

# GREENBELT News Review

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## City Visual Arts Program: To RFP or Not to RFP

by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt City Council took up the issue of visual arts education programming in the Community Center at its January 14 meeting after considering several options, but they decided to gather more information and then to hold a work session on February 4 to discuss the issue in detail. Council also heard plans for Peace Month to be held in October 2002 and the results of a campaign to support a community pledge fostering a more peaceful and non-violent community. They also supported the idea of a Youth Open Forum.

### Visual Arts Programming

City staff has drafted a Request for Proposal for visual arts education programming at the Community Center, which it presented to council for consideration. However, both staff and the Arts Advisory Board recommend against issuing the RFP at this time. They consider the current program successful and that a change at this time would be detrimental. The Arts Advisory Board stated that "the current arts program shows quality, diversity, and increasing attendance." Staff pointed to "more programs, a more diverse staff, and better customer service," which has resulted in higher participation levels than in the past.

While pleased to hear this review of the program, councilmembers opted to wait for a detailed six-month report which is being prepared before making a decision to issue or not to issue an RFP. Councilmember Thomas

White felt that he needed more information. He asked that the report include specifics, such as a detailed outline of staff and services provided, detailed outline of the programs actually provided and numbers of participants at each, as well as an accounting of the city services and support provided the program. City Manager Michael McLaughlin indicated that the report would cover all of these points.

Mayor Judith Davis reminded the other councilmembers that they had been very clear that an RFP would be issued for the second year of programming when council approved the current program, since it was a marked departure from the previous operations. She said that if council chose not to require an RFP now, they would need to justify why this is the best course.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt that an annual bidding process was probably not necessary. He felt that the city needed to be assured that those who want to participate are able to do so but that that may be done without a formal process each year. McLaughlin responded that the city "did its darndest" to present any type of program that a provider can offer and their citizens want. He also thought that a full annual process was not necessary and indicated that the draft RFP contained an option for extensions.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull

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## Bill to Dispose of BARC Is Still Alive in the Senate

by Elaine Skolnik

When U.S. Senators were recently unable to reconcile their differences on Farm Bill S-1731, the bill was pulled from the floor. Consequently, the bill still retains the language permitting the Secretary of Agriculture to "by sale dispose of all or any part of any right or title in land . . . facilities or equipment in the full control of the Department (including land and facilities at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center [BARC] . . .)."

Reintroduction of the Farm Bill, along with revisions through a "manager's amendment," must still be sent back to the Senate for debate. Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski and Congressman Steny Hoyer are confident that the language authorizing the sale of BARC will be stricken.

"Senator Sarbanes and I have assurances from the chief sponsor of the Farm Bill, Senator Thomas Harkin (D-Iowa)", Hoyer told the News Review. He expects

that the provision which would have allowed parts of BARC to be sold off will be stripped as part of the Manager's Amendment when the bill is brought to the Senate floor. "I was extremely disturbed that the Bush Administration tried to slip in that language and will continue to be on guard against any such attempt in the future," Hoyer added.

An earlier effort to sell and auction parts of BARC was made during the Reagan Administration. That move was blocked by Hoyer.

Mikulski is also keeping a close eye on the Farm Bill. "BARC is one of the key agencies in our country," she noted. "I know that results of its research are often crucially important for America's and the world's farmers. Rest assured that I will continue to stand sentry for BARC when the Farm Bill returns to the Senate floor."



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

It didn't last long, but winter snow finally arrived in Greenbelt on January 19. A jogger enjoys the scenic run around Greenbelt Lake the following day.

## Talks May Resolve Post Office Dispute

by Elaine Skolnik

Parties involved in the city's lawsuit seeking to condemn property for a new post office at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive are now negotiating in an effort to avoid a trial.

For decades the City of Greenbelt has assisted the United States Postal Service in its search for a site within the city's borders on which to build a larger facility. The existing post office under the Co-op Supermarket in Roosevelt Center has become too small and too antiquated to serve the expanding needs of the Greenbelt area. Finally, in 1998 the city and postal service identified a five-acre parcel near the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive as the best site available.

However, due to a legal question dealing with a unilateral covenant on the desired land, federal funding was shifted from fiscal year 1999 to 2000, thus postponing construction of the new facility. In 1991 the former owner had placed a unilateral covenant on the parcel. This limited any

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## What Goes On

**Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to noon,** Electronics Recycling, Buddy Attick Park at Public Works Yard  
**Monday, January 28, 8 p.m.,** Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, January 30, 8 p.m.** Council worksession on Greenbelt New Year, Community Center

## Parking Policy Revisited For Green Ridge House

by Judy Bell

Many complaints could be heard at Green Ridge House on January 16 at a Greenbelt City Council worksession held to discuss the parking management program and allow residents to respond to a proposed and amended admission and occupancy policy.

The parking lot was reconfigured about a year ago and 54 spaces are now provided to serve the 101 apartments. This number of spaces includes an additional 15 spaces beyond the original 39. There is also space available for two cars on the inner circle.

The parking management program was put into place with guidelines about how the spaces could be used. City parking enforcement officers monitor the parking at least every other day, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin. The residents were also advised to report any violations to the city offices.

### Straw Vote

After an hour of discussion, mostly involving residents who did not like the current parking situation, a straw vote was taken by Mayor Judith Davis. The vote was to determine whether residents wanted to retain the current policy of open parking during the day and permit parking only in the evening, or to change the policy to reflect an around-the-clock policy of permit-only parking. Nearly equal numbers of residents voted for each option, with a small number voting that it didn't matter much to them either way.

In January 2001, the occupancy and admissions policy reflected the federal requirement for admission that had been amended to include persons who

were not self-sufficient. The policy currently reflects eligibility requirements set forth by the State of Maryland Community Development Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is required that a person be either 62 years of age or older, or disabled or handicapped, or the spouse or dependent of a person who is qualified under one of the previous categories and who will share the apartment with the eligible tenant, or a live-in aide residing with an eligible tenant.

Jim Cassels, a resident of Green Ridge House and longtime resident of Greenbelt, addressed a longstanding issue of changing the policy back to the original intent for Green Ridge House, i.e. housing for senior citizens only. McLaughlin will look into the possibility.

A provision giving preference to Greenbelt residents has been restored to the policy. When Green Ridge House opened in 1979, a residency preference was in effect. However, it had to be removed in the early 1990s following federal policy. The federal position has since changed and local preferences are now once more allowed.

Both the admission and occupancy policy and the parking management program will come up again for action at a future council meeting.

At present, 185 people are on the waiting list for Green Ridge House, with a two- to five-year wait. Of those, 71 are Greenbelt residents and 114 are non-residents. Further breakdown indicates 135 are seniors and 50 are younger persons who are handicapped.

### Our Fund Drive Continues

The Greenbelt News Review is still accepting donations to our fund drive. To date, 183 readers have sent in donations totaling over \$9,200. We thank all those who have helped to support our newspaper financially. Equally, we thank the many who support our paper by volunteering, contribute articles to it, patronize our advertisers or just read it.

The fund drive is necessary to help assure the financial viability of the all-volunteer newspaper at a time when our production costs increased dramatically, while our advertising revenues have not kept pace.

Below is a contribution form you may use if you wish to make a donation but have not done so.

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## Letters

### Help Us Have More Greenbelt New Years

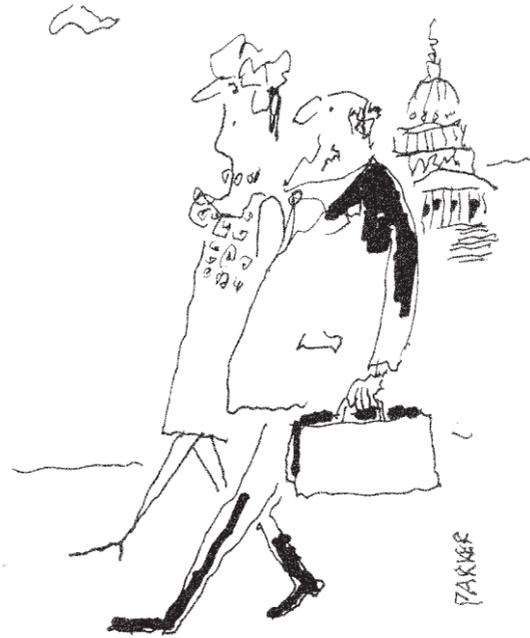
This Wednesday January 30 the Greenbelt City Council is having a work session on the future of Greenbelt New Year. If you have attended this event, volunteered on New Year's Eve or helped to plan this event for any one of the last six years it is important that this work session hears your ideas on how to improve it and keep it primarily a volunteer event.

The program has always found it hard to find volunteers because of the busy holiday season, but those who have participated have often come back - It's fun! If we can enlarge the volunteer pool planning the event by networking, there will be more volunteers to draw from on New Year's Eve itself. New volunteers with creative ideas are especially welcome.

We would also like to hear ways to involve more Greenbelt schools, volunteer organizations, and businesses, and symbolically link Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake with preparation events.

Larry Hilliard

### The Old Curmudgeon



"I got suspicious of Enron when I discovered how much they budgeted for paper shredders!"

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## POST OFFICE

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development of the site to an office building.

In an effort to have the covenant declared invalid so that the post office could be built on the land, the city, current owners BJB Associates, L.C. and the postal service filed suit in late 1999 to remove the unilateral covenant. They were unsuccessful. The court ruled that only an office building could be built on the tract.

In late 2000, the Greenbelt City Council voted to condemn the property, an action that would invalidate the unilateral covenant and permit construction of the post office on the site. The city would sell the land to the post office. The condemnation suit, which was filed in the Circuit Court in May 2001, is scheduled for trial on March 25. If a settlement is reached, the condemnation proceedings will be dismissed.

## PGCC Presents: "Poor Old Betsy"

The Prince George's Community College English department presents "Poor Old Betsy," a one-act play written and directed by Dipo Kalejaiye, an award-winning playwright, theater director, poet and associate professor of English at the college. The play sheds humorous light on the issue of aging and its effects upon family and friends. Through the main character, Elsie, an elderly woman, the play examines the aging process, age-related diseases and the special problems and needs of the elderly. The cast includes PGCC faculty and staff members.

Performances will be Thursday, January 31 through Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m. There will be a short discussion with the playwright and cast immediately following each performance. The Hallam Theater, Queen Anne Fine Arts Building, PGCC, 301 Largo Rd., Largo is the venue.

Inexpensive tickets for Poor Old Betsy can be purchased at the Hallam Theater Box Office or by calling 301-322-0561.

## Walt Penney Fund To Aid Bike Safety

The News Review reported last week on the tragic death of Greenbelt native Walter Herman Penney, age 48, who was killed while bicycling on Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring. He was hit by an oncoming motorist who crossed the center line. Penney was an experienced cyclist and was wearing a helmet. Police are continuing to investigate the collision, but no charges have been filed against the driver, a 23-year-old male.

The Penney family has requested that donations be made in Walt's memory to the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) to support its advocacy efforts for safe bicycling. Donations can be mailed to WABA at 733 15th Street N.W., Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005-2112, or made online at www.waba.org. For further information, call WABA at 202-628-2500.

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## Walt Penney May 20, 1953 - January 10, 2002

### THANK YOU, GREENBELTERS!

The family of Walt Penney wants to express their profound thanks for the tremendous support they received from you all when word spread of the fatal bicycle accident that befell Walt.

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming, and helped to make the unbearable bearable. The half-mast Greenbelt flag, the influx of flowers, food, cards, phone calls, offers of help, words of empathy during encounters on the street: it all has been so very consoling.

It will not be possible, at least not in the near future, to thank each and everyone. So please accept for now this expression of our deep-felt gratitude to you all. Thanks again!

The Penney Family

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Jan. 25

Gosford Park (R)

Friday  
\*4:45, 7:25, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:00, \*4:45, 7:25, 9:50

Sunday  
\*2:00, \*4:45, 7:25

Monday - Thursday  
7:30

\*These shows at \$4.00

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## Channel B-71 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000

Monday, January 28th at 8pm

City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday & Thursday, January 29 & 31

6:00pm "People and Places with Senator Leo Green-Opening

Day of the Legislative Session"

6:30pm "BUILDING-One Time Flashback"

7:45pm "How Can Mediation Help Me?"

8:00pm "City Council Meeting of 1/28"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) 301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, January 30 & February 1

7:00pm "Greenbelt Arts Center Street Theatre Fest"

7:45pm "Puppet Tragedies"

8:30pm "Doctor Faustus"

**At the Library**

**Children's Programs**

Tuesday, January 29, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.  
 Wednesday, January 30, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.  
 Thursday, January 31, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.  
 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

**Adult Programs**

Saturday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Discussion group.

**Caregivers Meet**

Join a caregiver support group which meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Adult Care Center, 15 Crescent Road. Caregivers provide support for each other, learn about community resources, and engage in group problem solving. Respite care is available. The meeting is open to the community. Light refreshments will be served.

Adult day services is a structured daytime (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) program for individuals with health problems, physical limitations or cognitive impairment. RN monitoring, fitness program, outings and meals are provided.

Call Beverly Long, Center social worker, for more information at 301-507-6590.

**International Recital Program**

The Greenbelt Arts Center's singing classes will be giving a recital on Tuesday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

Using various vocal and physical techniques, the students have been learning songs, chants, and rounds that they will perform in a two-hour presentation. The more advanced class will also be performing solo pieces. The class instructor, Izolda Trakhtenberg, will conduct and accompany the vocalists. The recital will include songs from around the world sung in Latin, German, Swahili, Seneca, Hopi and English.

Contact Izolda Trakhtenberg at izolda@folknouveau.com or at 301-441-3005.

**GHI Notes**

The Marketing Committee will meet January 29 at 7:30 p.m. at 2G Gardenway.

The Architectural & Environment Committee will meet January 30 at 7:30 p.m. at 5A Ridge Road.

The next informational seminar about GHI for prospective members is scheduled for February 4 at 7:15 p.m. To register, call 301-474-4161.

The GHI Board of Directors will meet February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

**Community Events**

**Greenbelt CARES**

The week of January 14, Lisa Fribush began her internship with CARES. Lisa is a student at the University of Maryland, majoring in family studies. She will work in the vocational/educational program with Judye Hering. Her duties will include assisting in the recruitment of volunteer tutors, helping to coordinate tutor/student matches and working with the Wednesday night Family Clinic.

**Greenbelt Writers Publish Anthology**

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) celebrated the publication of its third collection of original works. "Now and Then: An Anthology" contains prose, poetry and artwork from GWG members. The volume also includes essays, memoirs, and even part of a screenplay. Founded in 1995 by Greenbelt writers Dorothy Sucher and Marsha Barrett, the GWG has grown to include writers of all genres.

For information on the anthology or the group, contact them at gwgmail@yahoo.com.

**City Notes**

The week of January 14, the horticulture crew pruned branches to correct the growth habit of trees on Hanover Parkway, Megan Lane, Mathew Street, Kara Court, Brett Place, Craddock Road, Landon Court, Greenbury Drive and other streets in Greenbelt East; removed dead trees on city rights-of-way on Julian Court and Lastner Lane; and trained new employees on pruning techniques, and proper and safe use of chain saws.

The parks crew cleared leaves from walkways, especially at the Laurel Hill underpass, the sidewalk behind Forestway and the path to Lakeside Drive; reinstalled the sign at Schrom Hills Park which had been hit by a vehicle; collected Christmas trees; and removed two benches at Roosevelt Center for refurbishing. The crew also installed a turf blanket and fence at Braden football field and cleared underbrush and dead trees on Crescent Road.

The streets crew applied asphalt crack sealer on Crescent Road and repaired potholes throughout the city.

The special details crew replaced the ropes, hooks and flags at the Police Department, removed graffiti from the city museum, assisted with maintenance of the city's yard waste composting site, and substituted for the Greenbelt Connection driver who was on leave.



PHOTO BY MARIA DEL MAR LOPEZ

With a red band around his hat and a red scarf around his neck, Mr. Snowman was dressed in full sartorial splendor at 10-A Southway.

**Explorations Video Tour of New Zealand**

Explorations Unlimited will take participants on a New Zealand tour on Friday, February 1. The video, Touring New Zealand, will show this land of awesome beauty, which is fast becoming the most visited island country in the South Pacific. This video tour covers over 100 historic, scenic and cultural sites on both the North and South Islands. Participants will visit bustling Auckland, known as "the City of Sails" the capital, Wellington; Rotorua, a center of Maori culture with geysers and boiling mud pools; Christchurch, a city that's more English than England; Dunedin; Hawkes Bay; Mt. Cook and many others. See why Rudyard Kipling described New Zealand as the "loveliest, exquisite...the Happy Isles!"

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

**Weekend Fare At the New Deal**

There will be a full line-up of musical entertainment at the New Deal Café this weekend.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, Steve Huang, street minstrel and music historian, will perform.

On Friday, Jan. 25, the Gliders will perform.

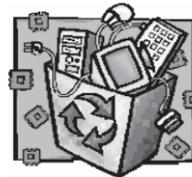
On Saturday, Jan. 26, Were will perform about 9 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27 will feature an Irish music session. Members of the audience who bring their own instruments may join in.



**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Saturday, January 26th from 9am-12noon  
 Buddy Attick Park at Public Works Yard



City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection truck located in the lower parking lot of Buddy Attick Park

**ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:**

- central processing units
- hard drives
- monitors
- keyboards
- printers and copiers
- laptop computers
- computer speakers
- scanners
- computer mice
- software
- recording equipment
- cameras
- telephones
- radios
- other small electronic equipment

(NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)



For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

**Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club SPRING SOCCER**

Register at the following locations:

**Greenbelt Youth Center**

Thurs., Jan. 31, 7-8:30pm  
 Sat., Feb. 2, 10am-noon  
 Tues., Feb. 5, 6:30-7:30pm  
 Thurs., Feb. 7, 7-8pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**

Sat., Feb. 16, 1-3pm



Registration is only \$45.00. Ask about family discounts. Get a head start and also register your child for baseball, football, softball and cheerleading. Contact the Soccer Commissioner, Mrs. Luella Ashurst at 301-794-0100 press 5, if you need more information. See you there!



GREENBELT ARTS CENTER presents

**The Chalk Garden**

by Enid Bagnold

directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

Fri. & Sat. at 8pm thru Feb. 2  
 Sun., Jan. 27 at 2pm  
 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD  
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"Making a Scene" & "Learn to Sing"  
 Classes start in Feb. Register Now!

# Greenbelt Students Donate Used Clothes

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Elementary School students have just completed a project to collect and donate winter clothing to another school in Prince George's County. This school in Hyattsville has many students from Central



PHOTOS BY MARIA DEL MAR LOPEZ

Toni McCray and James Paramore sort clothes collected by students to send its adopted school in Hyattsville.

America who often do not have enough winter clothing. The clothing collection was a service project of the Greenbelt Advisory Board, students who come from each classroom at the school and represent all of the students. On January 17, the board representatives were busy sorting, folding and packing the clothes to be transported to the other school.

One of the students, Erica Wainwright, while packing clothes in big plastic bags, commented "We have a lot of clothes so we should donate some." She added that she hopes that the board members get to go on some field trips this year and that members want to "make this school a better place."

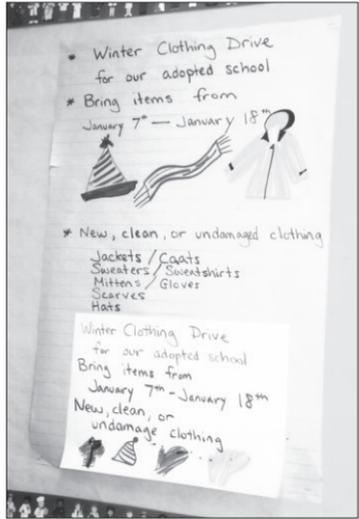
Donna Behe, school counselor, and Robyn Strauss, the school crisis intervention counselor, share responsibility for the Greenbelt Advisory Board. The goal of the board is to improve the school and services within the community. The board members are elected in the upper grades and appointed by teachers in the lower. Each class has a suggestion box and board members take suggestions to the board and report back on the meetings that are held.

Behe indicated that one of the board's first projects was Peace Week. During that week, students tried to catch other students doing an act of kindness. Also, last fall the board sponsored a food drive in which over 400 cans of food were collected for the Salvation Army.

## Military Academy Topic of Meeting

Board of Education Member Felicia R. Lasley (District 7) will host a community meeting at Andrew Jackson Middle School (3500 Regency Parkway, Forestville) on Wednesday, January 30 at 7 p.m. to discuss the implementation of the new military academy at Forestville High School and to address public concerns. Students from throughout the county could apply to attend this school.

For more information, contact Amber Wilson at 301-952-6239.



A sign made by students at Greenbelt Elementary advertises the Winter Clothing Drive.

# Obituaries

## William J. McCarthy

William Joseph (Bill) McCarthy, 64, died January 20, 2002 at his home. He had lung cancer. He, his wife Beatrice and family were residents of Greenbelt since 1966, first in Springhill Lake and more recently in Charlestowne Village on Lakecrest Drive.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Mr. McCarthy became an apprentice printer for the Toronto Telegram at the age of 16, where his father was employed as a compositor. He and Beatrice were married in 1960. He continued with the Telegram until an extended strike and lockout occurred forcing him and other employees to seek other employment. Mr. McCarthy, his father and other Toronto newspapermen came to this area in 1965 where he was first employed by the Washington Post. In 1972, he obtained United States citizenship and subsequently became employed at the Government Printing Office. There, he first worked as a Linotype operator, but later worked in the finance office. He retired in 1972.

The McCarthys were one of a number of Canadian families who lived at Springhill Lake and became known as "The Canadians." He was active in community affairs, the Springhill Lake Men's Club, the Springhill Lake Boys Club and the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. In 1972, he ran un-

successfully for the Greenbelt City Council, one of 13 candidates.

He was an active member of the College Park Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 453, where he and his wife became table shuffleboard team champions. An avid New York Yankees fan, and in later years, a golfer, he was also a member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Besides his wife, Mr. McCarthy is survived by two sons, Kirk and John, daughter-in-law Tamrica, granddaughters Nicole and Jessica, his mother, Lillian and sister Lynne and her husband Norman Ravnant. His father, Frederick, Sr., brother Frederick, Jr. and grandson Michael preceded him in death.

Services were held on January 23 at the Collins Funeral Home, West Silver Spring. Interment will be at the Greenbelt Community Church Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Hospice of Prince George's County, 11700 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705.



Condolences to the family of Willie Cameron who died recently. Willie's brother is Reginald Cameron of the Public Works Department.

Our sympathy also to the family of Richard Mills, whose sister, Janice Carver, a Public Works employee, died suddenly recently; and to employee Richard Keely and family, on the recent death of his mother-in-law.

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Greenbelter William (Bill) McCarthy. Condolences to his wife, Bea, sons Kirk and John, daughter-in-law Tamrica, and granddaughters Nicole and Jessica.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
January 27, 10 a.m.

Are "Real Men" Real?  
by the Paint Branch Men's Fellowship with Leo Jones, worship associate



Barbara Wells and  
Jaco B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

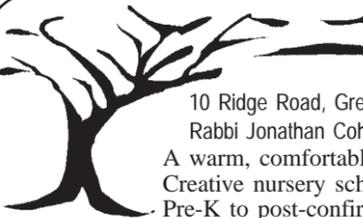
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Baha'i Faith

"O Son of Man! The temple of being is My throne; cleanse it of all things, that there I may be established and there I may abide."  
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, 301-474-4223  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield  
A warm, comfortable and involved congregation  
Creative nursery school for two to four year olds  
Pre-K to post-confirmation education program  
First year school FREE for one child  
Reconstructionist/Conservative affiliation  
[www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced  
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Councilmanic Report

# County Council Gives Grants To City and County Groups

by Audrey Scott, District 4 Councilmember, Prince George's County

Each year, as part of the county budget process, a certain amount of money is designated for grants to be given to non-profit organizations that compliment and enhance government services. This money is divided among the nine councilmanic districts and the councilmember from each district is given the responsibility to select the recipient groups. In order to receive the grant, the recipient must complete a qualification form attesting to the mission of the group and verifying their tax-exempt status.

This year, the groups I have selected are each well established with long histories of outstanding service to the community. All are repeats, and most have qualified for a grant for each of the eight years I have served on the county council. Some are local, based in Greenbelt and others are countywide organizations, and all of them provide valuable services to Greenbelt citizens.

### Greenbelt Grants

In Greenbelt, I will be awarding a \$5,000 grant to Greenbelt Youth and Family Services, a \$3,000 grant to Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), \$2,000 grants each to Friends of The Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Arts Center for their Youth Theater Initiative. A \$1,500 grant will be given to Greenbelt Association

for the Visual Arts and \$1,000 grants will be given to Greenbelt Access TV and Girl Scout Troops 2970 and 2740. Finally, a \$500 grant will be given to Greenbelt Girl Scouts.

### Countywide Grants

The countywide organizations receiving grants are the Maryland Opera Society for \$3,000, Prince George's Community Ministries for \$3,000, Prince George's Mental Health Association for \$2,000, Prince George's Art Council for \$2,000, and Prince George's Voluntary Action Center for \$2,000. Additionally, \$1,000 grants will go to Prince George's County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which represents young children in court, and Prince George's Education Foundation, which gives grants to schools for demonstrated innovative successful programs. \$500 grants each will be given to Pets on Wheels, The Animal Welfare League, and the Prince George's Public Safety Program, which distributes food baskets to homebound senior citizens over the holidays.

Each of these organizations have, for years, been directed and supported by groups of dedicated and talented persons who enrich the lives of the people they serve and improve the quality of life of our community. Most of them are unsung and little known and

constantly do more with less without any thought of personal recognition – very special people who deserve our heartfelt gratitude.

The opportunity to support these worthwhile organizations with these grants is, obviously, one of the most pleasant and rewarding aspects of my council position, and one I will surely miss when I leave office next November. These are the last grants I will be presenting and I do so with tremendous humility and great respect and appreciation for the work of the non-profits in our community. It is my hope that the grants will not only enhance their programs, but will magnify and multiply their efforts and encourage financial support from other sources. There are no restrictions on the grants. They can be used as matching funds or as seed money to explore new and innovative approaches to funding and services. One thing each of the recipient's share is insufficient funding to meet the needs of their constituent groups. I realize the grants are small and relatively insignificant when compared to the overwhelming needs of these non-profit service groups, but, hopefully, they will do some good, and, hopefully, you will agree that I have chosen well.

## VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM continued from page 1

did not want the RFP to be issued "if we're not serious" about soliciting bids. He also wanted more information and questioned whether the fiscal year cycle was best for providers of arts programming. He suggested that other options could be available if desirable.

Finally, council decided to wait to see the official six-month report on the program and hold a work session on February 4. At that time they would go over the report as well as consider recommendations from the Arts Advisory Board and the city staff.

### Peace Month

Kevin Hammett, chair of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), presented an evaluation of last year's Peace Month and discussed plans to expand the program this year. Peace Month is held in conjunction with Eleanor Roosevelt High School. CRAB recommends continuing this partnership but also expanding the program to involve other city organizations and groups, and to hold Peace Month each year in October.

CRAB suggests that the city facilitate a process to involve others and hold a meeting this spring to inform other city groups and encourage participation. Individual groups would hold separate activities during the month and the city could offer some overall coordination, publicity and meeting space if needed.

There was unanimous support for this activity as well as for the community pledge which was developed and circulated for signatures during the last Peace Month. Plans now call for a small poster or plaque as some

form of permanent display of the pledge. These could be displayed throughout the community. At the same time, council urged CRAB to think of ways that the process of signing and supporting the pledge could continue. Mayor Davis summed it up when she said that Peace Month "was a good start with a good focus."

### Youth Open Forum

Mayor Davis also led support for an idea she proposed, a Youth Open Forum, similar to the successful annual senior citizen forum. She felt it would be a good idea to offer young people the opportunity to voice their interests and suggestions, concerns and problems about the city and city services. The forum would bring together Greenbelt youth, the public in general, and city staff members from each of the major departments to discuss and address these issues. Council approved this forum.

### Petitions

Elizabeth Barber of Ridge Road presented a petition requesting the city's assistance in getting a safe pedestrian crossing on Greenbelt Road, from Southway to Greenway Center. She asserted that it was "risking your life" to cross the road as she held up three pages of signatures. She noted how many Greenbelt citizens walked--or tried to--from Southway to Greenway Center and that the situation needed a complete solution from the crossing to a safe sidewalk.

Mayor Davis said that this is not a new issue for the city and that much work actually has been done to secure changes to improve pedestrian access to the bus stop on Greenbelt Road.

Councilmembers have met with the State Highway Administration and plans are underway for a pedestrian crossing and sidewalk. Roberts said that the city has been urging fast action by the State. Both said the petition would be helpful and would be provided to the State to show citizen interest and concern.

### Other issues

Except for the placement of a few pesky commas debated by the mayor and councilmember White, council easily approved a letter of support for additional funding for the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Supportive Services Center and a letter in opposition to a plan to locate a corrections center in Hyattsville. However, council requested that city staff strengthen a letter to State Transportation Secretary John Poscari opposing plans for a Maglev train to run between Baltimore and Washington. Council has expressed its concern to State officials about the adverse environmental impact of the proposed routes but councilmember Roberts thought that the letter needed more information, a stronger position, and should be more specific in opposition to a route which he thought could jeopardize BARC. Other councilmembers supported him and Mayor Davis asked that the letter also be sent to other communities on the train route to alert them and gain their support.

Davis thought that this was a good topic for meeting with Federal legislative representatives. She suggested that a meeting to discuss this and other topics be organized for the near future.

## Spring Daffodil Sale For Cancer Society

This spring, a daffodil can symbolize hope to cancer patients and their families. Through March 17 support the American Cancer Society "Daffodil Days" by making a donation for fresh cut daffodils or potted bulbs. Brighten someone's day with a gift of fresh cut daffodils or potted bulbs. Orders must be received by Friday, February 22. Daffodils will be available for delivery and pickup throughout the Washington, DC. area during the week of March 11. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, public education, and patient services. Volunteer to help bloom "Daffodil Days" in the community or simply place an order. Call the American Cancer Society at 301-933-9350.

## Museum to Present Science Show

The College Park Aviation Museum in association with the Smithsonian Institution presents John Hadfield's The Science Show on January 26 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Back by popular demand, John Hadfield's show will delight kids of all ages with music, magic, juggling, and science. Seating is limited and all tickets must be purchased in advance.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact the facility two weeks in advance of the program start date. Additionally, the Department of Parks and Recreation requests a 72 hour advance notice for the provision of sign language interpreters.

To purchase tickets, call 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.



### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA Municipal Building Council Room Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m. January 28, 2002

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### Presentations

- Introduction, New Director of Information Technology
- Government Finance Officers Association Awards  
FY 02 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award  
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award

##### 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 Meetings

*(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)*

\*Committee Reports - Advisory Planning Board (Local Historic District Designation)

#### LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 55 (a), Titled "Bonds-Issuance, Authorization" for the Purpose of Stating the City's Debt Limit Provisions in a Fashion Consistent with New Maryland Law (abbreviated title) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendment "Elections" Section 14(b), Titled "Referendum" for the Purpose of Correcting a Typographical Error (abbreviated title) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Authorize Application for a Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant for Restoration of the Community Center Bas Reliefs and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Necessary Documents (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Ethics," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Modifying the Requirement for Filing Reports under Oath (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of an Animal Control Transport Conversion Package from Harford Systems, Inc., of Aberdeen, Maryland (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of Equipment for the Buddy Attick Park Playground (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Maryland Historical Trust - Application for Capital Grant

State Legislation - Bill to Refer CB-40 to Referendum

Zipcar Agreement

\*Parking and Yard Waste Composting Plan at Northway Fields

\*Appointments/Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Assault

6400 block Capitol Drive, January 12, 5:06 p.m., a man was entering his vehicle in the parking lot of T.G.I. Friday restaurant when another man got into the vehicle on the passenger side, displayed a dark-colored handgun, and told the victim to drive. The victim drove to the 6000 block, where the suspect ordered him to get out of the car. The victim complied, whereupon the suspect also got out of the car, punched the victim in the face, entered the driver's seat and drove the victim's car away. The suspect is described as a black male, 6'2", 210 lbs. The vehicle, a 1996 Nissan Maxima four-door, was recovered the same morning by county police. It had been involved in an accident.

7700 block of Jacobs Drive, January 16, 7:59 a.m., a woman's boyfriend punched her in the face several times during an argument. The suspect then fled the scene. The victim refused treatment for a cut lip. Police obtained a warrant charging an 18-year-old Lanham resident with assault.

## Robbery

Area of Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, January 17, 7:21 a.m., the victim advised that he was involved with another man in a traffic altercation, when the other man pulled up beside the victim and allegedly pointed a black handgun at him. The suspect then fled, and was last seen driving from westbound Greenbelt Road onto Edmonston Road. The vehicle and suspect were located a short time later in the 9200 block of Springhill Drive. No gun was located, and the suspect was investigated and released.

## Sex Offense

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 14, 1:30 p.m., a 17-year-old Lanham resident was arrested and charged with fourth-degree sex offense. Allegedly he fondled two students at the school. He was taken out of school and driven home pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Burglary

19 Court Hillside, January 12, 12:54 p.m., someone cut open the rear porch screen door and took a blue Novarra XR 15-speed bicycle.

9100 block Edmonston Court, January 15, 1:55 a.m., unknown means were used to gain entry to a residence. A video game player, video games, car stereo equipment and clothing were taken.

7900 block Mandan Road, January 11, 2:51 p.m., someone used unknown means to gain entry into a residence. A television, VCR, personal computer and stereo equipment were taken.

7400 block Greenbelt Road, January 12, 7:15 a.m., unknown person or persons broke into Jasper's restaurant. It is not known at this time if anything was taken.

7800 block Mandan Road, January 14, 2:39 p.m., someone entered a residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. A digital camera and compact disc player were taken.

Concerning burglaries at the Hunan China restaurant and Springhill Lake Mini-mart which were reported July 5, and a residential burglary in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace which was reported July 28, police have obtained arrest warrants for a 19-year-old man with no fixed address.

## Driving Intoxicated

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, January 11, 1:33 a.m., a 21-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and associated charges. Another resident, 16, was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage in public. Both suspects were released on citation pending trial.

## Arrest Warrant

In connection with the armed robbery which was reported October 19 in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, police have obtained an arrest warrant charging a 23-year-old resident of Capitol Heights with armed robbery.

## Theft

5 Court Ridge Road, January 17, 4:13 p.m., two lawn chairs were taken from the side yard of a residence.

## Drug Arrests

Area of Kenilworth and Old Calvert Road, January 12, 12:20 a.m., a Gaithersburg resident, 33, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana as well as associated charges. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Beltway Plaza, January 12, 7:40 p.m., a 46-year-old resident of College Park was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and associated charges after a car was stopped for a traffic violation. The driver ran from the scene and could not be located after a foot chase. However, his passenger was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

8100 block Mandan Terrace, January 16, 10:53 a.m., two Greenbelt residents, 17 and 18, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The 17-year-old was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system and the 18-year-old was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 14, 7:12 p.m., someone used unknown means to break out a lobby window of an apartment building.

## Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 15, 1 p.m., a resident, 19, was arrested and charged with trespassing at the school. He was not a student.

The young man was released on citation pending trial.

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, January 11, 11:39 p.m., two residents of Oxon Hill, 20 and 21, a 25-year-old resident of Capitol Heights, and a 21-year-old resident of Fort Washington were arrested and charged with trespassing. All had either been banned from the restaurant or asked to leave, and refused. All were released on citation pending trial.

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 13, 4:35 p.m., two Greenbelt residents, 18 and 13, were arrested and charged with trespassing after both were found in a vacant apartment. The 13-year-old was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system and the adult was released on citation pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, January 11, 11:39 p.m., a 30-year-old resident of Capitol Heights was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was stopped as he attempted to leave the restaurant with an open alcoholic beverage. He began yelling and using profanities. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1995 Dodge Caravan, January 12, from the 6200 block Breezewood Court, which was recovered the same day from the parking lot of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Witnesses reported that 7 persons wearing dark clothing left the vehicle and fled on foot; a 1997 Chrysler Sebring two-door, January 12, from Beltway Plaza, which was recovered the next day by county police in Landover - the vehicle had been burned; a 2000 Honda Civic two-door stolen on January 8 was recovered January 14 by Montgomery County Police in Silver Spring.

A 37-year-old resident of Temple Hills was arrested and charged with theft during a traffic stop on January 14 when a computer check showed the tags on his vehicle were stolen.

Four vehicles were recovered; no arrests were involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 8100 block Mandan Terrace; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 20 Court Southway; 17 Court Ridge Road; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; 6100 block Breezewood Court, and 6200 block Springhill Court.

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#### 46-K Ridge Road

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#### UNDER CONTRACT 6-F Hillside Road

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#### 6-B Hillside Road

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# ACE Meeting Concentrates On Bill to Aid Developers

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its first meeting of the year on January 7. Sylvia Lewis attended briefly to talk about CB-40, a bill adopted by the County Council covering restrictions that have been placed against developers. Lewis is the local representative of a grass roots effort to get petition signatures in order to take this bill to referendum so that county voters can decide whether or not this legislation should be enacted. The bill would dramatically reduce fines and restrictions previously placed on developments that would cause overcrowding in area schools. Although supported by all but two members of the Prince George's County Council, this bill is opposed by all members of the Greenbelt City Council and the Prince George's County PTSA Board.

### SHL Elementary

ACE Chair Leta Mach mentioned that school board representative Jim Henderson was conducting a meeting that evening at Springhill Lake (SHL) Elementary School regarding boundary changes that will occur when the Berwyn Heights school reopens. Many students will be affected, including the French Immersion Program at Greenbelt Middle School, the future location of SHL 6th graders, and the small group of SHL residents who attend Oakcrest Elementary as their home school. Mach offered to speak with Linda Sherwood, SHL principal, regarding her position on this issue.

### ACE Job Fair

All committee members were

impressed with the excellent attendance and excitement generated by the ACE-sponsored job fair for county school bus drivers and other school staff held in December. Over 100 people came to seek positions. There was discussion about holding a job fair again next year.

### ACE Reading Club

Mach reported on the ACE Reading Club including school involvement, videotaping schedules and the new "contest" called "Why Is Reading Fun?" Group discussion explored the difficulties with the grant process and receipt of promised funds to assist with projects. There was a suggestion that the Greenbelt City Council might help ACE to reach out for further support, perhaps through Senator Leo Green. Local businesses and organizations may also be contacted for financial support.

### Fundraiser

ACE members had discussed a possible fundraiser for ACE activities and scholarships. Committee members Jim Inzeo and Mach, as well as Mayor Judith Davis, met with Beltway Plaza management and merchants about this possibility. An event at Beltway Plaza is being planned for Sunday, April 12, that would include various competitions and games for community participation. Details are being finalized.

### Principals' Meeting

An annual meeting for principals is scheduled for Monday, February 4, in the City Council Chamber. All Greenbelt area principals and vice principals will be invited to discuss issues related to their schools.

# Patuxent Refuge Holds Wildlife Programs

The Patuxent Research Refuge announces its public programs for February. All programs are free, but require advance reservations. Reservations are made by calling 301-497-5887. Special needs may be accommodated provided the request is made at the time of reservation. Visit Website [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov) and join the listserv to get current announcements.

Several programs will be held at the North Tract, located on Rte. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rte. 32. Bird Tours help ages 16+ to identify winter birds in several refuge habitats on a guided van tour with short walks; field guides and binoculars are recommended. Bird Tours will be held on Sun., Feb. 3, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Wed., Feb. 6, 8:15 to 11 a.m.; and Sun., Feb. 17, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The North Tract also hosts Signs of Spring, Sun. Feb. 24, 9 to 11 a.m. for ages 16+. Explore the refuge for the first signs of spring plants - skunk cabbage, spice bush and early wildflowers - on this guided walk.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rte. 197 sponsors Basics of Birding, a two-part program held Sat., Feb. 9, 1 to 3:30 p.m. and continuing



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Sun., Feb 10, 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 16+. The format includes discussions and walks focusing on bird identification, habitats, and equipment.

The visitor center also presents "Nature Tots"-Night Critters. Sun., Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m., for ages 3 to 4. Introduce preschoolers to the world of animals out at night. Whose Clues? Sun., Feb. 24, 1 to 2 p.m. at the visitor center for ages 5 to 7. This is an interactive presentation and short guided walk that helps youngsters discover some of the signs that wildlife leave behind.

# County School Talk On Teaching Careers

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Prince George's County Public Schools will hold a meeting at Laurel High School to provide information on the teaching profession, including various alternative certification programs for individuals with a bachelor's degree. Laurel High School is located at 8000 Cherry Lane. The 5:30 p.m. meeting will be in the Media Center.

# PhoneFriend

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# Senior University Registration Opens

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Members receive a gift of membership in the University of Maryland Alumni Association. There is free parking. There are two six-week terms for the spring semester. A membership fee is charged. Senior University is affiliated with Elderhostel Institute Network. For a catalog and membership application call 301-403-4467 or make contact by email at [ssimson@deans.umd.edu](mailto:ssimson@deans.umd.edu).

# NASA Administrator Tours Goddard

Sean O'Keefe, newly-confirmed NASA administrator, visited Goddard Space Flight Center on January 22. O'Keefe was accompanied on the tour by Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski, and by members of Maryland's Congressional delegation.

The tour focused on the spacecraft environmental test facility where NASA satellites are prepared for launch and where a full-scale model of the space shuttle serves as a test bed to check procedures used with the Hubble Space Telescope.

O'Keefe's visit to Goddard was one of a series of visits planned to all NASA field centers.

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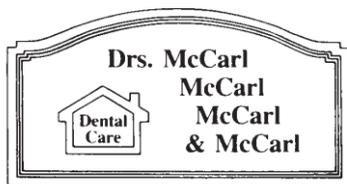
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## Springhill Lake Students Honored

Many Springhill Lake Elementary School students were honored for their academic achievements in the first quarter of the school year.

### Third Grade

Ms. Castillo's class: Basile Akamin, Jonathan Berrios, Mohammed Gir, Aaron Johnson, Keiara Joyner, Jennifer Mays, Kvin Meija, Lahana Phillips, Kayla Procaccini, Brittany Raspberry, Yarlene River-Serrana, Florence Rozario, Omar Torres, Britany VanBuren, Jasmine Wolfe.

Mr. Galarza's class: Melanie Goggans.

Miss Goldsmith's class: Saudat Almaroof, Gwendolyn Banks, Rasheed Bradley, Patricia Clark, Andrei Drasovean, Justin Drew, Abiola Fapohunda, Hapsatu Jalloh, Dennis Ruiz.

Miss Lawrence's class: Abyalew Amanuel, Fatima Arnaout, Jalikatu Barrie, Abdulai Gassama, Manaces Hernandez-Cabrera, Hawa Jalloh, Kevin Joge, Caleb Kirkland, Shigeki Koyama, Christopher Le, John Mejia-Guerrero, Karla Menjivar, Jennifer Nerio, Glenda Ortiz, Jael Patterson, Akanni Salako, Roxanna Salazar, Sydnee Simms, LaMonica Thompson, Angie

Vivar, Syed Zaidi, Maryam Zeer.

Miss O'Neill's class: Stephanie Mills, Devonte Phelps, Joseph Thomas, Katie Villatoro, Mohammad Walid.

Miss Sleeth's class: LaPorsha Adams, Shayla Bailey, Diana Campos, Tabitha Dennis, Zeki Kelton, Kevaughn McCray, Abdirahman Mohamed, Shantell Morris, Yves Nguessan, Tapan Patel, Tashnima Sikder.

Mrs. Simmons' class: Tanith Casto, Inner Chicas, Terrell Davis, Tiffany Davis, Mariah Harley, Alanna Lawson, Rosa Leath, Brenda Ortiz, Senada Springs, Jasmin Steere, Jingran Wang, Rayven Williams.

### Fourth Grade

Mr. Burgess' class: Marcos Carranza, Yipei Guan, Jin-Bae Kim, Xiang Li, Syed Moosvi, Dulce Ramirez, Luis Romero, Jasmine Wilkerson.

Mr. DeTurrus' class: Somaya Albadawi, Allison Allen, Aaron Bolden, Mohammed Cherif, Sydney Davis, Mario Encinas, Keidra Farmer, Tyion Fields, Yuji Koyama, Lytoria Sykes, Fatmata Thomas, Brendan Toussaint.

Miss Naccaratto's class: Bailey Bramhall, Karlyn Buker, LaShay Frye, Malcom Hill, Troy Thomas,

Jordene Powell, Phonchai Hansen.

Miss White's class: Joel Cruz, Troy Parson-Oluwo, Katiria Paz-Alvarez.

### Fifth Grade

Mrs. Brown's class: Jaad Asante, Ashley Belton, Ikumi Doucette, Joy Doucette, Knina Faulkner, Ronald Hernandez, Mikhail Kamath, Elies Moumena, Ceasar Osegueda, Devin Robertson, Chiedu Uwandi.

Ms. Davis' class: Frank Kamokwe, Rushell Medley, Precious Queen, Cherkier Williams.

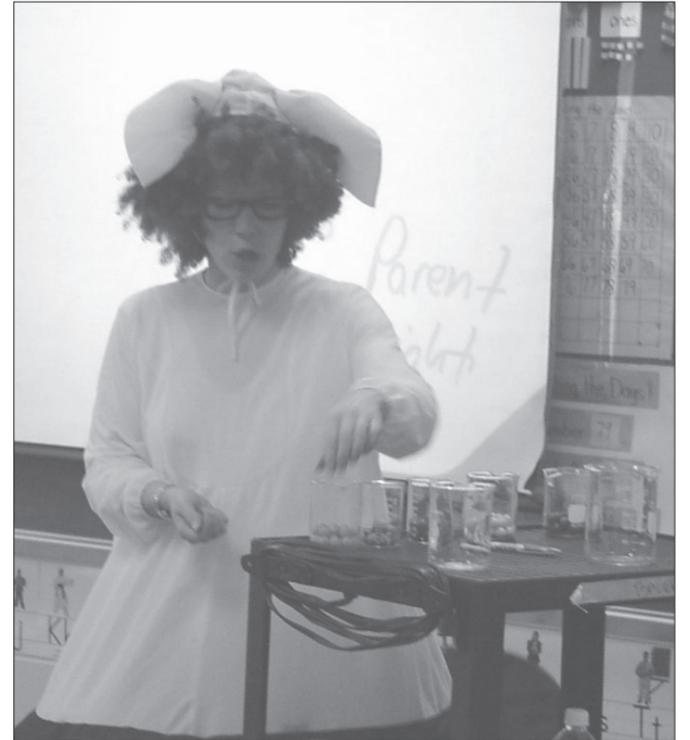
Ms. Gregory's class: Gabriela Rodriguez-Hernandez, Lyndon Wolverton.

Ms. Idzik's class: David Ahinakwa, Eduardo Alvarez, Earnest Farmer, Bryan Maurice, Jarrett O'Connor, Markell Robinson, Andres Santizo, Keith Smith Jr., Kelvin Tucker.

Mr. Simmons' class: Marian Akamin, Ashley Campbell, Carlos Garcia, Fatima Rodriguez, Nadia Salifou, Chewayne Stewartson, Shameika Willis.

Ms. Klopach's class: Shauntel Cosby, Tyree Davis, Augustine Elue, Mariah Ford, DeAndre Frye, Sara Harris, Demonte Queen, Adisatu Renner.

## Mad Scientist Seeks Science Fair Judges



Pam Bauer, the science coordinator at Greenbelt Elementary School, became a mad scientist disguised as a rabbit in a hat. She visited each classroom to motivate students to enjoy science and participate in the school's Science Fair on February 26.

Bauer demonstrated color patterns formed by Willy Wonka's Gobstopper candy when placed in water, and how to use an ordinary drinking straw to pierce a raw potato. She noted that observations and predictions are key elements of the scientific process.

She needs volunteers to listen to the students explain their science fair projects, any time from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26. Please leave a message for her at the school on 301-513-5911, send a fax to her at 301-513-5319, or call David Lange on 301-577-3686.

## Renovated Research Building Dedicated at BARC

A newly-renovated research facility focusing on managing plant diseases was dedicated on Wednesday, January 23, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The dedication ceremony for Research Building 004 took place in the auditorium of Building 003, which adjoins it.

Renovations to the 1936 building were originally begun in 1997 as part of an ongoing BARC modernization effort. But just two months short of completion, in January 1998, the building was ravaged by a fire that destroyed the roof and caused

considerable water damage. The building had to be gutted and a new, steel-framed roof installed. Last September, disaster struck again when a tornado ripped through Beltsville and damaged the building's new roof.

The dedication marked the re-opening of a building that has been unusable since 1996. It will primarily house the Molecular Plant Pathology Laboratory, where scientists develop methods for detecting and controlling crop-destroying microbes. Their current major projects include mapping the genome of a microorganism that causes corn stunt disease.

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer and Edward B. Knipling, acting administrator for the Agricultural Research Service and other USDA officials attended the dedication.

Established in 1910, BARC has the largest concentration of agricultural researchers in the world. The Agricultural Research Center is USDA's principal scientific research agency. The federal facilities that make up BARC represent an important component of the state and county's technology sector.

## Audition for Chorus

The world-renowned University of Maryland Chorus and music director Edward Maclary announce Community Member Auditions - Saturday, January 26, 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, January 27, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Their spring season features Bruckner's Mass in E minor, plus motets by Brahms. Their May 12 performance will take place in the new state-of-the-art Concert Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Auditions will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park campus. Call 301-405-5571 to schedule an audition.

## Hear Gospel Music At Riversdale House

Riversdale House Museum presents Coming Home: an Afternoon of Gospel Music Celebration, by the St. Paul Baptist Church Music Ministry on Sunday, January 27 at 2 p.m. There is a fee (children under 12 free).

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