

Local American Legion Post #136 Hosts 25th Public Safety Awards

by Carol Griffith

Post 136 of the American Legion held its 25th annual celebration of Greenbelt's distinguished public servants on November 2 at the Post home on Greenbelt Road. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD); Greenbelt Police Department; the United States Park Police, Greenbelt Station; and the Greenbelt Public Works Department each chose an employee who serves with honor, pride and commitment. Each received a standing ovation.

Officials of the American Legion attending included the Bob Ouellette, commander of the Southern Maryland District; Post 136 Commander Michael Moore, who presented honorees with awards from the American Legion; and Joe Williams, chair of the Public Service Committee of the Legion. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Leta Mach, Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Konrad Herling represented the City of Greenbelt. Council aided in presenting a Greenbelt City Proclamation to each award recipient. District 4 County Councilmember In-



PHOTO BY BARRY BORDAS

Cpl. John M. Dewey, Greenbelt Police Department (third from left), is named Officer of the Year at the 25th annual celebration of Greenbelt's distinguished public servants. Standing to his right are Joe Williams, chair of the Legion's Public Service Committee, and American Legion Post 136 Commander Michael Moore; on Dewey's left is Greenbelt's Police Chief James Craze.

grid Turner awarded Prince George's County Council Certificates of Appreciation to each honoree.

Commendation

Greenbelt Police Department Chief James Craze began by presenting this year's Law En-

forcement Officer of the Year award and a Class One Commendation.

MPO Barry Byers received the commendation for assisting with the apprehension of an armed man wanted for the abduction of a citizen and attempted murder of a police officer. Craze related the story of how Byers responded to a call from Riverdale Park police for assistance in locating the suspect and, acting on instinct, found the suspect in a dark cramped stairwell. A violent hand-to-hand fight ensued as the suspect tried to take Byers' weapon. Nevertheless, Byers was able to take the suspect into custody.

Officer of the Year

Cpl. John M. Dewey's selection was announced by Craze as Officer of the Year for the second time in his career. After joining

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Greendale Named National Historic Landmark

by James Giese

Greenbelt is not alone in celebrating its 75th anniversary. Its two sister cities, Greendale, Wisconsin, and Greenhills, Ohio, completed slightly later than Greenbelt, will be celebrating next year. Right now, Greendale is forming its 75th anniversary committee. In preparation for that celebration, Greendale recently achieved recognition as a National Historic Landmark, a designation obtained by Greenbelt in 1997. The following is an excerpt of an article about Greendale appearing in the November 15, 2012, issue of the Current Highlights newsletter of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Hundreds of buildings in the historic village of Greendale have officially been designated part of the Greendale Historic District National Historic Landmark by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. There are fewer than 2,500 National Historic Landmarks across the country and all possess exceptional value and quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States.

Greendale, along with Greenbelt and Greenhills, is one of three government-sponsored "greenbelt" communities built during the Great Depression in response to desperate unemployment and urgent need for housing reform for the urban working class. Out of 100 major industrial cities considered for an experimental greenbelt town, Milwaukee was chosen for its varied and stable manufacturing

sector, inexpensive peripheral land and progressive political climate. Preliminary plans were finished in March 1936 and the first model house opened in February 1937. Greendale was built under the Resettlement Administration, the Farm Security Administration and with the assistance of labor funded by the Works Progress Administration.

Original Plan

The original plan for the community employed several innovative planning concepts. Residential areas were laid out within irregular "superblocks" with housing clustered along narrow residential lanes. Parks and common greenspace flowed through and along the edges of each superblock. Paved walkways separated pedestrian from vehicular traffic. Houses

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Mary Lou Williamson – Editor Extraordinaire

At the Greenbelt News Review 75th Anniversary Banquet on November 18, Mary Lou Williamson was recognized for her 50 years of service to Greenbelt as a member of the News Review staff, of which more than 40 years have been as the paper's editor. Williamson was presented with a six-page tribute prepared by Sandra Lange, copies of which were provided to all attending the ceremony. Below are selected excerpts from that tribute.

Through the window of my new neighbor's house I could see a bookcase filled with books. And I needed just one poem. Time to get acquainted. That's how I met Mary Lou. Besides books, what did we have in common? The same neighborhood in Chicago – I at the University, she at its nationally recognized University High School. And then, the News Review. Credit me with recruiting our long-time editor. We started on Wednesday nights doing the lay-out, proofing copy.

– Virginia Beauchamp

I first met Mary Lou when she lived in the 45 Court of Ridge Road where several other News Review staffers also lived. My family lived there too, before we moved to Northway. Mary Lou started working on the special 25th Anniversary booklet.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Mary Lou Williamson holds up a the six-page tribute presented to her as a surprise at the banquet.

Gradually she took on more responsibilities. Some Wednesday

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Council Discusses New Pit Bull Court Decision

by Jonathan Taylor

At its November 13 regular meeting, a full Greenbelt City Council sank its teeth into the consequences of a new ruling by the Maryland Court of Appeals that found pit bulls "inherently dangerous." The ruling, however, raised questions about how far such liability goes when a pit bull bites someone.

"It has to do with the extension of the liability," Councilmember Edward Putens said, "beyond the owner and, if you're renting, beyond the landlord – and extending it into the homeowners' association."

Putens cited an existing Prince George's County pit bull law that he felt precluded any expansion of liability beyond the owner or landlord and made it unnecessary for Greenbelt's condominiums, co-ops and homeowner associations to secure additional legal protections.

The city's chief legal adviser, John F. Shay, however, brought up a scenario under which an entity like Greenbelt Homes, Inc. could get sued despite that law, thanks to the court's new ruling.

"As of right now, Shay said, [the ruling] 'has not been extended to either condo associations or co-ops; but if a co-op has a board of directors and the co-op can control the presence of animals on the property, and the board has prior knowledge that somebody's harboring a pit bull, I don't know what the court's going to say but I can guarantee you if that pit

bull bites somebody, the co-op is going to get sued."

Noting council's strong interest in the issue, the "paranoia" and "confusion" in some quarters and the difficulty of prescribing a fix, Putens suggested council add the issue to its legislative agenda. (The agenda is a set of topics council will take up with the Maryland State Legislature in the upcoming session.) With the general sense that this would be a helpful step, discussion ended.

Covenants

In addition to unleashing the pit bull issue, council also approved revisions to the Greenbelt South Core Covenants, making sure the city's development goals for the South Core will now "run with the land." (The South Core is that section of undeveloped land south of the Metro site to Greenbelt Road.) Council also made official its support for two pieces of county legislation aimed at improving the environment and accommodating non-motorized transit (CB-83-2012 and CB-87-2012).

Curfew Rejected

Finally, the agenda included a Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee report on its consideration of a request from Windsor Green residents for a city-wide curfew but the issue was not discussed. Voting 5-0, the committee "currently sees no need for a city-wide curfew law." City staff recommended that council consider the topic at a future meeting.

What Goes On

Thursday, November 22

9 a.m., Annual Gobble Wobble. Registration, 8 a.m., Youth Center

Saturday, November 24

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, November 26

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, November 27

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green-ACES) Meeting, Community Center

Letters

Thanks to the Many!

What a terrific week we’ve just had with the 24-page News Review loaded with all the interesting bits of history from the past 75 years – both of the newspaper itself and of the city. To top that off we had a fabulous party at the Marriott Sunday night with our co-workers and friends and supporters – 138 strong and sinfully good chocolate cake.

Thanks to everyone who helped with those huge responsibilities over many weeks and more.

And most especially thank you to those who contributed to the celebration of my years with the newspaper and to Sandra Lange who organized that effort and put it together with many photos. It’s a keepsake.

Mary Lou Williamson

The Labor Day Story

Labor Day weekend brings a challenge

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Staying in Greenbelt is what you must do

Giving the city support and finance, too,

By doing the activity now the best

Walking on down and enjoying the Fest.

Hannah Gould



One of Greenbelt's most photographed scenes is the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center.

Anniversary Group Photo Exhibit at New Deal Café

The Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Group Photo Show is on display now at the New Deal Café. This exhibit features 28 photographs by 12 different artists, capturing aspects of what makes Greenbelt the beautiful, interesting and unique place and community it is today. Subjects include scenic views of Greenbelt’s lake and forest paths, abstract and close-up views of our architecture and wildlife and portraits of Greenbelt residents and their pastimes.

Artists’ Reception

A public reception for this exhibit will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café. There will be the announcement of awards, presented by the 75th Anniversary Committee. The reception will also feature jazz by musician Greg Meyers. Greenbelt’s 75th Anniversary Group Photo Show will be on display at the New Deal Café until January 7. Most of the works are for sale by the artist. This event is sponsored by the 75th Anniversary Committee and Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA).

Grin Belt

"Vegetarian Thanksgiving fare: acorn, pine cone, twig, nuts"

Nature Programs at Patuxent Refuge

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free but advance registration is required. Donations are also appreciated. Two programs will be held during the first weekend in December at the Patuxent North Tract Entrance, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, east of Laurel.

There will be a Bird Walk on Sunday, December 2, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. for all ages. Participants will search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Owl Prowl on Sunday, December 2, 4:30 to 6 p.m., ages 10 and up: Participants will discover the nighttime world of the refuge as they look and listen for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Call 301-497-5887 to make a reservation. Notify the refuge of any special needs that require accommodation. Visit fws.gov/northeast/Patuxent for details.

Corrections

The box on page 1 of the special insert anniversary issue last week (A-1) attempted to give years of service for our treasured, essential volunteer staff. It was imprecise but we did not mean to put Anne and Jon Gardner, who have served for nearly 10 years in the “under 5 years” category. Our apologies, Gardners, both of you – your services are greatly valued and definitely stretch back farther than where you show up on the list.

And to our horror, we entirely left out one very important member of our Ad Desk team, Jessi Britton, with five + years working on and organizing that job, as well as almost singlehandedly forming the current Ad Desk team who greet and help advertisers and everyone coming into the office. Anyone else? Please say something!

The Silver Diner congratulatory ad incorrectly reported the address and phone number for the restaurant. The address is 6040 Greenbelt Road and the phone number is 301-220-0028.

In the headline on the article about Jean D’Esposito’s 100th birthday by Kathleen McFarland on page 7 last week, our final editors somehow managed to overlook the misspelling of the honoree’s name. Excuse our red faces. . . .

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WEEK OF NOV 23

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You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

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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—\$40/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

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 must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 26-30 are:

Monday – Pineapple juice, Swedish meatballs with Stroganoff sauce, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, seasonal fruit.

Tuesday – Apple juice, chopped pork barbecue, baked beans, mixed greens, seasonal fruit.

Wednesday – Pineapple juice, corn chowder, egg salad, three bean salad, Mandarin oranges, fresh pear.

Thursday – Fruit punch, spaghetti and meatballs, herbed green beans, kale, fresh apple.

Friday – Cranberry juice, potato-crust fish with tartar sauce, black-eyed peas, parslid carrots, seasonal fruit.

GHI Notes

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Friday, November 23, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Monday, November 26, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, November 27, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

Buy Greenbelt Campaign

As part of its start-up for a Buy Greenbelt campaign, the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation urges Greenbelters to participate in Small Business Saturday on November 24, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Small Business Saturday is an initiative by American Express started in 2010 to encourage consumers to support independent small businesses in their communities during the beginning of holiday shopping. So far it seems to have been a success in areas where it has been promoted in boosting sales for small businesses and spreading the word about the advantages of shopping local.

For current information check out <http://www.facebook.com/SmallBusinessSaturday>. Background information is available at <http://about.american.express.com/news/pr/2010/post-sbsaspx>.

At the Library

The library, closed Thursday for Thanksgiving, will reopen with regular hours on Friday and Saturday.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, November 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, November 29, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at www.pgcmlls.info.

ASG’s Next Meeting Speaker Is Bjoraker

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens



Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, adjacent to DuVal High School with Dr. Gordon Bjoraker as the featured speaker.

Bjoraker received a B.S. in physics from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. in Planetary Sciences from the University of Arizona and was a research associate at the Observatoire de Paris-Meudon. He received the NASA/GSFC Lindsay Award for studies of water on Jupiter following the collision of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 and is currently employed as an astrophysicist at Goddard Space Flight Center. His current research interests include planetary atmospheres, infrared spectroscopy and gas composition. Bjoraker’s topic will be “The Great Storm of 2011 on Saturn.”

All are welcome; there is no admission fee.

American Legion Blood Drive Tuesday

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, November 27 from 1 to 7 p.m.



The blood drive will be held in the American Legion banquet hall; donors should use the rear entrance.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or just come to Legion Post #136.

Schatz and Friends To Play at New Deal

New Orleans-based songwriter and musician Greg Schatz will perform at the New Deal Café on Friday, November 23 from 8 to 11 p.m. The Arbach brothers of Laurel will back him up on drums and guitar. According to Schatz, the three were in a band together 20 years ago and always look forward to a performance reunion when they are in the same vicinity. Schatz’s latest CD is “Where the River Meets the Rail Road Tracks.”



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Lincoln, PG-13 (!)

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Rise of the Guardians in 2D, PG (!)

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Life of Pi in 2D, PG (!)

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Life of Pi in 3D, PG (!)

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Red Dawn, PG-13 (!)

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Wreck It Ralph, PG

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Obituaries

Frederick P. Baluch

Frederick P. Baluch, 88, died after many years of failing health on Sunday, November 18, 2012, at his Greenbelt residence on Southway, surrounded by family and friends.



Mr. Baluch was born January 3, 1924, in Youngstown, Ohio, the youngest of three children of Stephen J. and Anna Pritoka Baluch. His ancestors were immigrants from Mokroluh and Dubrava in eastern Slovakia.

He graduated in the class of 1942 from Chaney High School in Youngstown and served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany in the 97th Chemical Mortar Battalion during World War II.

On June 14, 1947 he married his childhood sweetheart Dorothy Ann Taylor.

Mr. Baluch graduated from the Washington (D.C.) Teachers College and the University of Maryland with degrees in elementary education. He worked for the Washington, D.C., public schools from 1950 until 1979 as a teacher and later as the principal of Emery Elementary School on Lincoln Road in Northeast Washington, D.C.

In 1981 he retired and moved from Greenbelt to the Rainbow Farm in Freeport, Ohio.

In recent years the Baluchs divided their time between the farm in Ohio and lengthy visits back to Greenbelt, where they stayed first at their former home on Lakeside Drive and more recently with their two sons on Southway.

Mr. Baluch is survived by his wife Dorothy and his eight children, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter – children Frederick P. Baluch, Jr. of Clinton, Md.; Stephen J. Baluch of Shepherdstown, W.Va.; James T. Baluch of Norfolk, Va. (partner Teri Esposito); Barbara Stevens of Front Royal, Va. (spouse Patrick McCauley) and son Shawn Haines (spouse Rebecca and daughter Molly); Ruth M. Baluch of Freeport, Ohio (spouse Gene Reavis) and daughter Lisa Groh (spouse Michael); Dorothy A. Dobson of Greenbelt (spouse Norman, step-daughter Theresa Smith, and sons Nicholas and Matthew); Robert F. Baluch of Greenbelt; and John K. Baluch of Greenbelt.

A celebration of Mr. Baluch's life has been scheduled for Sunday, December 30, at the Greenbelt American Legion Home.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Capital Caring Hospice Services, 1801 McCormick Dr. Suite 180, Largo, MD 20744, Phone 301-883-0866.



Robert Fletcher Lewis

Former resident Robert "Robbie" Fletcher Lewis, 53, of Riverdale, Md., died Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, D.C., after a long battle with cancer. Born November 7, 1958, in Dearborn, Mich., he was the eldest son of the late Nancy Jane "Nan" Lewis-Furioso.

Mr. Lewis graduated from Parkdale High School and he served for four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Constellation and was a volunteer firefighter at Engine Company 35 in Greenbelt.

Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by sister, Sissy Lewis; brother, Jeffrey Lewis; and his mother, Nan Lewis-Furioso. He is survived by two brothers, Samuel Furioso of Lexington, Ky., and Tony Furioso, of Shepherdstown, W.Va.

A memorial service will be held at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, November 27 at 10 a.m. Arrangements are by J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home.

William A. Griffin

William A. Griffin of Ridge Road, 87, died on November 15, 2012.

He is survived by nieces and nephews Patricia Osburn, Christine Woolard, William Griffin, Diane Griffin-Pluebell, Thomas Griffin, Barbara Llewellyn and Mark Griffin and companion Elaine Jefferies, as well as extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by niece Teresa Griffin and nephew Franklin M. Griffin; brother Franklin M. Griffin and sister Electra Rembold.

There was visitation, followed by a service on Tuesday at the Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville, with burial at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham on Tuesday, November 27 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to one's favorite charity.






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On Saturday, December 1 at 7 p.m. the next in the Berwyn Concert Series at Berwyn Presbyterian Church will be a Three-Harp Ensemble Christmas Concert with Cheryl Roeske, Sue Richards and Mimi McNeel performing classical, traditional and Christmas music.

Roeske, who trained with late Grammy-award-winning harpist Alice Chalifoux and former National Symphony harpist Jeanne Chalifoux, performs with the Washington Sinfonietta, Capitol City Symphony and New England Ensemble. Richards, who studied pedal harp as a teen before turning to traditional Celtic music, tours and records with Ensemble Galilei. She has played on Prairie Home Companion, with the Chieftains, has written for harp and has award-winning solo recordings with the Maggies Music label. McNeel, a current member of the Rockville Concert Band, Flutes on the Brink flute choir, Heatherwood Harp Ensemble and Harp Happy!

ensemble, performs at churches, gatherings and at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.


There is no fee for admission although the concerts benefit the church General Fund and donations are welcomed. Berwyn Presbyterian is at 6301 Greenbelt Road.

CASA Information Session December 10

On Monday, December 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program will hold an information session on volunteer opportunities to help abused or abandoned children. CASA recruits and trains volunteers age 21 and over who spend about 10 hours per month visiting a child and collaborating with other adults working to ensure the child's needs are met and a safe permanent home is found.

For more information on becoming a volunteer visit www.pgcasa.org or call 301-209-0491.

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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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moderation is desirable.
If a thing is carried to excess,
it will prove a source of evil.
(Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

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Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- 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 | www.stgeo.org



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Sunday School, Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Thanksgiving Services, Wed., Nov 21, 12:15 & 7 p.m.

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month,
when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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Conservative and Reconstructionist



Our sympathy to Peter Ricciuti of Frederick on the cancer death of his wife Jane, 45, on November 12, 2012; condolences to the whole Ricciuti family, formerly of Boxwood, and their friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelt Fred Baluch, 88, who died November 18, 2012. Formerly a longtime resident of Lakeside Drive, Fred often came back to Greenbelt from his retirement farm in Ohio. He was known for his writings and seminars on scientific and spiritual topics such as out-of-body experiences.

Greenbelt was saddened to learn of the death of William Griffin on November 15, 2012.

Congratulations to:
– Greenbelt dog trainer Allie Lee for his work with therapy dogs at Children’s Hospital. There is a heart-warming story about the program and the part played by Allie’s late wife Adele in its creation in John Kelly’s column in the Washington Post Metro section Monday, November 19.

– Dr. Tara Schwab, who was awarded her doctorate in musical arts from the University of Oregon this year. Tara received her degree in flute performance and ethnomusicology. She currently resides in Interlochen, Mich., where she offered an exciting program in their Summer Arts Camp this year.

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@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

See Santa, Trains In Bowie Sunday

The Bowie Railroad Museum is holding a free trainspotting day on Sunday, November 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa will be there and so will lots of trains, as it is Amtrak’s busiest day of the year.

Informal Sunday Evening Worship

Come as You Are!
6:00 p.m.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, November 26, 2012 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Recycle Right Awards
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports
- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2012-2 (Tree Trimming at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14 “Planning and Development” Article III “Development and Permits” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations -1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Combination/Relocation of Playgrounds at 2 Court Laurel Hill and 12 Court Hillside
- 2013 Legislative Program
- Letter to Congressional Delegation – Budget Control Act’s Budget Sequestration
- Other Reports
- * - Employee Special Holiday
- * - Reappointment to Advisory Group
- * - Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2012 (Ideas on How the Youth Advisory Committee Might Become a More Active Group)

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.



Over 70 participating artists, crafters and authors, plus Greenbelt Museum gifts and more!
Saturday, Dec. 1, 10am – 5pm
Sunday, Dec. 2, 11am – 4pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Café sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center

Free gift box craft workshop:
Sunday, 12/2, 1-3pm
All ages welcome

Register to win \$25 in Art Bucks to spend at the Fair!
Enter at the Community Center or at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts by 11am on 12/2

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, November 24, 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.

VISIONING QUESTIONNAIRE

If you were unable to attend any of this past weekend’s Visioning Sessions, it is not too late to share your ideas for Greenbelt’s future. An on-line survey is posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov and at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt. We want to hear your ideas!



Stay informed. Like the City of Greenbelt on Facebook. www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt. Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov

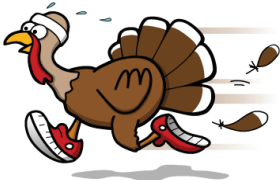
MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26-30

Monday, November 26 at 8:00 pm, **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES), at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

2012 GOBBLE WOBBLE



Thursday, November 22
9:00am

Race Day Registration begins at 8am
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 6th Annual Gobble Wobble. 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attick Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast. Registration information 240-542-2194 or at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Thank you to Road ID, Greenbelt Co-Op, The Sergeant’s Program. Registration form available at www.greenbeltmd.gov
Questions? Call 301-397-2200

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The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. See all our pets on Facebook!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Public Safety Advisory Committee.
For information call 301-474-8000.

Festival of Lights HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 30, 7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Road front lawn.

All ages welcome – FREE

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. Musical performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band, Brass Choir and other community groups will herald Santa’s grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.



DECO THE HALLS!

Join the Museum for “Deco the Halls!” a celebration of Art Deco & vintage holiday decorations immediately following the city’s tree lighting. November 30, 7pm-9pm. Come by for a quick tour of the museum house at 10B Crescent, which sparkles at night, and peruse the gift shop. For information visit greenbeltmuseum.org.

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Look for the full Festival of Lights schedule in next week’s paper.

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nights Mary Lou would stay at the News Review office until 1 or 2 a.m. Then, she would get up early to go to the print shop the next morning. Those were tough times – especially because the News Review basement office had no bathroom and many of us were pregnant during those early years.

Without Mary Lou I believe the News Review would not be in business. She is so knowledgeable about how to deal with people. She knows all aspects of the newspaper business. She is very kind and strong.

– Elaine Skolnik

I first met Mary Lou when I joined the News Review staff in 1966. But I didn’t really get to know her until the 1970s when I started doing make up in my home. She would show up at 9 p.m., examine the front-page layout, move stories around, gently asserting her editor’s prerogatives. During our hours together we discovered that we shared a passion for gardening, and our friendship flourished.

– Sandra Lange

My first recollection of meeting Mary Lou Williamson was in 1977. I was co-chair of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival’s Talent Show along with Debbie Hibbs. We decided to write an article to help attract participants, which translated to bringing the article to the News Review. I walked with nervous energy down the steps of 15 Parkway where the paper’s office was located for many years. I opened the door and saw more Smith Coronas in action than I had ever seen before. My ears had a new appreciation of the term, “clickety-clak”. . . . It was as if I had discovered Greenbelt’s underground where the real thinking about vital issues took place.

Eventually someone asked me, “May we help you?” I replied that I had an article about the Labor Day Festival which I wanted to submit. I was directed to Mary Lou who said, “Let’s take a look at what you’ve got.” As she edited my article, I observed the fine eye and mind of a great editor at work. When she was done, she instructed me to find an available typewriter. Then I too became part of the Smith Corona cacophony of clicking and clacking.

– Konrad Herling

I first met her in the basement office on Parkway in 1992 when I showed up to proofread and came to know her pivotal role in keeping the paper running smoothly and publishing week after week. That’s 2,600 weeks in a row of dedication if you do the math and try to imagine fitting in a lifetime of work, family, community over the same span.

Not long after I showed up she quietly mentioned one time she was returning from a bout with breast cancer . . . followed in the next year or so by a disclosure she was facing the illness and death of her only sibling, then the assumption of parenthood for grand niece Sophia after her “first” family was raised. Not long after was a huge move of the paper above ground and into the far more spacious old kindergarten classroom in the Community Center along with other big changes, including tran-

sition from old hot-lead type and make-up with waxed galleys. Too soon, her beloved Jim was to die, presenting her with the life dilemma of “what now?” And Mary Lou has soared, managing to expand her life, her home, her garden, her pond, . . . all while leading the News Review week after week.

– Eileen Farnham

It’s hard to think of the Greenbelt News Review without Mary Lou Williamson. She knows every aspect of the paper’s operation from writing and editing stories, selling ads, billing issues, layout and circulation. She led the paper in its transition from Linotype to computer composition. She encourages staff to try new aspects of the operation such as editing or layout operations. With no paychecks or supervisory hierarchy behind her, she leads through persuasion, cajolery or flattery. . . .

If I had to describe her in just one word, it would be “unflappable,” but one word would just not be sufficient. She is a leader, a friend, courageous and much, much more.

– Diane Oberg

There may be a dozen or more staff at work, all with questions or comments for the editor. Advertisers and citizens drop in and they, too, want to talk to the editor. Then there are the many telephone calls. Besides listening to all and making whatever editorial decisions are needed, Mary Lou reads over nearly all copy, making final editorial corrections and checking out the headlines, before it is sent out for composition.

On occasion, Mary Lou has to deal with upset individuals – the paid ad had the wrong information, the facts of a story were inaccurate, an article maligned someone or a writer’s story was edited in a manner not to the author’s liking. Mary Lou calmly listens, apologizes when needed or stays the course, if that is the way to go, but always keeps her cool.

On top of putting the paper together weekly, Mary Lou handles the many details of running the operation – dealing with city staff about the use of city space, arranging for cleaning services, buying supplies, getting technical help when needed and performing such non-managerial duties as getting a door bell installed or buying pizza for a board meeting.

– Jim Giese

I was the first one to know the total amount of money the News Review made from its ads . . .

I would walk up behind her, give her a nudge. She would react with a thumbs-up for large



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson accepts the city's proclamation at the newspaper's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

amounts and a whispered explanation for real low amounts. These amounts determine the number of pages in an issue.

– Leonie Penney

At the helm, Mary Lou has an uncanny knack for motivating a very diverse group of volunteers to put forth a valiant effort on a regular basis. They are a committed bunch who look to Mary Lou for her journalistic expertise, institutional memory, modest leadership style, solid gut instincts, positive outlook and, with a lifetime of community service, as role model extraordinaire. With a one-of-a-kind personality and a great deal of patience she handily flexes to accomplish the day-to-day challenges posed by staffing, scheduling, financial and community needs. She is tough when she needs to be tough; she is sensitive when she needs to be sensitive. And she is ready and willing to do whatever it takes – be it work late into the night, drive to take a photo or pick up an ad or volunteer or hit the keyboard to write the story herself – to ensure that all of Greenbelt can rely on a reputable and independent community newspaper. I know that she takes great pride and great satisfaction in the work she has put into the News Review. We are all the better for it.

– Lynn Eppard,
desktop publishing contractor

[Mary Lou has] been a wonderful mentor and role model for me. When I came to the News Review 15 years ago, I was at a very low point in my life. [Her] confidence and belief in me was pivotal. Turning in assignments each week became a high point.

I have also had the opportunity to observe [her] making hard as well as delicate decisions as the newspaper’s leader. These instances have left an indelible mark on me as to what a woman can do in a man’s world.

– Altoria Ross

Mary Lou Williamson plays an important role in working with University of Maryland student writers, seeking bylines in local newspapers. Writing for the Greenbelt News Review is an entirely different experience than writing for other news outlets, largely because of Mary Lou. She makes the volunteer relationship one of mutual respect and benefit. She is understanding of what the students need and makes accommodations for class clip requirements. If a story a student is working on falls through, she assigns another for the same week – even if she doesn’t necessarily need it – and she waits late into the night for the stories to come in. If she has a correction, it is never a criticism.

– Jessica Wilde,
UMD journalism student

The newspaper goes from crisis to crisis, but Mary Lou remains calm and serene. I’ve never known her to lose her temper or get agitated. She is also an optimist. You can tell her that the paper will go bonkers unless something drastic is done and she’ll respond, “Oh, it all will work out,” and damned if it doesn’t. Many of us worry as to what will happen to the News Review when Mary Lou finally steps down but Mary Lou will tell you, “Oh, it will all work out,” and it probably will. But it won’t be the same.

– Jim Giese

Legion Offers College Scholarships

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 is sponsoring the annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest again this year. Applications are now being accepted for the contest, which will have its first round at the local level on Saturday, January 12.

Students are required to present speeches on topics related to the U.S. Constitution. Young orators will receive some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Scholarships may be used to attend any college or university in the United States. High school students under age 20 are eligible to apply to participate.

The goal of the American Legion Oratorical Contest is to foster the development of a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Competition begins at the local post level and then advances to a state competition. Legion officials certify one winner per state to the national contest, where contestants compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a round that decides the three top finalists.

For information on applying, a parent or guardian of the student should contact Paul Durance of Legion Post 136 at 301-814-7694 or rsvp2paul@gmail.com. Additional information on the contest is also available at legion.org.

Time Bank Formation Meeting November 29

On Thursday, November 29 at 7 p.m. there will be an introductory meeting in Room 114 at the Community Center for a newly-formed work exchange that is not intended to compete with or replace the GIVES program.

The idea is for the time bank to allow members to participate in a work exchange program that does not involve the exchange of money. Members will use skills and services to do work agreed upon with another member, earning time recorded in the Time Bank for each hours’ work performed.

Participants will contribute to the lives of others and assist them to live better in the current economic times, while developing a stronger sense of community.

Join the Cajun Jam At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, November 28 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music with optional dinner and socializing from 6 to 7 p.m. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit www.newdeal-cafe.com.

City Notes

Planning staff coordinated signing of the Greenbelt Station South Core Covenants with Sun Trust.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 31.29 tons of refuse and 16.99 tons of co-mingled recyclable material.

Neighbors helping
Neighbors
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County’s 2035 Plan Online Tools Unveiled

The Prince George’s County Planning Department decided at its November 1 meeting to launch an online “Plan Prince George’s 2035 Interactive” suite of tools to educate, inform and engage the community.

Scheduled are an interactive website and Facebook and Twitter pages providing new ways to share ideas about key issues affecting the county as planners work to develop the General Plan. That plan, which is updated after each decennial census, looks broadly and strategically at how the county should continue to grow, strengthen and invest its resources. It also aims to address existing and new priorities for public safety, economic development, transportation, housing, community health, infrastructure and sustainability.

Slated to be open for contributions in fall 2013, the on-line tools will enable residents, business owners, community leaders, elected and appointed officials to get involved in a number of ways. There will be forums, blogs and polls at the website, community forums on key county issues and a scenario planning tool to help users better understand key priorities and how various choices may impact the future. Those without home access to the internet will be able to participate at community centers and libraries, as well as at the forums and other in-person meetings.

For more information call the planning board at 301-952-4584; TTY 301-952-4366 or visit www.pgplanning.org.

Birders to Carpool To Piscataway

The Patuxent Bird Club will host an early morning birding field trip to see migrating waterfowl and other early winter birds at Piscataway Park along the Potomac River on Sunday, December 2. Participants may meet either at 7:30 a.m. at the Beltway Plaza Park and Ride area (between Wendy’s and Target at the east end of the mall) or at 8:15 a.m. at the end of Wharf Road at Piscataway. There is no charge for the trip.

Contact Dave Mozurkewich at 301-459-3375 or mozurk@belatlantic.net for more information.

Hope Full Holidays Grief Seminar Given

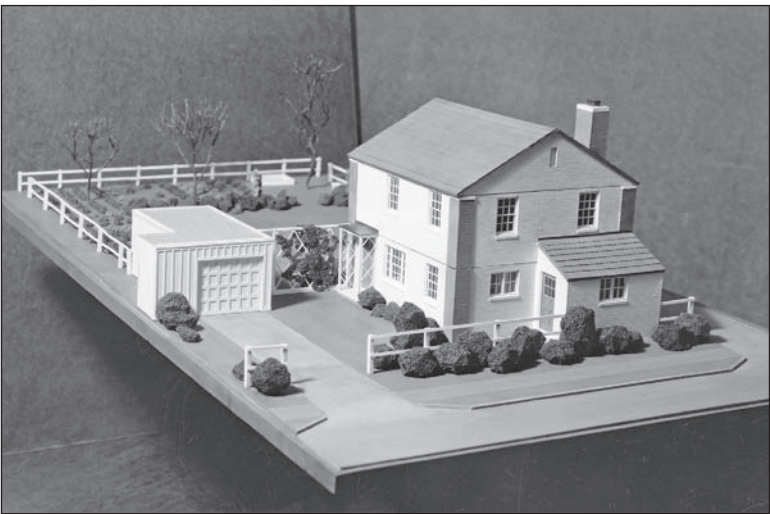
The Hospice of the Chesapeake Life Center offers free counseling and grief services to families of their hospice patients who have died within the last 13 months. Others may participate for a fee. On Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Hope Full Holidays seminar will be given for adults age 18 and older at the center’s Prince George’s County location at 9500 Arena Drive, Suite 250, in Largo. Pre-registration is required.

Call 410-987-2129 for more information or to register.

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were “turned around” so that the kitchen and utility room were on the street side and the living room was on the rear or garden side of the house. The federal government screened housing applicants according to very subjective criteria and rented to families of moderate income (\$1,000 to \$2,000 per year). Greendale was incorporated as a village in November 1938 and in 1953 the undeveloped land, municipal and commercial buildings were purchased by the private Milwaukee Community Development Corporation.

The Greendale Historic District was listed in the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. In 2011 Society staff conducted additional research and co-authored the 123-page report that led to the current National Historic Landmark designation. Daina Penkiunas, who presented the nomination to the Landmark Review Committee in Washington, D.C., said: “At Greendale we see the development of the modern American suburb. It holds a unique and important place in the history of American urban planning.”



This early photo shows a model of a Greendale home. Unlike Greenbelt, many of the homes built in Greendale were unattached, free-standing homes. These homes face streets, many narrow, alley-like in appearance and dead-ended.
– photo courtesy Wisconsin Historical Society



Happy Thanksgiving

We are thankful for our members and our community. We are thankful and happy to welcome new members.

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Fresh Lean Pork Boneless Center Cut Pork Roast		Gourmet Russet Potatoes 3 lb. bag		Cabot Cheese Chunks Assorted 8 oz.		Lean Cuisine Entrees Select Varieties 6-12 oz.		Seabest Frozen Salmon Fillets 20 oz.	
\$3 ⁴⁹ lb.		88¢		3/\$7 ⁰⁰		\$2 ⁵⁰		\$6 ⁹⁹	
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast		Crunchy Apples Select Varieties		Crowley Sour Cream 16 oz.		Green's Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt.		Seabest Pasteurized Special Crab Meat 1 lb.	
\$3 ⁷⁹ lb.		\$1 ⁴⁹ lb.		\$1 ⁵⁰		\$2 ⁵⁰		\$9 ⁹⁹	
Grocery Bargains				Customer Appreciation Discount Day Wednesday, Nov. 28 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)		Grocery Bargains			
Shurfine Assorted Pasta Spag./Macaroni 12-16 oz.		Bumble Bee Chunk White Tuna 5 oz.				Shurfine Flour All Purpose/Unbleached 5 lb.		Thomas English Muffins Hearty Grains/Flavored 6 pk.	
\$1 ⁰⁰		\$1 ²⁵				\$1 ⁵⁰		BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	
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80¢		50¢				80¢		\$2 ⁵⁰	
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Deli Gourmet Honey/Peppered Turkey Breast		Fresh Store Baked Kaiser Rolls Assorted 6 pack		Bigelow Tea Bags Assorted 18-20 pack		Crest Toothpaste Select Varieties 6.4 oz.		Ice House Beer 6 pk.–12 oz. cans	
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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.

Robbery

November 15, 12:42 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Three men approached a man, produced a handgun, assaulted him and took his property. The man was not injured. No further description of the robbers is available.

Carjacking

November 12, 1:25 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. The car's driver was not injured and no further details are available at this time. The investigation continues.

Drug Arrest

November 10. In separate incidents two city residents, a 21-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, among other charges, after traffic stops. They were released on citations pending trial.

DWI/DUI

November 10, 11:15 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Drive. A 43-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 11, 4:18 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Green Manor Court. A nonresident juvenile was petitioned for multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

November 14, 12:26 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive. A 52-year-old city resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop.

Disorderly Conduct

November 9, 3:30 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary Arrest

November 14, 8:31 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Three adults and one juvenile were arrested after an attempted burglary. The 18-year-old man and youth, both of Greenbelt, were charged with attempted fourth degree burglary and trespassing on posted property after trying to break into a vacant apartment. The man was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and the juvenile was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services. Two other men, both 19-year-olds, one a city resident and the other a nonresident, were charged with trespassing on posted property. They were released on citations pending trial.

Indecent Exposure Charges Issued

An arrest warrant was issued on November 13 in the indecent exposure incident reported in last week's paper that involved an adult male exposing himself to an 11-year-old in Greenbelt West on November 2.

The suspect who has been identified and is currently being sought by police is Rodman Alexis Gomez, 26, of 6140 Springhill Terrace. He is charged with one count of indecent exposure. Thus far, police have been unable to locate him to serve the arrest warrant.

As reported last week, the suspect is an adult Hispanic male, 5'4", 110 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Anyone with information or who knows of Gomez' whereabouts is asked to call the Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Burglary

November 10, 1:55 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics were taken.

November 13, 9:41 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Nothing was taken.

November 14, 1:25 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Consumable goods were taken.

Vandalism

November 12, 12:49 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was found on a set of outside stairs.

Vehicle Crime

A blue 2004 Ford Crown Victoria was taken from the 7800 block Walker Drive and recovered later that same day by Fairfax County Police. No arrests were made.

Two vehicles were stolen, a black 2003 Ford Crown Victoria with Texas tags was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and a black 2008 Honda Accord with Md. tags was taken from the 9200 block Springhill Lane.

A 2008 Honda Civic taken from 6 Court Ridge Road was recovered by Prince George's County Police with no arrests made.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway (GPS unit and currency), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS unit and camera) and 9100 block Springhill Court (GPS unit).

Vandalism occurred in the 6200 block Greenbelt Road (windshield was damaged), 7200 block Morrison Drive (car window was broken), 7200 block Hanover Parkway (car window was broken) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (gas tank was punctured).

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the department in 1994, Dewey became a field training officer and collision reconstruction expert. He also spent 10 years in the K9 unit, winning with his dog Rambo two coveted Triple Crown awards for excellence in patrol tactics and drug detection.

Craze said that he chose Dewey as Officer of the Year again for serving as the in-house expert on the department's computer-aided dispatching and records management system, for which Dewey had the "unequivocal support and admiration of the entire department."

Park Police

Lieutenant Warren Boyer of the United States Park Police, Greenbelt Station, announced Officer Benjamin Tomasiello as his units Officer of the Year. Tomasiello, who joined the Park Police in 2009, has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to duty, Boyer explained. While assigned to patrol the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Tomasiello has made numerous arrests, many for DWI, and issued a large number of traffic citations. He received a letter of commendation from the U.S. Park Police for his exceptional work in assisting a victim of an assault that led to the arrest of the perpetrator.

Firefighter of Year

Chief Thomas Ray of the GVFD named Augustine Garcia as Firefighter of the Year, noting his dedication, willingness to help and the level of training he had completed. Ray also announced the EMT of the Year, Sarah Kessel. He cited her "impressive" amount of work since joining the department in March, making special note of the fact she had paid for her own training coursework.

Life Member

A standing ovation was also given to GVFD President and Life Member Kenneth Stair when Ray announced Stair's recent induction into the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Hall of Fame.

Public Works

David Gross was named by Jim Sterling of the Greenbelt Public Works Department as Employee of the Year. Sterling explained that in 2005, FEMA designated public works employees as first responders for emergencies.

He praised Gross for his hard work, positive attitude and dependability in his 25 years with the department. Gross is an experienced truck driver and part of the snow removal team. He served as acting supervisor for four years.

County Recognition

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Ingrid Turner recognized all members of the GVFD and, on behalf of the county, presented the department with a check for \$2,500.

Moore and Williams of the Legion concluded the event by remarking that "there is a special place in our hearts and minds" for first responders and that the awards ceremony was a small gesture of thanks. After hearing these stories of courage and dedication to duty and to the community, there was no doubt that all in the room agreed.



MPO Barry Byers, Greenbelt Police Department (left), receives the Class One Commendation. Joe Williams, chair of the Legion's Public Service Committee (center) and Chief James Craze are on his left.



Public Works Department Employee of the Year David Gross receives a proclamation from Mayor Judith Davis.



Prince George's Councilmember Ingrid Turner (right) recognizes Augustine Garcia as Firefighter of the Year and Sarah Kessel as EMT of the Year.



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Utopia Film Fest Draws Worldwide Filmmakers

by Susan Gervasi

Greenbelt's recent Utopia Film Festival 2012, from October 13 through 21, welcomed filmmakers from as far away as Canada, Mexico and Hawaii and hosted almost 800 viewers for more than 50 independent films that were screened in a variety of Utopia programs.

Now in its eighth year, Utopia is an annual project of nonprofit Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), with assistance from the Maryland Film Office, the City of Greenbelt and other sponsors.

"I absolutely loved Greenbelt and the vibe at the Utopia Film Festival," said director Gail Mooney-Kelly, whose film, "Opening Our Eyes: Global Stories About the Power of One," received the Utopian Visions Award, one of four awards each year given by the festival. "I only wish I could have stayed longer," she said. "I hope to return to Greenbelt very soon."

The Utopian Visions Award goes annually to the work best typifying the festival's motto "seeking a better world through film." "Opening Our Eyes," by New Jersey resident Mooney-Kelly, her daughter Erin Kelly and husband Tom Kelly, explores the lives of people throughout the world dedicated to helping others.

Best Short Film

Pamela Davis of Honolulu, Hawaii, won the Best Short Film award for "Rusti Escapes!" her short documentary about the plight of a homeless orangutan.

"We loved the Utopia Film Festival," said Davis, who attended the event with her son Scott. "It lived up to its Utopian name. Every film conveyed a positive message and the staff and filmmakers were all very friendly and welcoming."

"Rusti Escapes!" is Davis' first film and Utopia her first film festival. She said she appreciated learning about Greenbelt's unique history "and your sense of community, carried on from the original development of Greenbelt."

North Carolina director-actress Tara-Nicole Azarian, age 14, received Utopia's "Best Young Filmmaker Award" for her short feature "Cardboard."

Azarian, a professional television actress who has been working in Hollywood for the last six months, attended Utopia with her mother, Jen Azarian. Tara-Nicole was 12 when she wrote, directed and starred in "Cardboard," about the plight of a middle-class family who loses its home.

"My favorite [film] was "Cardboard" because it exemplified the homelessness which I see each time I go into D.C.," said Dea Zugby, who managed the festival's opening night reception and praised "the sensitivity of the young filmmaker."

Creativity Award

The fourth Utopia award, "The



After the screening of "Oxygen for the Ears" producer Tom Walker talks with viewers about making the film. Jazz Legend Buck Hill watches in Council Chambers.

Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Creativity," went to director John Roberts for his short work "The Wheel." Roberts could not attend the festival but said he appreciated the honor and hoped to visit Greenbelt in the future.

Legendary jazz saxophonist Buck Hill, a Greenbelt resident, attended both the Utopia reception and, with producer Tom Walker, the Utopia screening of a film about Washington D.C.'s jazz history in which he appears: "Oxygen for the Ears: Living Jazz."

From a technical perspective, Utopia committee members agreed that this year's all-volunteer-run festival ran smoothly.

"There were no glitches that I saw," said Connie Davis, who

organizes volunteers for the festival. "We got positive responses from the filmmakers and film viewers."

Davis, a former math teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was particularly impressed by the standing-room-only crowd for the math/science film, "In the Footsteps of Newton," whose Indiana director, Nancy Rodgers, attended the festival.

Mexican director John Urich-Sass, who directed the documentary "God Has Arrived" and who also attended the festival, said he thought Greenbelt was a beautiful city and was "glad the festival was held before Hurricane Sandy."

Susan Gervasi served as Utopia 2012 coordinator.

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Police Are Again Reaccredited With Top Honors from CALEA

On November 17 the Greenbelt Police Department was granted unconditional Accreditation with Excellence from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at the organization's November conference in Jacksonville, Fla.

This is the highest form of reaccreditation an agency can receive. Of the 107 undergoing accreditation/reaccreditation hearings, only 17 reached the Accreditation with Excellence milestone.

Greenbelt police received initial accreditation in 2006, a process that provides a rigorous reaccreditation process every three years. This year's on-site assessment took place in April and was the department's third accreditation bid. CALEA's accreditation program is designed to improve a department's delivery of public safety services and to recognize excellence by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety peers in a wide range of public safety initiatives.

Pepco Sets Direct Online Link To Report Streetlight Outages

Pepco has announced the launch of an upgraded streetlight reporting system that uses pole numbers and addresses to report outages online. With one click customers can access maps showing streetlight locations with the Bing mapping system. When a problem is reported, the new system sends the person who filed it an email with tracking number, location and pole number.

When submitted for repair, an icon on the map will appear red;

once repaired, the icon returns to green and confirmation is sent to notify the reporters. Pepco expects the new system to give consistent feedback to outage reports and restoration. It also allows Pepco to record outage data for streetlights and reduce data problems that cause extended outages.

A link to the new reporting system is on www.pepco.com under Alerts and Outage Information.

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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, November 23 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Greg Schatz and Friends play original roots music from New Orleans from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 24 the Greg Meyer Community Jazz Jam session will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Badger Band, featuring members of the Jello Boys, plays music of the Grateful Dead, Dylan and their own originals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 25 the Celtic band Painted Trillium will be at the café from the Renaissance Festival to play from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

On Tuesday, November 27 Steve Haug will play imaginative folk and covers from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, November 28 the Cajun music jam will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, November 29 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday evening there will be an open microphone session with Tom Gleason from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, November 30 pianist Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m., Hard Swimmin' Fish returns with rocking blues. The schedule for Saturday, December 1 begins from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the TV John show. From 4 to 6 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar, followed from 6:30 to 8 p.m. by Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano. From 8 to 11 p.m. iLyAMY headlines with percussive acoustic guitar and powerful vocals. On Sunday, December 2 the café will host an art reception for the Group Photography Show, with Greg Meyer Jazz performing and prizes awarded by Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Committee – music begins at 6, with the artists available from 7 to 9 p.m.

Early Bird Walk Planned for Uhler

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a morning bird walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area on Saturday, December 1 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road, just north of Bowie State University. There are good opportunities to sight migrating and resident woodland and field birds, waterfowl and raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain.

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Nazi Netherlands Occupation Talk Given by L. Penney

by Kathleen McFarland

On September 8, with wind swirling and rain banging at the wide windows of the Garden Room in Renaissance Gardens, her new home, Leonie Penney captivated a large audience of family, friends and residents of Riderwood with the story of her life before, during and after the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War II. The official title of her talk was “Memories of a Holocaust Survivor in the Netherlands.”

Leonie began her talk by hoping the audience could understand her Dutch accent, which she has never lost. She sat in a chair. Her voice was not as strong as it once was so Leonie was instructed to lean close to the microphone as she read from her carefully prepared paper.

She told us these would be her own memories, her personal story and reactions. She explained that in Holland, religion took a less important role in society than here in the United States; that her family was Jewish but non-religious; that Jews were encouraged to assimilate into the larger society.

Leonie Snatager was born in 1918 in The Hague, an only child – but with 15 cousins. Of the cousins, only six survived the Holocaust. She said this was better than the survival average for Dutch Jews as a whole, which was three out of 14. She said it was fortunate her father had died in 1935, sparing him the horror of what was to come.

Studies Economics

In the late 1930s, Leonie went off to the University of Amsterdam to study economics, while her mother moved from their large house to a smaller apartment in The Hague. At the university, Leonie loved studying; in her words, she was “free as a bird” and joined a group of intellectual, idealistic young people who were certain they knew how to “improve the world.”

One of her friends there was Etty Hillesum, a brilliant young Jewish woman now famous for her writings, which have been published and translated into English in a large book Leonie had by her side: “Etty: Letters and Diaries of Etty Hillesum, 1941-43.”

On May 10, 1940, Leonie was wakened by the loud noise of airplanes flying overhead. They were German planes on their way to “pulverize” Rotterdam. Smoke could be seen on the horizon. Holland was warned that other cities would be bombed if they did not capitulate. The royal family fled.

Leonie and her mother decided she should move back to the apartment in The Hague and commute to college in Amsterdam. She received her master’s degree in economics in December 1940. Later she realized how lucky she had been, since by the next year Jews were no longer admitted to the university; they had to wear and show the yellow Star of David and were not allowed to use public transportation.

In a way, Leonie said, the Dutch had simplified the Germans’ task of persecuting the Jews in two ways: they kept meticulous records of the religion of each citizen and in Holland “there were no mountains to hide in.”

The seriousness of the situation began to dawn on the Jews,

including Leonie’s family. With the help of non-Jewish friends, they were able to transfer money to banks in London and to send valuables such as silverware and family photographs to safe-keeping with friends. Even Leonie’s portable typewriter survived!

Hiding Places

People started to look for places to hide from the Germans. This was not so easy, as the penalty for those who were found hiding the Jews was death.

The Germans took over the apartment Leonie and her mother had lived in and they were put out onto the street, leaving their furniture behind.

Her mother and her mother’s sister went to different places to stay with friends, while Leonie went to stay with a couple who had been like second parents to her after her father died. She told them she did not want to hide.

Leonie had admired her idealistic friend Etty, who wanted to keep and share the centuries-old Jewish Fate; but after much thought, and especially after she found out that women’s hair was cut off in the labor camps, Leonie changed her mind. “My hair was very important to me,” she said. It was reddish, like her father’s. She decided then to go into hiding. When she told her hosts of her decision, they thought it over and told her the risk was too large for her to stay there; she had to find another place to live.

First she had to get a false I.D. Through friends in the Underground, she obtained papers belonging to a woman named Jane Lamberts; the photo of Jane was replaced with her own.

But becoming “Jane Lamberts” was not easy. She became despondent, even at one point attempting suicide with aspirin. But suddenly she was overcome with a strong desire to live and threw away the aspirin. Finally, hope was restored when an old friend from college days asked her to come and see his apartment. She realized then that this was an invitation to hide. Her friend, Loet, whose father was leader of a well-known orchestra, even offered to take in her mother temporarily. They gratefully accepted the invitation.

Jane Lamberts

Then Leonie embarked on a series of experiences as “Jane Lamberts,” employed as a nanny or maid in many different households. If you remember the TV show “Upstairs, Downstairs,” Leonie had grown up in an Upstairs environment but now had to function in a Downstairs role. In her talk she told of moving from one household to another, even being taken to a hospital for a medical procedure by doctors from the Dutch underground, all the time with fear of being detected.

Once she had to move from a household because of a suspicious maid. At another home, the cook turned out to have worked in her own family’s kitchen. Another time, she overheard women discussing Ayn Rand’s book “The Fountainhead” and longed to join in the discussion, since she herself had just read the book.

She mentioned at one party being “tipped” for her service; how ironic, since others were paying large sums of money to be hidden from the Nazis.

I thought to myself, as Leonie’s talk went on, “What a good movie this would make.” But

there was more to come.

D-Day, June 6, 1944. Radios were forbidden but there was a hidden radio in the kitchen of the house where Leonie was living. Everyone listened to the BBC broadcasts. There was joy when they heard about the Americans landing in Normandy. “What excitement!” “What camaraderie in that kitchen!”

On August 9, 1944, Leonie had been visiting her mother and her mother’s sister, who were hiding in a house in a neighborhood not far from the Anne Frank house. Leonie had traveled to Amsterdam by train a few days earlier and left that evening. The next day, her mother and aunt were arrested.

A man from the Underground, who had lived in the house previously, was caught. When the Nazis came to search the house, they found the elderly ladies. When news of this reached the house Leonie was living in, she realized she could be questioned and that the situation had become more dangerous for her as well. She began a period of moving from place to place, living for short times at different addresses.

Important Changes

The situation was changing in the Netherlands. In September 1944 “Operation Garden Market” took place, the Allied assault on German troops. Unfortunately, the Allied troops lost. This was the battle featured in the movie “A Bridge Too Far.”

The Dutch railroads had helped the Allies by going on strike to prevent German troops from receiving support. But after defeating the Allied invasion, the Germans stopped all imports of food, coal for heating and other necessities. There was no food or drinking water. The Dutch starved; some ate tulip bulbs in this “Hunger Winter.” The Germans then began picking up all Dutch males and transporting them to slave-labor camps.

With Dutch men now being the ones more at risk, it was easier for Leonie to get jobs. Her last “place” was in the country, near Utrecht. Leonie went through the hunger winter there. The Dutch owner of the house was hiding in his own house to avoid the labor camps. Leonie used a bicycle to look for food, sometimes bartering apples for potatoes. There was no water for washing; everyone was dirty and they all had head lice.

Liberation

Finally, May 5, 1945: Liberation Day. They were liberated by Canadian troops bringing cigarettes and chocolate bars. After the liberation, Leonie immediately traveled to the camp at Westerbork to look for her mother and her aunt. She was told that her mother was not there, that she had been transported away, but to leave her address in case her mother would return. “At that time,” Leonie murmured, “no one had heard yet about the gas chambers.”

Leonie got a bike, a necessity to get around, and biked to Utrecht to visit cousins who had survived. There, she said, “a fantastic thing happened.” They had a baby! Her male cousin had gotten married and there was now a baby.

“To see this new life,” Leonie said, after all that misery, “was wonderful.” The father had been hiding in his wife’s parents’ house. Nuns had helped the mother with the baby. Fourteen people had been hiding in the house, yet no



Leonie Penney's children Bernard and Olga congratulate her on her talk about the Holocaust in the Netherlands.

one had talked.

Leonie then started working as a student nurse, volunteering at an American Jewish organization, then at a Dutch kibbutz, working in the land. Finally she got a job with the Netherlands Central Bank. She was the “right person at the right time,” she said. They were trying to rebuild the economy. She asked at the World Bank if they could use a Dutch economist. It turned out they could. The Bank even paid her way to America.

She arrived in August 1948, 64 years ago. She met her husband, Walter Penney, in 1950 and “had a wonderful time for 50 years,” she said. He died in 2000. She had three children, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. “Hitler, Eat Your Heart Out!” cried Leonie.

Leonie ended her talk by mentioning the things she has learned from her experience, which she has taught her children: To be self-reliant and to realize the value of a college education. “Look what it did for me!” she exclaimed.

Last, she mentioned something she is proud of: her eldest great-granddaughter is named “Jane Victoria” for her false identity, Jane Lamberts.

Audience Response

As the talk ended, someone from the back of the room, having learned that Leonie had been an economist with the World Bank, called out: “That was the most eloquent talk I’ve ever heard given

by an economist.” Then Dr. Leo Walder, one of Leonie’s Greenbelt friends who was in attendance, stood and mentioned Leonie’s community service in Greenbelt and her selection as Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt in 2008. All the Greenbelt people were asked to stand. There were quite a few.

Leonie then introduced her family members, including son Bernard and his daughters, who had come from North Carolina to hear her speak, daughter Olga with her husband and several children and grandson Walter, who was filming the talk.

Susanna Levin, the moderator from the Jewish Community of Riderwood who sponsored the talk, asked for questions and a short discussion ensued. All emphasized the importance of telling these stories of the Holocaust to keep the memories alive and ensure that such a time never happens again.

One of the attendees was Leo Bretholz, another Holocaust survivor who saved himself by jumping off a train headed to Auschwitz. He wrote a book about his experiences titled “Leap into Darkness.”

Leonie had with her two other books, in Dutch: “Zogaan we Al-lemaal” by her cousin Herman Snatager, who did not survive, and “In the Shadow of Doom,” by Jan Willem Regenhart, a book about her cousins who had the baby – as well as the book about Etty Hillesum previously mentioned. Etty died in Auschwitz on November 30, 1943.

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