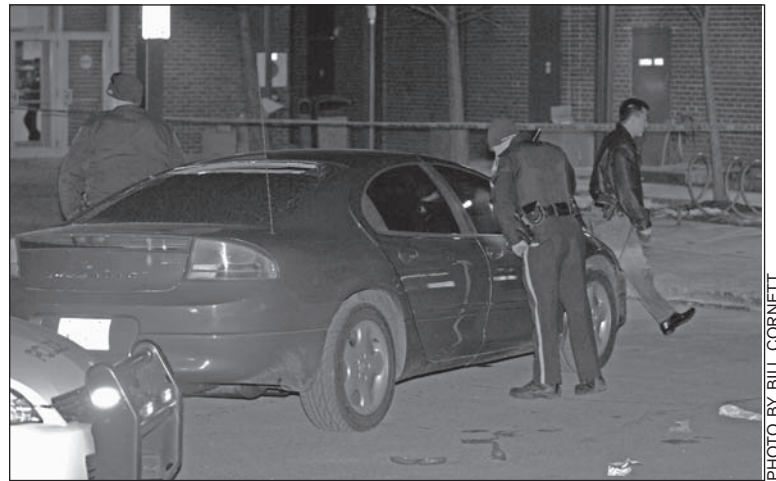


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Police examine the vehicle in which a shooting victim had been riding. The car was stopped near the theaters at Beltway Plaza on December 22.

continuing.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to

call the Greenbelt Police Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

*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.*

## Host Families Needed for 2010-11 Year

The Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) has announced it still needs local families to host international students for the 2010-11 academic year and following fall semester. P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975.

According to P.I.E. President John Doty the students are from 15 to 18 years old, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are looking forward to sharing cultural experiences with American host families. P.I.E. has programs to match almost any family's schedule, ranging from one semester to a full academic year during which students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. matches students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through

an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the ideal match. P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any family setting, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative are asked to call P.I.E. at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study opportunities for American high school students and possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

## Crescent Road Wreck Injures Two Children

On Tuesday, December 28 at approximately 2:27 p.m. a small passenger vehicle driven by a nonresident adult woman left the road and struck a tree while traveling east on Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road.

Greenbelt police and fire units arrived to find, in addition to the driver, two small children, ages 3 and 5. The driver did not appear to be seriously injured. The two children were transported to Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where at press time one child was listed in unstable condition and the other in critical condition.

Investigation of the accident by Greenbelt police continues.



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The above photo was taken the morning of December 23 in the 58 court of Crescent Road. The driver of a vehicle on Parkway had a seizure and hit the accelerator, causing it to crash into a parked car at high speed, then hit the service side of a GHI house.

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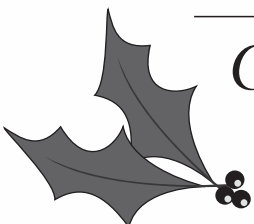


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# Labor Day Art Awards Earned by Young Artists

by Barbara Simon

We had lots of entries and many visitors at the Labor Day Art Show last September.

In the Adult Art Show, here are our award-winning artists: 1st place in Oil or Acrylic Painting was awarded to Denise Marie Brown for "Celestial Waves 1," 2nd place went to Ana Gasper for "Pregnancy," 3rd place went to Patrick Roxas for "Deep Thought" and 4th place to Hilary Theis for "Exclamatory." In Watercolor Painting, Ann Dunne received the 1st place award for "Before Words," Alice Murray received the 2nd place award for "The Fish Pond" and Mary Ann Lipousky received the 3rd place award for "After the Snow." Tom Baker earned 1st place in Drawing with "Crossing Over," Brigid Willson received the 2nd place award for "Mira, Age 5" and there were two 3rd place awards: to Amy Shugeve for "Bobcat" and to Barbara McGee for "Mary on the Moon." The 1st place award in Prints/2-dimensional mixed-media went to Nancy DePlatchett for her mono-print "Full Moon," 2nd place went to Nora Simon for her cyanotype/screen print "Popsicles 1," 3rd place to Charles Divine for his computer graphics "Colorado, Future" and Maddy Henderson received a 4th place award for "Taking a Break."

Elaine Jones was awarded 1st place in Sculpture for her "Rehab: My Roof and Me at 73!," Erin Flood received the 2nd place award for her "Untitled" work, David Heintzleman received the 3rd place award for "Lobstah" as well as the 2nd place award in Fine Crafts for his stained glass work "Madonna Lily."

Fred Tabi earned the 4th place award in Sculpture for his wood carving "Autumn." Eileen Murray was awarded the 1st place award in Fine Crafts for her knitted hanging "Windward Treasures."

## Children's Art Show

In the Children's Art Show, the works are divided into four groups by age. In the pre-school to 6-years-old age group, Isabel Walder received the 1st place award for Painting for "Swirl Balls," Kai Henry Waters (our youngest award-winner) received the 2nd place award for "Waterwork" and Sameera Smith received the 3rd place award for "My Purple Flower." Michah Hughes received the 1st place award in Drawing/2-dimensional Works for her collage "White Tiger," Frankie Commins received the 2nd place award for his "Applause," Eden Burke received the 3rd place award for her drawing "Summertime Picture" and the 4th place award went to Tatiana Malialani Isabella for her self-portrait "Tati's Wild Waves." Rebecca Gardner received the 1st place award in Sculpture with her "Flutterfly."

In the 7-10 years old age group, Drew Brewster-Geisz received the 1st place award for

Painting for "Mount Vesuvius" and also a 4th place award in Drawing/2-dimensional Works for his print "The Metro Printing." Alexis Shelton won the 2nd place award in Painting for her watercolor "Abstract Seed Pod," Karen O'Brien received the 3rd place award for "Palm Trees" and William Peterson received the 4th place award for his "Raindrops." Catherine Peterson received the 1st place award in Drawing for her "Untitled" abstract drawing and also a 4th place award in Sculpture for her clay "Porcupine." Nate Gordy received the 2nd place award in Drawing for his "Still Life" and Yasmyn Goshorn received the 3rd place award for her print "Day and Night." Dinah Cohen received the 1st place award in Sculpture for her clay "Bunny," Edward Brennan received the 2nd place award for his "Anasazi Village" and Johnny Warner received the 3rd place award for his Lego construction "My Ideal Home."

In the 11-14 years old age group, Lucia Kilday's "Untitled" work earned first place award in Painting. Mary Commins received second place for her "Mother and Child." Mary also received a 3rd place award in the Drawing/2-dimensional Works category for her collage "Mixed Up Me." The 3rd place award in Painting went to Anna Brennan for her oil painting "Shaded Pitcher." Brennan also received a second place award in the Drawing/2-dimensional Works category for her print "Fish." Katie Warner received the 4th place award in Painting for her landscape "The Road Home."

Patti Commins received the 1st place award in the Drawing/Prints/2-dimensional Works category for her drawing "This Is Me." Jonah Pitts received the 1st place award for Sculpture/3-dimensional Works with his "Apache Home." David Gardner received the 2nd place award in this category with his ceramic "Blue Bowl." The 3rd place award went to Judah Roorda for his origami trio of "Dragons" and the 4th place award went to Eileen O'Brien for her sculpture "Midnight Rose."

In the 15-18 years old age group, Evan Michael Callison received the 1st place award in Painting for his "Guitar." Callison also received a 1st place award in the Sculpture category for his ceramic "Jazzy Sculpture." Sarah Batchelder received the 2nd place award in Painting for her "Flower Field." Nicole Shuman received the 1st place award in Drawing/Prints for her drawing "Self Portrait." Nikky Brown received the 2nd place award in this category for her drawing "Mom." Brown also received a 1st place award in sculpture for her "Triangle Book."

Aaron Pixley received the 3rd place award in the Drawing/Prints category for his drawing "Jack Sparrow."



The youngest award winners in the children's art show are preschoolers through six years old. From left to right: Rebecca Gardner, Isabel Walder, Kai Henry Waters, Sameera Smith, Michah Hughes and Tatiana Malialani Isabella. Not shown: Frankie Commins and Eden Burke.



Award winners in the 7 to 10 year category are, left to right: Nate Gordy, Yasmyn Goshorn, Drew Brewster-Geisz, Karen O'Brien, Alexis Shelton, William Peterson and Catherine Peterson. Not shown: Dinah Cohen, Edward Brennan, Johnny Warner.



Winners in the 11 to 14 year-old category are, left to right: Eileen O'Brien, Jonah Pitts, Lucia Kilday and David Gardner. Not shown: Mary Commins, Anna Brennan, Katie Warner, Patti Commins and Judah Roorda.



Sarah Batchelder was a winner in the 15 to 18-year-old age group. Not shown: Evan Michael Callison, Nicole Shuman, Nikky Brown and Aaron Pixley.

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*Congratulations to the winners!*

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Adult award winners are, left to right: Erin Flood, Maddy Henderson, Elaine Jones, Charles Divine, Nora Simon, Eileen Murray, Ann Dunne, Hilary Theis, David Heintzelman, Ana Gasper, Nancy DePlatchett, Denise Marie Brown and Mary Ann Lipousky. Not pictured: Patrick Roxas, Alice Murray, Tom Baker, Brighid Wilson, Amy Shugeve, Barbara McGee and Fred Tabi.

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The initial scoping and pre-planning for this project will begin shortly with much of the preliminary sector plan and SMA work to occur in the first half of calendar year 2011. In a letter from Planning Director Fern Piret, the City of Greenbelt has been invited "to closely work" with M-NCPPC's Planning Department to jointly develop the work program and identify key issues and opportunities pertinent to the plan area and the city prior to the formal project initiation by the Planning Board and County Council.

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