

News Review - Once and Future

by Cathie Meetre

In the November 26 issue, we looked back at a successful if turbulent year of operation. In the next year we have plans to up our game even more. We expect to maintain and improve our appeal to advertisers and to get more people to pick up the paper and open it to the wealth of information and insight within. We're improving our internal systems to make it easier to produce the paper, easier to track advertising and less time-consuming to do business functions like billing and communications. We are judiciously increasing our use of computer technology.

Our new website debuted – but that's just the start of what we hope will be a dynamic web presence that complements but does not replace the print paper. Over the year we hope that the degree to which Greenbelters interact electronically with the pa-

per will increase and that the on-line services we offer will grow. We seek volunteers to help post new material on the website.

Another initiative is an increase in our interactions with areas outside the original city. Connecting with the population of Greenbelt's East and West is more difficult for us to do. It's partly a question of demographics. While the original city has an older population with a large percentage of retirees looking for meaningful volunteer activities, the surrounding population is more transient, younger, more diverse and less likely to pick up and read the paper or volunteer for it. This population has less history with the city and less identification with it. The percentage of owner-occupied dwellings is, however, increasing with the occupation of Greenbelt Station and we'd like to identify in each

community a cadre of volunteers who keep us informed of the on-going issues and happenings or who'd like to contribute overall to the paper. We are also aware of our growing Spanish-speaking population and their needs. Watch this space for initiatives over the year to come.

Challenges

There are many challenges going forward. Although the paper is currently operating in the black, partly due to recent cost-saving initiatives and partly because of an overall upswing in advertising, it is really the services of our volunteers that make that possible. The paper pays for some services and provides small patronage dividends to its volunteers based on their work, but our overall costs for labor are much lower than a paper relying

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American Legion Hosts Police, Firefighter Awards Ceremony

by Kirstyn A. Flood

Mark Holden is Greenbelt's Officer of the Year, Police Chief James Craze announced at the 28th Annual Public Safety Awards on November 13. Craze chose Holder based on his work ethic and productivity as a patrol officer and detective.

Honored by the American Legion Post 136, "the men and women in our local police force, fire department, emergency services and public works are inspirational with their dedication to the safety and welfare of our community," said Post Commander Mike Moore.

Holden began his career as a beat officer, using photographs, biographical information and independent crime surveys to identify repeat offenders and to provide himself with knowledge of the crime in his area. He has mastered "community-oriented policing principles," as he is known to patrol on foot

and engage with youth and their parents.

When he was transferred to Investigations in a more crime-ridden part of Greenbelt in November of 2013, Holden put his ability to identify offenders to the test. He has successfully identified nearly all suspects in cases involving people. In the past year, Holden has received 43 cases, including robberies, sexual assault and one homicide. He has completed most of these at a performance rate higher than the national average, Craze explained.

Holden has demonstrated teamwork throughout his individual success, by working alongside patrol officers, the Franklin Park Community Policing Officer and local management bodies.

Corporal Jermaine Gullidge, Officer Jerry Potts and Officer Christina Foster were each

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PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Participants stretch before the tenth annual Gobble Wobble 5K race on Thursday, November 26. The event drew 193 runners and walkers.

American Education Week November 16 to 20

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt Community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Turning Point Academy.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school, and are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Academy Salutes Cafeteria Manager, Special Ed Aide

by Cara Snyder

For this year's American Education Week, Turning Point Academy Charter School celebrates educators Karen Southerland and Cheryl Busarow. Principal Rhonda Clomax named Southerland, the school's dedicated aide in special education, because, first and foremost, she is "just an awesome person." Among numerous outstanding qualities, Clomax praised Southerland's investment in the children and her belief in the vision of the school. "She goes above and beyond," remarked Clomax, "seeing things that need to get done and just doing them."

This is a quality the principal also appreciates in Busarow, the school's cafeteria manager known affectionately as Ms. Cheryl. According to Clomax, Busarow spearheaded the initiative to bring Maryland Meals for Achievement, a free breakfast program, to Turning Point Academy.

Like Southerland, Busarow cares deeply about her students – it was Busarow who suggested the administration create a "principal's account" for students who couldn't afford lunch and then fundraised to cover the costs. Turning Point Academy takes this opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of its staff members, who are an equally crucial part of the proverbial village that contributes to a child's education.

Karen Southerland

Southerland describes a lifelong passion for education that began at home. As the oldest of seven children, her parents stressed that she model school's importance for her younger siblings. Mostly though, she credits her relationship with learning to her "fabulous education in the D.C. public school system." This education was the "best [she] got



Karen Southerland

PHOTO BY CARA SNYDER

because it exposed [her] to so many different things," from Shakespeare to planetariums.

She describes her teachers as inspirational people who fostered creativity and a love of learning. This love stayed with Southerland; when she became a mom, she would do "any-

thing to be involved" with her children's schools, from being a homeroom mother, to setting up a computer lab, to teaching gym classes.

Indeed, it was family that led her to Turning Point. Five years ago, Southerland stumbled upon her job accidentally when she came to speak to Clomax about her granddaughter's misbehavior. Her granddaughter, Nia, is now an honor roll student, although she never remembers to call her grandmother 'Ms. Southerland' when they're at school. The special education instructor is a proud 'grand' to two other children, and a loving wife to Alonzo, "the greatest man [she] know[s]."

For the first four years of her career at Turning Point, Southerland worked exclusively with one student. Now, she works with multiple students. Her teaching philosophy is to build relationships with students and their families, so that "whole villages" can work together to inspire children to want to learn.

On her most joyous moments, Southerland shared with me that "I know I have done my job when a student who is struggling gives their best, and you see in their faces that 'yes I can do this,' that they have gained confidence." Besides these moments, the student's revelations that she has touched their lives in some way are what Southerland finds most satisfying.

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Cheryl Busarow

PHOTO BY CARA SNYDER

Letters to the Editor

This Is Who We Are

In this time of rising racism and xenophobia, we are heartened by the ongoing strength of our Greenbelt neighbors who embody in their words and actions the community pledge:

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched.

We pledge to foster a community that is respectful, safe and fair for all people.

This pledge arose in response to the domestic terrorism of the Ku Klux Klan. It continues to shape us as a community and to express our highest aspirations. This is who we are in Greenbelt.

Daniel and Kyla Hamlin

New Website

Beautiful new website! Love it!

Beverly Palau
Public Information and
Communications Coordinator
City of Greenbelt

THANKS

I would like to thank the staff of the Greenbelt Youth Center and Community Center for organizing the Gobble Wobble on Thanksgiving morning. It is a testament to their dedication to the Greenbelt community spirit that they were at work on a holiday morning to put on the event. It was a beautiful day for a run and it gave me one more thing to be thankful for on a beautiful Thanksgiving Day!

Julie Maul



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 24 issue. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m.



Condolences to the family and friends of Magdalene Fuchs of Lakeside, who died November 28, 2015 at the age of 85. She was secretary and bookkeeper at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church for over 30 years, beginning in the 1960's for the church's first pastor, Father Victor Dowgiallo. Her funeral Mass will be held at St. Hugh's on Monday, December 7 at 10 a.m. Friends may visit at Borgwardt's Funeral Home on Sunday, December 6, from 4 to 8 p.m.

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Northway resident Catherine Vanderzon, 82, of Gainesville, Va., on November 14, 2015. Sympathy to her sons Jim and John, daughters Annette, Mariette, Saskia and Erica, and other family and friends.

Condolences to longtime Greenbelters Noreen McKinney and Jackie Nelson and their families on the death of their brother James Joseph Schultz, 70, of Dagsboro, Del., on November 22, 2015. James grew up in Greenbelt and had recently retired from his career in TV news broadcasting. His funeral Mass was held

at St. Hugh's church on Saturday, November 28.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lentz, a retired librarian in the Prince George's County schools, died in Walkersville, Md., on November 14, 2015 at the age of 97. She and her late husband Dr. Paul Lentz were original residents of the Lakewood community. She will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with her husband, who died in 2009. Sympathy to their sons Paul Jr. and David and their families and friends.

Congratulations:

To Jodi Wildoner, who will graduate from Georgia Northwestern Technical College on December 10 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Culinary Arts. Jodi is the daughter of former Greenbelters Larry and Barbara Wildoner and the granddaughter of Pat Hand of Greenbelt.

To send us information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

City Notes

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) has an annual survey from November 23 through December. Hard copies are available at the front desk. An e-mail blast was sent with the electronic link. The link is also posted on the city's web and Facebook pages.

Contractors are finishing up work on the GAFC flat roof.

Public Works Staff met with the lighting contractor to finalize work on Phase II of the MEA grant for energy efficiency improvements.

Refuse/recycling/sustainability staff started planning zero waste efforts for the tree lighting ceremony on December 4.

Pepco Work in Area

Pepco is doing pruning work in Greenbelt on feeder 15742. This work will consist of tree trimming in the Lakeside housing development, Crescent Road from 1 Court to Gardenway and Ridge Road from 1 Court to Northway. Pepco will install No Parking signs for those areas where they will be working.

GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN



JOIN WASHINGTON'S BID FOR THE 2024 OLYMPICS BY HOSTING SKATEBOARDING AND ULTIMATE FRISBEE.

PETE REPPERT

Computer Club Meets

On Thursday, December 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Community Center, Room 112. Everyone is welcome to discuss the latest in consumer electronics, computers and tablets and basic trouble shooting of Windows computers.

Saturday's Wreath Sale Benefits Animal Shelter

On Saturday, December 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m., volunteers of Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) will sell hand-decorated holiday wreaths at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket ramp, with all proceeds benefitting the special animal shelter medical fund.



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Sat: 1:00 PM, 3:15 PM,
5:30 PM 8:00 PM
Sun: 3:15 PM (OC),
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. & Tues.: 5:30 PM,
8:00 PM
Weds: 3:15 PM,
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Thurs: 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Dr. Seuss's How The
Grinch Stole Christmas
(1966) (NR) (30 m.)
Fri. 8:00 PM

Family Series:
INSIDE OUT (PG) (102 m.)
Sat: 11:00 AM
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Starting at 10:00 AM!

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(90 m.)
Sun. 1:00 PM

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.



GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning & Gilbert Construction are performing GHI's fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning December 7th, work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

**Crescent Courts 56-62, Eastway Courts 1-5,
Ridge Courts 30-42**

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve your privacy.

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

Community Events

Shop with a Cop December 19

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police announces its annual "Shop with a Cop" on Saturday, December 19 at the Target Store located in Beltway Plaza.

This program partners needy children from the community with Greenbelt police officers so children can purchase Christmas presents for themselves and family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$100 and is accompanied by Greenbelt police officers to make purchases. The children are then taken to a present wrapping party where they can enjoy lunch while they wrap their gifts. The children are selected to participate through nominations by their elementary school.

The program is funded through corporate sponsorship and community donations. Donations to fund this program can be mailed to Greenbelt FOP, P.O. Box 94, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or dropped by the police station in an envelope marked "Greenbelt FOP/Shop with a Cop." For further information, contact Scott Kaiser at 240-542-2135 or by email at Skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov.



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 so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 7 are as follows:

Monday, December 7: Apple juice, lemon pepper fish, rice Florentine, carrots, cornbread, fluffy fruit salad.

Tuesday, December 8: Cranberry juice, sliced roast beef with gravy, baby baked potatoes, herbed green peas, dinner roll, hot sliced peaches.

Wednesday, December 9: Grape juice, chicken noodle soup, open faced hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit.

Thursday, December 10: Apple juice, meatloaf with gravy, au gratin potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Friday, December 11: Orange juice, BBQ pork rib patty, coleslaw, baked beans, wheat hamburger bun, hot spiced apples.

GAVA/GATE Open House

On Sunday, December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., the GAVA/GATE Animation Program will host an open house at GATE studios on the 2nd floor of the Community Center. George Kochell, animation instructor, will be on hand to introduce the program to visitors as well as students working on current animation shorts. The GAVA/GATE Animation Program holds classes for youth 10 to 18 years old in computer animation, with homeschool sessions on Mondays and an afterschool sessions on Fridays. The new class sessions start in mid-January.

Concert Band Lineup Trumpets the Holidays

The Greenbelt Brass Choir will play for the traditional holiday tree lighting on Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. The full Concert Band will play holiday programs on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. in the Community Center gym and Monday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Beltsville Community Center. Traditional holiday favorites on tap include The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, Silver Bells, A Chanukah Celebration, A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite, Winter Wonderland Overture and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The December 13 program will include the Fingal's Cave Overture by Mendelssohn.



Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday evening, December 5 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory located at Northway Fields. With the observatory telescope we plan to show visitors double stars, star clusters, planetary nebulae and galaxies. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Neptune and Uranus will be up, but not the Moon, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Time Bank Orientation Wednesday, Dec. 9

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Wednesday, December 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt MakerSpace, 125 Centerway.

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are providing and receiving services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to another member and spend the hours to receive services from other members. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The orientation will be presented in English and, if requested, in Spanish.

RSVP is preferred, but not necessary. To RSVP, send an email to Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com or call 240-473-3497 (voicemail). For more information, go to greenbelttimebank.org.

Co-op Makes Change

Every year, many feel truly blessed around this time for what they have – family, shelter, food and friends. But in stark contrast there are people in our own community who have very little. The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is running its annual Making Change holiday season fundraiser to lend a hand to less fortunate neighbors.

The Making Change campaign is a point-of-purchase fundraiser that uses donation coupons. Look for the Making Change board and coupons at the register when paying for groceries. To make a donation, select a coupon, hand it to the cashier to be scanned and the amount will automatically appear on the receipt. All donations are tax deductible.

The program began Tuesday, December 1 and will end on Sunday, January 3, 2016. Upon completion of the program, Co-op Supermarket will send all funds collected to Making Change, which then forwards the donations to the nearby Capital Area Food Bank.

"With over 8,000 retailers nationwide participating in this Making Change holiday program, we know that collectively we will be making a huge difference in the lives of hungry Americans. It is our hope to raise as much money as possible and share our customers' generosity with those in need," says Co-op's General Manager, Bob Davis.

Events at MakerSpace

MakerSpace is starting December off with a bang. Come by on Friday, December 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. for our First Friday Game Night. Have fun and challenge your neighbors in games of skill and strategy.

Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to noon is Coder Dojo for kids, and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. is First Lego League. Be sure not to miss our Holiday Open House from 5 to 8 p.m. We'll be serving hot cider and cookies and handcrafting holiday ornaments.

Tuesday, December 8 has Coder Dojo for kids from 7 to 8 p.m. and for adults from 8 to 9:30 p.m. There will also be a meeting of the Greenbelt Biota, our local natural history society, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 has a First Lego League meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Knitting (and other Fibery Pursuits) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, students can get to work on their final papers by bringing them to Open Tutoring from 3 to 5:30 p.m. First Lego League will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and MakeWrite – the MakerSpace writers' group – will meet from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pearl Harbor Day Forum at the Legion

The American Legion Department of Maryland's annual Fall National Security Forum will be held on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Greenbelt Post 136. This year's program will focus on the European campaign. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Hogan, a historian from the Army Center of Military History, who will describe the role American and allied forces played in defeating German forces in Europe, beginning with the Normandy invasion, through campaigns such as the Battle of the Bulge, and finally emerging victorious with the surrender of all German forces. The program will include presentations by veterans who landed on Omaha Beach and were in units that liberated the concentration camp at Dachau. The event will be held in the Sam Hofberg Hall at the Post at 6900 Greenbelt Road. There is a fee.

Lions Club to Host Breakfast with Santa

Greenbelt Lions Club, in conjunction with American Legion Post 136, will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa! at the American Legion Post 136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive, on December 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. Children 12 years or younger will be admitted free with paying adult; all other persons pay a small fee. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages.

Donations to the American Legion's Toys for Tots and the Greenbelt Lions Club's Warm Clothes for Children in Need will be accepted. For more information call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766.



Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Thanksgiving is over and all the turkey has been gobbled and the pumpkin pie eaten. The Golden Age Club is ready to move ahead into December.

The speaker on December 9 will be Taylor Ferguson from the Department of Family Services with some interesting information. The Christmas Pot Luck Lunch will be on December 16 and December birthdays will be celebrated.

Program Chair Suze Marley is already working on programs for 2016. She welcomes suggestions for speakers and activities.

Guests are always welcome at the meetings and we look forward to new members. This is the time to be thankful for friends and family and all the activities in Greenbelt.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 4, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, December 7, 7 p.m., Ad Hoc Task Force for Windows and Doors Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Wreath Sale to benefit the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter



Saturday, December 5th, WAGS volunteers will be selling hand decorated wreaths on the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket ramp, beginning at 9:30 am. Prices range from \$20-\$30.



All proceeds go to the special animal shelter medical fund. Thanks for your support—the animals say thank you, too!

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Sunday, Dec. 6th from 1-3PM

Are you a Greenbelt organization that has an Event to publicize? Join us to do a short video highlighting the 5"W's: Who, What, When, Where and Why

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Reserve a time slot at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

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Obituaries

Gudrun Humanik Mills



Gudrun H. Mills

Gudrun H. Mills died on October 24, 2015, in her sleep at an assisted living facility in Bowie, Md. She was 89 years old. The wife of the late Charles J. Mills, she was known to almost everyone as Gudi.

Mrs. Mills was born on May 25, 1926, in Berlin, Germany. When the Third Reich regime of Adolph Hitler collapsed in 1945, Mrs. Mills, then 18, and a friend fled Berlin to get away from the invading Russian Army. She found refuge in the American-occupied zone of Western Germany and subsequently was able to obtain employment with the United States Army due to her excellent skills in speaking English. There she met and fell in love with a military policeman, Charles Mills.

Mrs. Mills emigrated to the United States and became a citizen. She was married to Charles on October 17, 1951, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Mills continued to serve in the military, his career taking him to Italy and Korea, as well as Germany and stateside. He retired in 1966, then stationed at Fort Knox. Mrs. Mills often fondly reminisced about their time in Kentucky.

Mr. Mills obtained employment with the U.S. Capitol Police, serving on the Congressional side of the Capitol and its auxiliary office buildings and holding the rank of Sergeant. The couple, with their two young daughters Monica and Regina, found their new home on Maplewood Court in Greenbelt in October 1966.

Mrs. Mills found employment with the Veterans Administration (VA), becoming the secretary to the congressional liaison. The VA was one of a very few government agencies permitted to maintain an office in the Capitol and she became acquainted with many congressmen and their aides. However, finding that commuting to the District and being far from Greenbelt difficult, Mrs. Mills applied for the vacant position of Greenbelt City Clerk. Hired, she began her 21-year career with the city in January, 1970, retiring in June, 1991. In 1975 she was honored

as the Outstanding Greenbelt Employee of the year. In 1982 she was recognized as an Outstanding Municipal Employee by the Maryland Municipal League. Mrs. Mills was a co-founder of the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association.

While with the VA, Mrs. Mills had met a young German-born American soldier Roland Scheck, who had been wounded in Vietnam and was going to college to become a medical assistant. She took him under her wing, making him part of the family. She also welcomed other youths in need of the comfort of a welcoming home, always willing to set an extra place at the table.

Mrs. Mills was a devout member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She also was a longtime member of the Greenbelt Lions Belles and Red Hat Society.

Upon retirement, Gudrun and Charles purchased a condominium in Pompano Beach, Fla., where they wintered until the late 1990's when Mr. Mills' dementia became apparent. He died in Annapolis on May 11, 2003.

She is survived by her daughters, Monica Johnston and Regina Murphy, four grandchildren — Jimmy Wacker (Rachel), Joey Johnston and Chelsey and Shawn Murphy, four great-grandchildren, Roland Scheck and best friend of recent years, Robert Beers. A granddaughter, Jessica Wacker, also predeceased her.

A memorial service was held on November 28 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Internment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

- James Giese

In Memoriam

Gudi Mills: An Outstanding City Clerk and American

by Jim Giese

Gudi Mills became a hair close to not becoming Greenbelt City Clerk. Or should I say a hairy leg close? The problem was not with Gudi. She was a highly qualified applicant for the job with an excellent command of English, including spelling and grammar, and top-notch skills in shorthand and typing, by far the most competent in secretarial skills and work experience of any applicant. She was already earning more than the Greenbelt job offered as the go-to person of Congressmen and their aides wishing to help constituents get their veterans benefits.

The problem, according to Gudi, was with me and my qualifications. First, when she told her neighbor she was applying for the job, he told her in no uncertain terms, "You don't want to work for that stubborn Dutchman!" Then, at the job interview, I crossed my legs exposing my hairy leg above my crew-style sock. On Capitol Hill, all the men wore calf-length stockings. One working there would never be exposed to such a gross display of flesh.

However, Gudi decided to put up with me and take a pay cut in order to avoid the daily commute to Capitol Hill and be closer to her school-age daughters. Greenbelt has always been able to employ outstanding resident-mom clerical help, with the only problem being short-term time-outs for after school check-ins.

As city clerk, no one dared to question her work — it was

always accurate. Minutes did not need correction. Elections ran without a hitch, at least as far as their administration was concerned. On matters before the council or needing to come to council, she kept on top. When at the last minute on Fridays I dictated extensive agenda comments to her, I could rely on the agenda packet being completed and ready for distribution before the close of the day.

Gudi tried to keep me straight. If something needed doing that I wasn't doing, she'd let me know. If I couldn't find an important document well-placed in my desktop filing system (some might refer to it as piles) Gudi would pull it out from the stack.

When county or state officials dropped by, it was Gudi they enjoyed chatting with. Oh, they might talk to me briefly on a matter of business, but Gudi was the one they enjoyed seeing.

Inappropriate Acts

If there was a problem, and

it was not a serious one, it was Gudi's failing not to display feelings as the council took what to her were inappropriate actions. She was comfortable in being stoic about their decisions on the great issues of the day, but if they didn't follow proper parliamentary procedures doing it, she would begin to squirm in her chair and give look daggers. Gudi was well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order. I would point out to her that a meeting chair or member could do as he or she pleased so long as the action was not challenged by a member and urge her to keep calm. But ignoring wrong was not in Gudi's nature.

Gudi's daughter Monica illustrated that in her memorial published in this paper upon the death of Gudi's husband Charles. As a military policeman in Germany, Charley trained and handled police dogs. One day he

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"Beware lest ye harm any soul, or make any heart to sorrow; lest ye wound any man with your words... be he friend or foe." - Baha'i Writings

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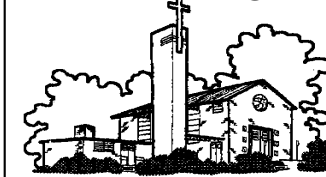
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Sunday 13 Holiday party 11:30am.
Friday 18 Cantata 6:30pm.
Thursday 24 Christmas Eve service.
Friday 25 Merry Christmas!



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Mishkan Torah Hosts Lecture December 6

Mishkan Torah will present a lecture by Dr. Max Paul Friedman on his latest book, Rethinking Anti-Americanism. Friedman will contrast anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism. The lecture will take place at the synagogue on Sunday, December 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the entire community.

Friedman is professor of history at American University in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Oberlin College and the University of California at Berkeley, he worked as a journalist for National Public Radio's All Things Considered and Morning Edition programs before becoming a historian. He has won more than 50 awards, grants and fellowships, including a Guggenheim.

His book Rethinking Anti-Americanism: The History of an Exceptional Concept in American Foreign Relations (Cambridge University Press, 2012) integrates foreign relations history with the first comprehensive study of the term "anti-Americanism" in American politics and policy from 1776 to the present.

At the Library

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, December 9: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, December 10: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Monthly Storytimes

Tuesday, December 8: Infants and Toddlers Program – Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. Sing-a-longs, stories, and quiet play activities will be presented to encourage engagement between caregivers and children. Focus will be on age-appropriate social/emotional, communication and literacy skills. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. This event will continue monthly through Tuesday, June 14, 2016.



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 24 issue. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 7-11

Monday, December 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Station Phase III DSP**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the agenda: *Preparation for Principals' Meeting, Updates – Clubs, 4 cities, Rec Grants review, AOB – Meeting with club facilitators, Grants Review*

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. (see below)

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00pm, **SHA MEETING re: Beltway/495 Interchange at Greenbelt Station**, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Mr. Anwar Selah for consideration of a request for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards (DPLS) for premises located at 151A Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Applicant is requesting a DPLS for 13 of the required parking spaces in order to use the 1,973 square foot lower level of his building for retail use. For additional information please contact Ms. Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at (240) 542-2041.

Holiday Wreath Sale for the Animals

Saturday, December 5 at 9:30am until all are sold.
Co-op Supermarket Ramp,
121 Centerway

Volunteers will sell hand-decorated wreaths benefitting the special Greenbelt Animal Shelter medical fund. Prices range from \$20 to \$30.

Sponsored by: W.A.G.S. (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter)



This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds



Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau: the funds provide refreshments for the counseling sessions.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): fund initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters at the shelter.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

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CARES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers Individual Adult Counseling. Individual counseling is conducted using a Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Counselors work with clients to determine the goals of therapy, and then help clients implement strategies that improve overall functioning. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has immediate openings for appointments.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: – Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 4th at 7:00pm, Roosevelt Center Mall
All ages welcome. FREE!

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association. **FREE MOVIE, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, at the Old Greenbelt Theatre at 8:00pm**



DECO THE HALLS

Friday, December 4, 7:00-9:00pm,
Greenbelt Museum 10-B Crescent Rd.

in conjunction with the city's Tree Lighting. Free admission. Tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house, decorated for the holidays in vintage style. Gift shop open and freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise.

JURIED ART & CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.
FREE admission and hands-on crafts!
More Information: 301.397.2208 and www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts



Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions! Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.

Saturday, December 5 from 10am-5pm: Craft Fair
Enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the fair on Sunday.

Sunday, December 6 from 10:00am-4:00pm: Craft Fair
1-3pm: Free DIY Wrapping Paper Workshop with Janna Riley, Artist in Residence
1-4pm: GAVA/GATE Youth Animation Open House
1-5pm: Tour the Greenbelt Museum Historic use, decorated for the holidays (\$3, 10-B Crescent Road)
2:30 – 4:30pm: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band will perform in CC gym.
1-4pm: Artists in residence studio open house and sale.

ENJOY THESE ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!

Greenbelt Farmers Market, **HOLIDAY MARKET**
Sunday, December 6 from 10am – 2pm
Wreaths, gift baskets and comestibles. Outdoors behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136, **Saturday, December 5, 8-11am. Children 12 and under: Free w/paying adult; All others: \$7/person**
Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd. Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Bring camera for picture with Santa!
Info: 301-474-8964

GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 6, 6pm
Greenbriar Community Building- FREE
Open to all ages. Information: 301-441-1096

Full Schedule posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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exclusively on paid labor.

To keep the paper operating 'profitably,' we must continuously seek out, train and nurture our volunteer workforce. Operating with volunteers has its special flavor. A job that in the real world would take one person 20 hours may be spread among five volunteers with different strengths and styles.

Each needs to know what the other did – so instead of one person with continuity, five individuals run a relay race. Some run fast, some slowly. Some hop and some meander. Sometimes the baton goes AWOL.

The editor may need to communicate with 30 staff whereas if we were a paid operation, she might have to communicate with five. On the other hand, this depth means that the fabric of the paper is stretchy and enduring because of what NASA would call multiple redundancy – where there's always someone equipped to step in during absences or crises. If the News Review were marooned on Mars, it would grow vegetables and produce a newspaper.

Old Friends and New

Last June we celebrated the more than six decades of leadership by Elaine Skolnik as she turned 90. She had been called the brains of the newspaper, served as president and guided the news reporting. In March we lost a long-time friend, neighbor and colleague on the paper, Tom White. Tom had provided strong leadership and managerial insight into a paper that was all about the city he had loved and served for decades. The year also saw the retirement of Assistant Editor Barbara Likowski to Emeritus status. Barbara contributed many decades of faithful and critical service to the paper.

A newspaper is nothing without its editor. Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Mary Lou Williamson has been editor for over four decades and in many ways personifies the paper. Always calm and often tactful, she has the ability to get unlikely people to cooperate and to extract a yes from people who were determined to say no. Under her leadership the paper has weathered no few storms and thrived

in an era when others have crumbled.

Delivering News

Without solid reporting, a paper is as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Regular city-beat reporters Kathleen Gallagher and Jim Giese bring rare expertise in council matters and are supported by Sue Krofchik on Police Blotter, Kathleen McFarland with Our Neighbors, Mary Moien, Amanda Brozana, Anne Gardner, Diane Oberg and others.

Unsung Heroes

Without fanfare, some staff toil in the background to do the essential if unglamorous work that drives the operation. In addition to our production and advertising teams, mentioned last week, we have a team that processes incoming material for publication. Like carrion crows, they pick through the incoming email to find nourishment – stories, letters, press releases that concern Greenbelt, family announcements – separate them from the herd, follow up to get all the components and get text, captions and photos ready for editorial attention. Lola Skolnik, Pat Scully and Nancy Tolzman tend to email while Judy Bordeaux, Alison Rose, Angie Evans, Peggy Higgins and Leslie Kash help make the corrections, type handwritten submissions and update edited stories. Staffer Bernie Gormally puts the paper to bed every Tuesday night – sometimes well after midnight.

Circulation

Papers need to get out promptly into the hands of the people it serves. The News Review works throughout the communities and with merchants to distribute the paper. In the core of Greenbelt the tradition of youngsters delivering the paper continues and each is paid a token amount weekly with the opportunity (coming to you soon as an envelope) to receive generous tips from the customers at the holiday season. Routes are often handed down to siblings or friends and some papers are delivered by multiple generations. Outside the core, papers are delivered to homes, offices and stores throughout the city and through homeowner associations for distribution. Ian

Tuckman is our circulation manager, as he has been for many years. He picks up the papers from the printer's delivery van at the Co-op ramp on Thursday mornings in tied bundles of 50 and distributes them to carriers and businesses. We're currently working on making our deliveries more predictable and to prevent concerns about soggy or blown about papers. A new volunteer, Ray Zammuto, whose expertise is in organizational systems, is analyzing how we can improve our services in this area. Expect more news on this topic over the next few months.

Other Initiatives

If this list of initiatives isn't long enough, the back burner contains more. We would like to attend to our archive and improve the quality and search ability of the scanned documents we have online as well as considering the best way to preserve the paper copies – which, at nearly 80 years old for the earliest – are in danger of crumbling. We'd like to make our business systems link better to our customer-facing processes so that advertising and story submission is less manual and easier for our staff, our patrons and our advertisers.

St. Hugh's Church Hosts Dinner for Those Alone

By Kathleen McFarland

On Thanksgiving morning, little candles were set afloat in glass cups here and there in the centerpieces, making an attractive setting for the dinner to come. The tables were set for a free Thanksgiving meal, featuring a 24-pound turkey, which was prepared by St. Hugh's parishioners to feed whoever wanted to come – perhaps someone who lived alone or a family far away from home. Susan Mathis, chairman of the event, reported later that 70 people came for the meal. She was especially pleased that this year the amount of food prepared turned out to be almost exactly right – plentiful but with few leftovers. Next year, she hopes to broaden publicity for the dinner and make it even better.

Leta Mach Elected to NLC 2016 Board of Directors

Leta Mach, Greenbelt city councilmember, was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Board of Directors at the 2015 Congress of Cities and Exposition held in Nashville, Tenn. Mach, who will serve a two-year term, will play a key role in guiding the nation's largest and most representative membership and advocacy organization for city officials. Over the next two years, she will participate in six board meetings at NLC assemblies in Washington and across the nation.

"I look forward to serving on the NLC Board of Directors to learn more about the issues facing municipalities across the country and how we can work together to support our citizens," Mach said. "The board provides the critical leadership that enables our organization to strategically address the challenges facing our nation's cities," said NLC CEO and Executive Director Clarence E. Anthony. "As we look toward



Leta Mach

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

the future, the board will play a central role in helping NLC better serve our members and will provide guidance as we advocate for cities before Congress and the administration."

In her role on the board, Mach will help to guide NLC's strategic direction and set the organization's advocacy priorities and operational goals. Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee and are confirmed by a vote by NLC's membership.

Greenbelt Arts Center Opening this Week

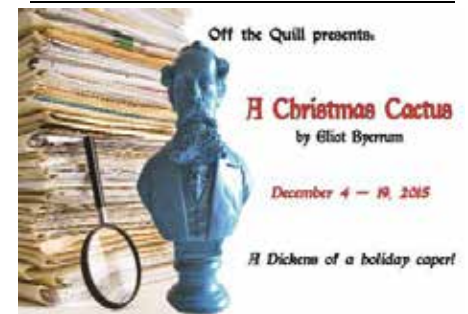
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December 5-20

Saturday and Sunday at 2:00
Pooh ticket prices: \$15 General Admission, \$10 Youth (12 and under with adult)

A CHRISTMAS CACTUS



by Eliot Byerrum
a Guest Production from Off The Quill
Dec 4 at 8:30pm & Dec 5, 10, 11, 17, 18 & 19 at 8:00pm
Cactus ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Senior/Student/Military, \$12 Youth

December 12 only: CHROMATICS CONCERT



December 12th at 8:00 PM
Chromatics Tickets are \$20,
\$16 for students/seniors/military, \$12 Youth

COMING SOON

Zombie Prom - January 22 - February 13 - Directed by Jeff Lezniak

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org



Greenbelt American Legion Post 136



In conjunction with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Foundation announces its annual

Toys For Tots donation program

Toy collection boxes are at the American Legion Post located at

6900 Greenbelt Road (301-807-7642)

Please visit the Legion Post facility today and make a toy donation. Toys, intended for children up to 16 yrs, should be new and unwrapped.

You are invited to attend the "Breakfast With Santa" (See Post webpage for details) pancake breakfast Saturday, December 5 at the Greenbelt American Legion from 8 to 11 a.m. Along with your child's visit to see Santa, please bring a toy donation for Toys For Tots!

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Teaching students with special needs can be especially engaging and emotional for both sides. In recounting her experiences as both teacher and pupil, Southerland shows how every educator has profound impacts on the lives of their students. School pedagogues have the privilege to offer children not just knowledge but also a role model of courage, assertiveness, critical thinking, holistic development and optimism.

Not surprisingly, educators receive rewards every day at school, coming from children's spontaneous kindness and appreciation, but also much later, seeing a previous student excel by serving society. Southerland's story illustrates how influential teachers spark such journeys.

Cheryl Busarow

Similarly, Busarow's happiest times at Turning Point are when students, both current and graduated, tell her how much she means to them. She loves being with kids and rejoices when they run up to give her hugs, 'good mornings' and 'thank you.' Seeing students' smiles as well as knowing they appreciate their breakfasts and lunches are the best parts of Busarow's workdays.

Her work in the school system began thirty years ago, when she left nursing for a schedule that allowed her to spend more time with her children. As a single mom raising three youngsters, Busarow wanted to be home nights, weekends and summers. She originally came to Turn-

ing Point Academy because (at the time) it was close to her house. She has been managing the school's kitchen since it opened in 2006.

When I asked her to recount a favorite memory from her time there, she shared a story about a student named Justin. The first weeks of school, Justin would cry every morning. One day, while the little boy was weeping, Busarow went to sit with him on the steps outside. He shared that he missed his mother and wanted to go home. Busarow responded that she, too, would like to go home, but that she couldn't because she had to feed him and his friends. She listened with empathy to his sadness, and then Busarow assured him that he would make friends and that everything would be okay. After they talked, he decided, "I'm not crying about this anymore." Sure enough, he never did.

As we walk the halls to find a good place for pictures, Busarow and Southerland say hello to students, calling them by their first names. We pause our photo shoot as students hug the cherished staff members. Such actions illustrate how they both shape the educational environment at Turning Point Academy. Their kindness, commitment and hard work contribute to the collective of educators that enrich students' lives.

Cara Snyder, of Greenbelt, is a graduate student in the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Maryland.

Celebrate Jordan Choper's 80th Birthday December 6

Mishkan Torah will celebrate the 80th birthday of Jordan Choper with a gala birthday party at the synagogue on Sunday, December 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. The party will feature recorded music from different decades, dancing, special presentations and the customary ice cream and cake. The event is free and open to the entire community.

Jordan has been a fixture of Greenbelt and Mishkan Torah for half a century. A native of New Jersey, he moved to Greenbelt as a graduate student in 1962 with Eva, his wife of 55 years, when Eva was six months pregnant. Jordan and Eva joined Mishkan Torah in 1966 and have been involved on an almost daily basis ever since.

In 1968, Mishkan Torah established its still-functioning Social Action Committee in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., with Jordan as its co-chairman. Jordan played an active role as well in the Free Soviet Jewry campaign, including supporting prisoners of conscience and recent arrivals from the Soviet Union. A professional educator, he lent his talents to the Children's Education Committee in the late 1960s and for a time served as principal of the synagogue's Karp Family School.

In 1980, Jordan became chairman of the Building Committee, a position he has held almost perennially thereafter. Jordan knows every nook and cranny of the synagogue building and the rabbi's residence.

In this capacity, he is the undisputed "Who You Gonna Call?" of Mishkan Torah. Whenever a fire or burglar alarm goes off or someone forgets where a light switch is or the roof begins to leak, it is Jordan's phone that rings. The time of day or night is irrelevant.

Jordan served as Mishkan Torah's president and executive vice-president for two terms each. He says that the jobs he has enjoyed most during his tenure at Mishkan Torah are Social Action and then roof replacement.

Jordan has served as one of Mishkan Torah's representatives to the Chesapeake Region Jewish Reconstructionist Council and on the executive committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Additionally, he was chairman of the now-defunct Prince George's County Jewish Alliance for nine years. In 2008, Mishkan Torah honored Jordan and Eva with its Seventh Annual Keter Shem Tov award.

Jordan taught courses in general biology at Montgomery County Community College from 1967 through 2000. For the last 10 years, he has been actively involved with the Greenbelt Lions Club, a service organization dedicated to working with persons who are deaf or visually impaired, culminating in his recently-completed tenure as president.

Jordan and Eva have three children: Rabbi Carl Choper; Brian Choper, a well-known local musical performer and promoter; and Leah Choper, a cartographer for the federal government.

Come and help Jordan celebrate his 80th year. Jordan says that in lieu of presents, he prefers donations in honor of his milestone birthday to Mishkan Torah. Although there is no charge for the party, attendees are requested to make reservations. Reservations and donations may be made at the synagogue or online at MishkanTorah.org/Choper.

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Grocery Bargains

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Best Yet Granulated Sugar 4 lb. \$1.99	Progresso 18-19 oz. Canned Soup Assorted Rich+Hearty-Lite Heart Healthy \$1.25



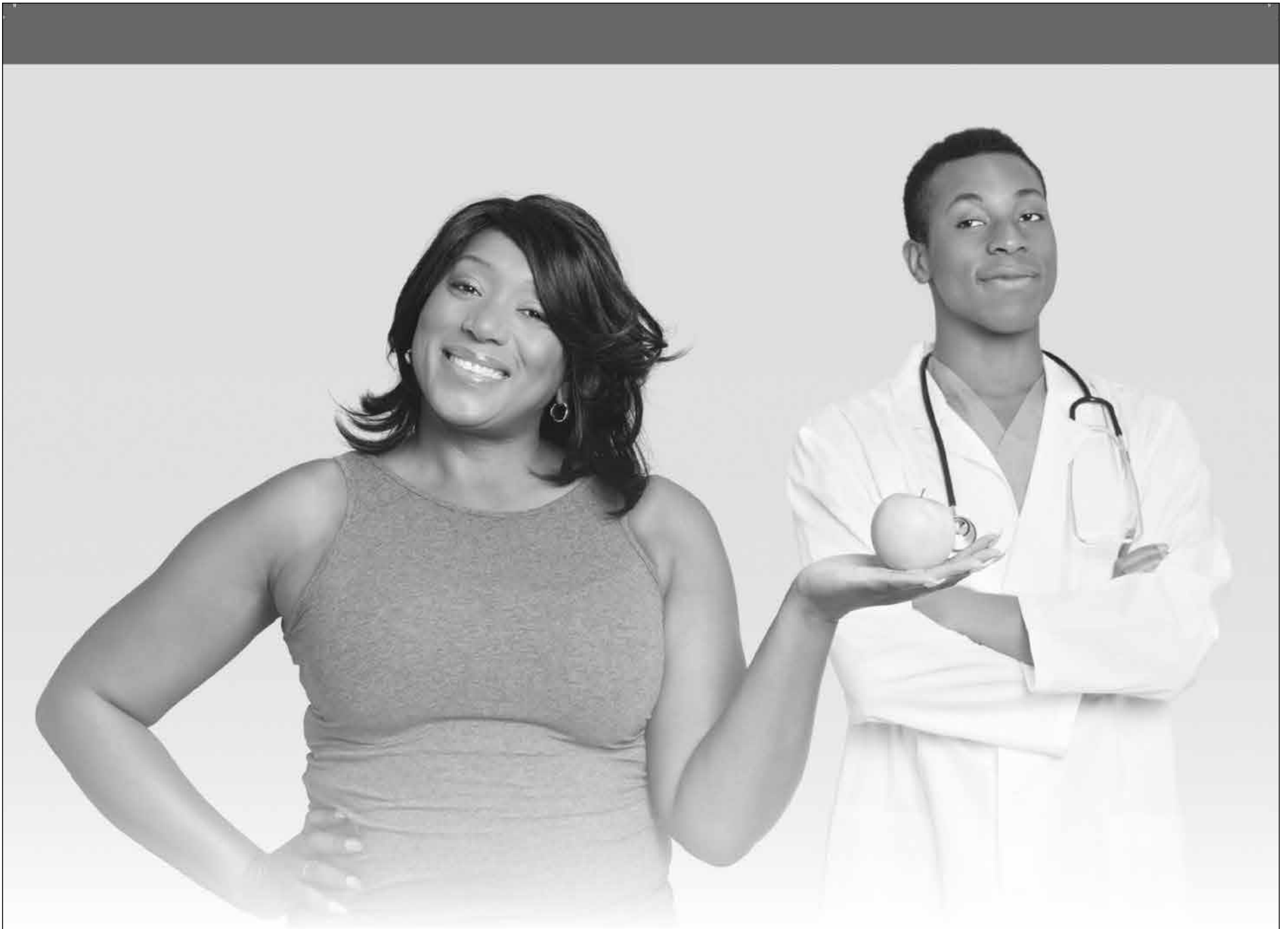
Grocery Bargains

Chicken-of-the-Sea Chunk White or Light Tuna 5 oz. 89¢	Red Pack Family Size Canned Tomatoes Assorted 28-29 oz. \$1.00
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Update

A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth has been arrested for first-degree assault, second-degree assault and reckless endangerment for an assault that occurred October 26 in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robbery

November 22, 12:40 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A cashier at the Greenbelt Exxon reported that a man came into the store, put on a ski mask and displayed a gun while announcing a robbery. He fled after obtaining money. Following a multi-jurisdictional investigation, two nonresident men were detained by Baltimore City police, arrested and charged with armed robbery, strong arm robbery, assault and conspiracy. Both men were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. They are being held without bond.

Sex Offense

November 21, 9 a.m., Gardenway near Ridge Road. An 11-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for fourth-degree sex offense after he allegedly touched another youth inappropriately. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Weapon

November 19, 10 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon on school property after he was found with a box cutter at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He was released to a parent pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

Assault

November 18, 10:20 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for first-degree assault after he allegedly used a handgun and a knife to threaten another person during a verbal altercation. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft

November 18, 5 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. A parcel package was taken from the front door area of a residence.

November 20, 5:30 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A laptop computer was taken from a resi-

dence after entry may have been gained by using a key.

November 23, 4:40 p.m., 100 block Lakeside Drive. Gift cards were taken from a residence.

Counterfeit Money

November 20, 5:47 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An 11-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possessing/issuing forged currency after he allegedly tried to pay for merchandise at Beltway Plaza using counterfeit money. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

November 17, 4:45 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 34-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Shell Food Mart after having been banned from the establishment by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

November 20, 10:45 a.m., 14 Court Ridge Road. Two cell phones, debit cards and cash were taken from a residence after entry was made through the unlocked front door.

November 23, 8:09 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A residence was entered after breaking a sliding glass door. Nothing appears to have been taken.

November 23, 6:30 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A notebook computer and money were taken from a residence.

Vehicle Crime

A 2004 Ford Crown Victoria reported stolen October 26 from the 7600 block Mandan Road was found not to have been stolen but had been reported as such due to a misunderstanding with a potential buyer of the vehicle. The tags on the car at the time of the reported theft, Md. 1BX157, have not been recovered.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A Honda Civic CRX reported stolen October 25 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane was recovered by Metro Transit Authority police on November 22 in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 2005 Honda Odyssey reported stolen November 14 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane was recovered November 24 in the 9100 block Edmonston Court.

A front tag was taken from a vehicle in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway.

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left his dog, Alcoff, with a friend only to find Alcoff in the custody of a very irate animal lover upon his return, who gave him a good chewing-out. Finding Alcoff tied to a leash in a courtyard during a bad storm, Gudi had taken matters (and Alcoff) into her own hands.

Anyone who ever knew Charley Mills was well aware of his ability to charm every woman he

ever met. He was every woman's epitome of what a gentleman should be. Obviously, Charley's charm worked that day with Gudi and the confrontation led to courtship, marriage, two children and a shared life for 52 years.

Pets

Throughout that time, dogs played an important role in their homes. Daughter Gina recalled how their parents, with only \$25 to spend on gifts for each other, agreed to use the money to buy a pet. Peatie, the dachshund, was a part of the family for 17 years, helping to welcome Monica and Gina to the world. Other pets followed until Ranger, who also lived for 17 years. Deciding that they did not wish to have to put down another pet, the Mills' home became pet free. However, upon returning from Florida, Gina's new Akita, Shadow, quickly became their pet.

Gudi was proud to be an American citizen. She regularly attended American Legion ceremonies on Memorial and Veterans Days. She knew the U.S. Flag Code better than anyone. And if a flag wasn't flown right or properly lit at night or showed signs of wear she would let someone know about it. That someone was usually me.

Gudi also sought neatness and orderliness and obedience to regulation. When she came upon the contrary, she would quickly make known her displeasure — also usually to me. And when I failed to act because it was not within the powers of my office, she clearly displayed dissatisfaction — but always respectfully.

Mills Home

The Mills home was always welcoming, and if you were fortunate enough to be invited for dinner, you would surely get a mighty fine meal. Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day were often big celebrations there with the gathering of friends and neighbors. Gina tells how when she was young in the 1980s and 1990s, her friends would gather on July 4 for barbecue and fireworks (they are easily seen from Maplewood Court). "We would sometimes have 80 or more people there, with our front sidewalk filled with Harleys and the court completely blocked with cars," she related. Gina wondered how the neighbors felt about that, but they were probably there too.

"My friends would gather on Friday or Saturday night until the wee hours of the morning, some-

times up to 20 people," Gina added. "My mom would always be right there with us playing Uno, Spades, Rummy or Trivial Pursuit. Everyone wanted to be on mom's team. Many of my friends and sisters soon came to call my parents mom and dad."

Upon their retirement, Gudi and Charles would winter in Florida. At a bend in the road, their condo overlooked Ocean Boulevard to the south and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. While they enjoyed the Florida sunshine, early signs of Charley's dementia forced them to eventually sell the condo and stay year round in Greenbelt.

Charley's slow decline from Lewy body dementia was a most difficult time for Gudi and her daughters. There came a time when the car keys had to be taken away from him. Then later, when Gudi could no longer provide the care needed at home, Charley had to be placed in a nursing care facility.

Friends

After Charley Mills died, Gudi joined a local bereavement support group that included Greenbelters Pat Hand, Bob Beers, Connie Davis and Lydia Goldstein. The group began socializing together, having dinner weekly at the American Legion. Jack Maffay, whose wife Betty was in a care facility until she died last spring, also became part of the group.

Gudi and Bob Beers became particularly close. He played the guitar and Gudi decided she should learn how to play a musical instrument as well. She chose the harmonica and according to Bob, learned to play it quite well.

Even after Gudi suffered two strokes and moved to an assisted living facility, Bob visited regularly, called twice-daily and would bring Gudi to his home for Sunday dinner.

As city clerk, Gudi Mills set standards that were admired and emulated by municipal clerks throughout the state, and have been well-followed by her successors. As a parent, she was the proud supporter not only of her two daughters, their children and grandchildren, but of their friends and those who she befriended. As a German refugee who became an American citizen, she took great pride in her adopted land and was quick to express her patriotism whenever the occasion arose.

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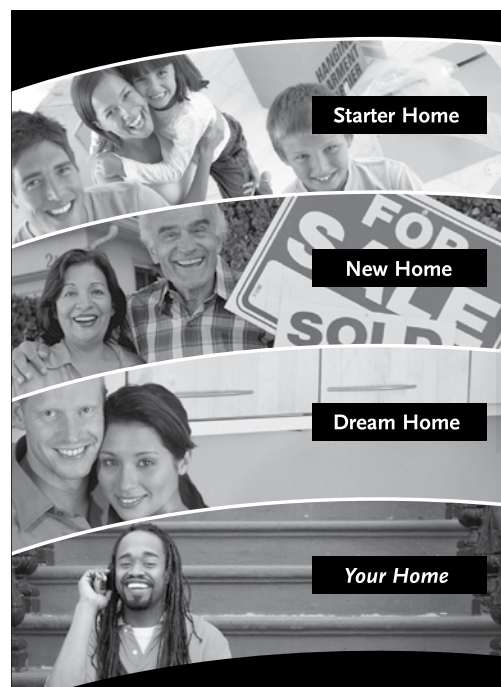


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Local First Responders Honored at Mission BBQ

by Jim Giese

As a part of its mission, Mission BBQ restaurant, the latest to open its doors in Greenbelt, held a preview opening for firefighters and first responders and their families and friends on November 11. At that time, \$1,497 was raised and donated to the Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation, an organization selected by the Berwyn Heights Fire Department volunteers.

Mission BBQ, a 21-unit restaurant chain, opened on November 16 and is located in the Beltway Plaza shopping center at 5506 Cherrywood Lane in the space previously occupied by Atlanta Bread Company.

The chain's co-founders, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton, combined their passion for barbecue with a mission to show support for American heroes in the community and the country who protect and serve. The pair traveled the country to known areas specializing in barbecue cuisine such as Texas, the Carolinas,

Kansas City and St. Louis to develop their favorite menu items for the chain.

The following night was Police Friends and Family Night. At that event, \$1,797 was raised for the benefit of Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32. Doug Pain, operating partner, and Katherine Donahoe, community ambassador, presented the check to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze and Captain Tom Kemp on November 20.


Then on November 13, a sneak peek to the public was held with all sales donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. At that time, \$3,278 was raised.

Besides donations to organizations such as those honored during the pre-opening events, Mission BBQ also supports the National Guard and the USO. Every day, at noon, patrons are asked to rise and sing the National Anthem to honor the United States.



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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Engineering Mindz Exposes Kids to Computer Coding

by Catherine Hollingsworth Hamm

Greenbelt-based Engineering Mindz Learning and Enrichment Center is among the many organizations that will offer computer coding sessions to students as part of the weeklong Hour of Code event set for December 7 to 13.

Hour of Code, a worldwide event that takes place during Computer Science Education Week, is an opportunity for students to learn the back end of video games. At Engineering Mindz, students will learn basic video game design using Star Wars, Minecraft or the arts as a theme.

“Most kids can tell you how to play their favorite video game, but how cool would it be to actually design your own game?” said Cassandra Smith, director of Engineering Mindz. “Computer coding is not just for adults; it’s a fun way for kids to learn real-world math and science concepts.”

Hour of Code was launched in 2013 by the nonprofit Code.org as a way to demystify computer programming, according to the event website. Organizations volunteer each year to teach the

coding sessions to millions of students ages 4 to 14, with the hope of sparking greater interest in the field of computer science. Currently, the U.S. is facing a decline in students entering the technical fields known as STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). But as more students are exposed to computer science, perhaps they will choose it as a future career, said Smith, a former teacher trainer with a computer science degree.

Located at 7505 Greenway Center Drive, Engineering Mindz is an official affiliate of Maker Ed, a Google-funded nonprofit, and it is just one of a handful of Makerspaces in Maryland. Smith, whose center is open to kids ages 8 to 14, said, “Makerspaces allow kids to learn by creating things from their imagination, by tinkering with small motors and gears and other technology.”

After years of offering grant-funded programs at schools, libraries and homeschool clubs, Engineering Mindz opened this past summer with a series of summer camps and is now offering afterschool clubs and week-

end programs, including LEGO robotics league, Future City Challenge, stock market club and a NASA engineering curriculum for kids. The center is among several organizations that are working with NASA Goddard’s informal educator program to introduce underrepresented students to the STEM fields.

The Hour of Code sessions at Engineering Mindz are open to the general public and homeschool families. Pre-register online at engineeringmindz.com. There is a small fee per family to cover the cost of materials.

EVENT DATES

Homeschool Sessions:

Monday, December 7, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Star Wars

Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Minecraft

Friday, December 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Art Explosion

General Public Sessions:

Tuesday, December 8, 7 to 8 p.m., Star Wars

Thursday, December 10, 7 to 8 p.m., Minecraft

Saturday, December 12, 10 to 11 a.m., Art Explosion; 1 to 2 p.m., Star Wars; 5 to 6 p.m., Minecraft

Greenbelters Give Thanks At Ecumenical Services

by Kathleen McFarland

The weather was perfect, the moon was full and hymns of thanks, praise and peace rang out as many Greenbelters started off the Thanksgiving holiday by attending the annual inter-faith service on Wednesday evening, held this year at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. A spirit of goodwill and charity prevailed as the congregation of people of all faiths gathered to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy here in America.

Deacon Desi Vikor welcomed the attendees to St. Hugh’s. Worship leaders from seven Greenbelt denominations took part in the program: the Catholic Community, the Baha’i Community, Community Church (United Church of Christ), Mowatt United Methodist Church, Mishkan Torah Congregation and Rumi Forum, in addition to St. Hugh’s.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir, led by Jean Cook and accompanied on piano by Susan Breon, sang two anthems. The choir is composed of singers from several different denominations and has been participating in this special Thanksgiving event

for many years; a few of the original members were there for this service. At one of the practices for the program, Jean wondered if a “catchier” name for the group would attract new, younger members. Someone suggested “The Thanksgiving Choir.” That name seems to express in one word what the choir is all about, for any season or celebration. The anthems were lovely, and the church echoed with even more joyful sounds when the entire congregation joined in singing the well-known hymns printed in the program, “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” and “America the Beautiful.”

After the service, the congregation was invited to go downstairs to Grenoble Hall for cookies and cider provided by the Ladies of Charity. Everyone, including Mayor Emmett Jordan, seemed to enjoy the chance to hobnob with friends and, more importantly, to make new friends. The tables had been festooned with colorful centerpieces which were edible and recyclable: groups of vegetables and fruits

like pumpkins, squash, red peppers, ears of corn, oranges and bananas.

Greenbelt CARES representative Ronnie Scotkin made an impassioned plea for funds for the city’s Emergency Relief Fund and Good Samaritan Fund, explaining that in some months of the past year, there was no money left in the funds and the city was unable to help residents caught up in difficult emergency situations or possible eviction. A collection was taken, with good response from the congregation, many of whom are members of churches that already help with charitable causes and know that the need is great. Others who might wish to donate may send checks made out to the City of Greenbelt (Emergency Relief Fund on the memo line) and mail to the city offices at 25 Crescent Road.



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awarded a Special Chief’s Award for their completion of the Police Unity Tour.

Sergeant Tim White, Officer Jason Kelley, Officer Jason Cressman and Officer Christina Foster were each awarded a Special Chief’s Award for their completion of the Ironteam Competition.

Brian T. Rudy presented Lawrence Edward “Eddie” Hughes with the Firefighter of the Year award for his service in the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Acting Director of the Greenbelt Public Works Department, James Sterling, presented Karl Skaggs with the Employee of the Year award.

Lieutenant Russ Fennelly, District 4 Station Commander of the United States Park Police B/W Parkway Station, named Officer Matthew Manning the Police Officer of the Year.

Public Information Officer George Mathews said the Public Safety Awards “is a way to recognize individuals who go above and beyond to serve the residents for whom they work, and to recognize those who exemplify the qualities of what it takes to be police and fire professional.”

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Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze named Sam Hofberg, 92, an honorary member of the Greenbelt Police Dept.

Photos by Bernie Zempolich

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan presents the 2015 Police Officer of the Year Award to Detective MPO Mark Holden of the Greenbelt Police Department.



Holiday Market
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