

Press Release

Get My Drift Society Wins “Most Humorous” Award in 2010 Labor Day Parade

Greenbelt MD, 6 September 2010: The all-volunteer Greenbelt Get My Drift Society Drill Team (G²MDSDT) won the *Most Humorous* trophy at the 2010 Labor Day Festival, in support of their theme celebrating community spirit during the February blizzards.

Tom Jones, who played the role of the Blizzard, said “The Labor Day parade is our celebration of what it means to live in Greenbelt.” The Drill Team performance was dedicated to Tom’s brother, Mike Jones—the Greenbelt taxicab driver who died during the blizzard.

Karen Wallace, Choreographer and Head Snow Ballerina, said, “It was delightful creating a summer routine with the winter blizzard as a villain.”

Other team members were Alan Duda, Sean Eustis, Martha Heil, Johanna Goderre Jones, and Karen’s mother, also named Karen Wallace. The society was formed to march in the parade with a creative theme, but holds no regular meetings.

The seven-member team included five snow ballerinas wielding snow shovels while wearing blue elfin shoes and striped red socks. Lacking hips, the two male ballerinas supported their tutus with suspenders. Jones played the role of the Blizzard, with a giant staff and cape. Karen Wallace I pushed a shopping cart loaded with milk, toilet paper, and water—items locals seem to suddenly discover lacking whenever a storm is forecast. G²MDSDT performed their full routine at intersections where Crescent Road meets Northway, Hillside Road, Gardenway, and in front of the judges at the reviewing stand. In the routine, the blizzard marauds the snow ballerinas to the theme of Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker Overture*. The ballerinas initially retreat from the blizzard but regroup to overcome the storm, who runs off yelping.

Several team members were also part of the 2009’s Greenbelt Sun-Dried Garmenture Society Drill Team and 2008’s Greenbelt Reel Lawnmower Society Precision Drill Team.

For immediate release. Video and photos of the team, as well as an electronic copy of this press release, are available on their website: <http://spril.com/Drift>

Snow Shovels

G²MDSDT celebrates the simplicity of snow shovels over noisy, heavy contraptions like snow blowers. Snow shovels never need a tune-up, don't wake neighbors, never run out of gas, and never emit deadly fumes. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports almost 6,000 emergency room visits every year from snow blowers, including an estimated 590 finger amputations. Snow blowers have been directly responsible for 19 deaths since 1992.¹

The Get My Drift Society encourages everyone with a yard, sidewalk, or automobile to obtain a snow shovel before the next blizzard comes, to avoid attempting to clear sidewalks with a dustpan duct-taped to a broom handle. The Society also thanks the Greenbelt Consumer Co-Op supermarket for lending us a shopping cart.

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¹ <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5117.html>