

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Mary Lou Williamson . . . . . . A Top Notch Editor

by Sandra A. Lange

Mary Lou Williamson turned 70 this past year, a birthday she proudly shares with Greenbelt and the News Review. Three evenings a week she drives to the Greenbelt Community Center, enters the News Review office, sits down at the editor's desk and proceeds to work some of those days until 1 or 2 in the morning. Controversies swirl around her. Personalities clash. Her demeanor is placid, her voice calm. She edits copy, talks to reporters, settles minor disputes over grammar and style.



Mary Lou Williamson

Her career on the News Review began in 1962 when a neighbor, Virginia Beauchamp (also a long-time News Review staffer), noticed the many books lining the walls of the Williamsons' home. Beauchamp needed a Robert Frost poem for an English class she was teaching and didn't have time to go to the library. She knocked on the Williamsons' door. Sure enough, the poem was in an old high school English text.

After talking with Williamson and discovering her journalism and history background,

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**With This Issue**  
the News Review celebrates the completion of 70 years of weekly publication.

In the middle of the paper readers will find our Special Issue for the 70th anniversary. These eight pages contain a review of the past five years of News Review history and some of the many congratulatory messages we received.

We look for some of our favorite (or necessary) editorials, letters about us (for and against) or about important or nutty issues, items that make us laugh or cry or roll our eyes, good stories, good writing, and, in this issue particularly – some of our outstanding staff.

We hope you enjoy it!

## American Education Week November 11 to 17, 2007

*In celebration of American education, these columns will continue to tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. In past weeks Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's School and Greenbelt Middle School teachers were featured; this week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary School.*

*In coming weeks there will be stories from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake Elementary School to complete our series featuring teachers at each of the local schools serving Greenbelt students.*

## Magnolia's Marcus Lampkin Is Motivated Simply by Love

by Rebecca Boggs

"You can't be motivated to teach because of money; you have to be motivated by love. Children can see your emotions and they are a reflection of you," says Marcus Lampkin, 4th grade teacher. When I met Lampkin at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, I thought he was an administrator, confident and impeccably dressed in a golden brown suit.



Marcus Lampkin

Lampkin is a Howard University graduate with a degree in psycho-educational studies (human development, in laymen's terms, he informs me) and has a teaching certificate.

When asked how many years he has been teaching, Lampkin, a Washington, D.C., native and a Prince George's County resident since age eight, takes a moment and counts the class photos displayed over the bulletin board. "This is year eight, always 4th grade," he says.

[teaching] all my life and people close to me often said I should be a teacher. I didn't embrace it until after college though. I didn't set out to become a teacher. I felt led to become one and grateful for the opportunity to teach.

"I had been thinking about it

See LAMPKIN, page 7

## Co-op Supermarket Now Holds 20-year Lease for Store Facility

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC, but better known as the Co-op) was held on November 3. Two major announcements were forthcoming: the co-op is still in good financial shape and a new 20-year lease has been signed with the building owners. In addition, current board members Tom Moran and Joe Timer were reelected to the board of directors. The Greenbelt Climate Action Network was presented with the Jim Cassels Award.

### Lease Issues

At last year's annual meeting, Timer, GCC treasurer, announced that SCAN, which held the master lease to the building, was not exercising its option to continue the lease with Glen Burnie Prop-

erties, the building owner. The U.S. Post Office, the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) and the Co-op held sub-leases from SCAN.

After months of negotiations, the Co-op is now master owner of the building lease, collecting rent from GAC and assisting in finding a renter for the now-empty post office space, according to Dorrie Bates, GCC president. As part of the lease agreement, the Co-op does not have to pay rent for the empty space until it is sub-let. The Co-op board is looking into potential uses or renters for the space.

Bates commented that the rent is going up significantly and the new lease presents more challenges, like a "hydra – answer one question and five more pop

up." One question is whether the Co-op itself should use the available space on the lower level. Any type of activity that goes there would have to be self supporting since the Co-op has no extra money for a new project now. For several years there have been discussions on renovations but the uncertainty of the lease put modernization on the back burner. Now the lease is settled but the question concerning the empty space looms.

Regarding member suggestions that the Co-op investigate expanding into the space, the board warned that once the space is rented for the first time, it appears that the Co-op will begin being responsible for the rent. If the business fails, the Co-op will have to keep paying the rent.

The board is actively investigating possibilities and the membership asked to be informed of any serious ideas. The board reminded the members that they are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings.

### Treasurer's Report

Joe Timer stated that the Co-op is an \$11 million business but that "margins are razor thin." In the last fiscal year, every store department showed an increase with the exception of the meat department which had a slight loss.

He stated that GCC will have control of the property for the next 20 years and that "we control our destiny." However, rent has gone up approximately 23

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## McCormick Enjoys Her Third Grade Students at Magnolia

by Rebecca Boggs

Cindy McCormick, 3rd grade teacher, encourages students to learn from each other, not just the textbook.

"I decided to teach in high school," McCormick says. "I recall I had to have a certain number of volunteer hours and I began tutoring at church. I started in a pre-engineering high school. Then in the 11th grade I was praying, 'God, what can I do that's helpful?' I thought about teaching and that was it."

McCormick is a 3rd grade teacher at Magnolia Elementary School in Lanham, where she has been teaching since 1999.

She grew up in Washington, D.C., and received a B.A. in English and a masters in education from Howard University. She also taught 5th grade at Magnolia and her first teaching position was at Samuel Chase Elementary School.

"I really enjoy interaction with the children, seeing them learn



Cindy McCormick

and get it," she says. My class is very interactive, I don't just sit at my desk; I am very hands on. We use computers, games and discussions during class. Seeing my students' growth over time – that brings me joy."

See McCORMICK, page 7

## What Goes On

### Friday, November 30

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center Front Lawn

### Saturday, December 1

8 to 11 a.m., Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Greenbelt American Legion Post #136

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center Gym

### Sunday, December 2

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art and Craft Fair, Community Center Gym

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

3 p.m., Alexandria Klezmet Concert, Community Center Multipurpose Room

### Monday, December 3

6 to 8 p.m., ACE Annual Meeting with Principals, City Council Room, Municipal Building

### Wednesday, December 5

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

### Thursday, December 6

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

# Letters

## Thankful for Scouts

An autumn or so ago, energetic Brownies descended upon our GHI yard, raking it leafless. Did you know that Brownies grow up? (Actually, they "fly up.") Their legs grow longer, their hands grow stronger, their minds expand. Giving spirits and kind hearts, however, remain constant.

For two afternoons, before and after this Thanksgiving, a group of lively girls from Junior Troop 4816 and Cadette Troop 2307 raked up a thick blanket of leaves fallen from our giant oak trees, filling 22 bags!

Our Greenbelt community is enriched every day by these Girl Scouts and their leaders, Monica Mische, Becky Duncan and Diana Hugue! Thanks to each and every one of you for doing a great job! You left a smile on our faces and a warm glow in our hearts.

Elaine and  
John Henry Jones

## The "P" Word

Greenbelt's town hall meeting on global warming covered a lot of ground. However, the Greenbelt News Review's article on this meeting failed to mention important points regarding the "P" word: population. Two of the panelists, Eugenia Kalnay, a UMD scientist, and Peter Leigh, an economist at NOAA, said that unless we rein in population growth, our science will not save us and that we will preside over our own demise.

Unfortunately, scientists such as these who speak up on this issue are all-too-often censored. Certainly the decision of how many children to have is a very personal one but it should not be made in ignorance of the global consequences. And the policies of our governments – national, state and local – to actively encourage population growth need to be reevaluated.

Joan Falcão

## Kindergarten Forum Provides Information

On Monday, December 10 Greenbelt Nursery School will host a free forum on kindergarten options available to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. Representatives from public and private schools will present information on their programs and will be available for questions and discussion.

The forum will take place on December 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal Room) of the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Public Library.

Participating schools include Greenbelt Elementary School, Berwyn Baptist School, the Newport School, Holy Redeemer, Acorn Hill Waldorf Nursery and Kindergarten and St. Hugh's School of Greenbelt. The forum is open to all and free of charge. This is the seventh year in which Greenbelt Nursery School has sponsored a kindergarten forum as a service to its members and to the broader community.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative nursery school in its 65th year of operation. For more information about the school visit its website at [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org). For more information about the kindergarten forum call the school at 301-474-5570 or email questions to [gnsk@greenbelt.com](mailto:gnsk@greenbelt.com).

## 2007 Farm Holiday Guide Available

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) has released the "Farms for the Holidays 2007" guide providing a list of regional farms offering locally grown or produced products and seasonal activities. Instead of shopping online or heading to the mall the guide offers creative home-grown alternatives for holiday meals, gift giving and family outings while buying locally, supporting the nearby rural economy and enjoying Maryland resources.

Organized by category (greenery and home decor, gifts, wine, poultry, meat and seafood, winter vegetables and holiday farm events), the guide identifies where to find a perfect Christmas tree, live or fresh-cut. Many farms offer fresh greenery including wreaths, garlands, swags and table centerpieces or "make your own" farm craft workshops. Also available are farm products suitable for gifts such as jams, jellies, savory vinegars and local honey. Other items include scented soaps made from local goats milk or woolen scarves woven from local sheep or alpaca wool. Farm-hosted family events including live nativity scenes, horse carriage rides, a candlelight caroling walk or a fantasy trip to the North Pole are also included.

The "Farms for the Holidays 2007" guide can be found at [www.somarylandsgood.com](http://www.somarylandsgood.com) and various Southern Maryland destinations.

## Correction

The November 22 issue's front page article on the Town Hall Meeting in Greenbelt incorrectly attributed a statement by Maryland Senator Paul Pinsky that the oil and energy companies and politicians who represent them "don't mind if you go to a town meeting, then go home; they can deal with that. You must sustain pressure to effect change."

We regret the error.

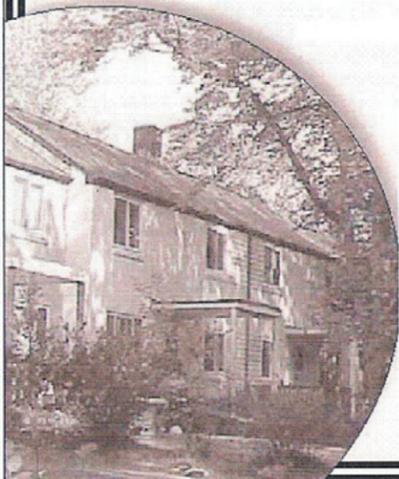
## Congratulations on your 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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to fashion their own destiny'**

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Founder, Nationwide Insurance

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**NO COUNTRY  
FOR OLD MEN**  
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Friday  
\*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
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129 Centerway  
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## HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

The News Review needs help on the ad desk. Detail-oriented person needed to assist advertisers and record information. This is a volunteer job with only nominal pay.

Call Mary Lou at 301-441-2662 to get more information.

## Grin Belt



"This is the fair's finest acorn preserve . . .  
guaranteed to last until next football season."

## Pinsky Hosts Town Meeting Saturday

Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (Prince George's County District 22) will host a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Lamont Elementary School (7101 Goodluck Road) in New Carrollton.

Topics on the agenda include a Special Session update, slots and gambling, public schools and climate change. Time will be set aside for questions and discussion.

For more information email [ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org](mailto:ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org).

## School Board Meets Twice

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold two public meetings in the coming week. On Monday, December 3 at 7:05 p.m., a swearing-in ceremony for new school board members will be held.

A board worksession will take place on Thursday, December 6 at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to speak at the worksession must register before 10:30 a.m. on December 6 by calling 301-952-6308.

All school board meetings are held at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

# Community Events

## At the Library

**Storytimes**  
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, December 5, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, December 6, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## A2 Rating on City's Bonds Is Reaffirmed

A review of the City of Greenbelt's finances and debt rating has been completed by Moody's Investors Services, reaffirming the city's prior rating of A2, done in the 1990s.

The A2 rating is assigned to the City of Greenbelt's \$6.6 million in general bonds outstanding, secured by the city's unlimited ad valorem tax pledge.

The city has experienced a steady 5.3 percent average annual growth in full valuation since Fiscal Year 2002, increasing the tax base to \$1.6 billion as of Fiscal Year 2007 according to Moody's report. Wealth levels approximate state norms and remain solidly above national medians, with a 1999 per capita income equal to 99 percent of the state and 117 percent of the U.S. Full value per capita was \$71,412 in FY07. The residential population has remained relatively constant since 1990.

Debt service costs comprised a manageable 4.6 percent of Fiscal Year 2006 operating expenditures and all of the city's outstanding general obligation debt will be repaid within 10 years.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff removed one bat from an apartment building in Springhill Lake, one missing cat was returned to its owner, one cruelty case was investigated, one cat was adopted and one dog running at large was picked up.

Refuse and Recycling collected 22.91 tons of refuse and 10.99 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials from the regularly scheduled routes.

## Tree Lighting Friday

The holiday tree lighting will open the Festival of Lights on Friday, November 30 at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Center. Music will be provided by the Pearls (doo-wop) of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir.

### Weekend Events

The Wright Stuff, an annual 5K run/walk event, will be held early Saturday, December 1. Also on Saturday, a pancake and sausage breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. with Santa in attendance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. This event is hosted by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Legion.

The annual Juried Art and Craft Fair will be held in the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. The event includes a craft workshop in addition to the sale of many craft items made by Greenbelters.

On Sunday, December 2 the December Artful Afternoon in the Community Center will include wreath making from 1 to 3 p.m. Artists-in-residence host Studio Open House in the afternoon and Alexandria Klezmet will perform in the multi-purpose room at 3 p.m. Also on Sunday, December 2 the New Deal Café will host an art auction from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Kickoff at Noon Dec. 1 at the Legion

On Saturday, December 1 the 108th Army-Navy football game will kick off at noon. Be a part of the action at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 in the back bar. Watch the teams battle it out and bring a dish to share or pay a cover charge.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, December 1 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 4:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Details are available at [www.greenbeltastro.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).

## Café Membership Meeting Monday

There will be a continuation of the November 11 special membership meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 3 at the New Deal Café. This meeting will report on potential solutions to the Café's financial difficulties and hear the board's recommendations. The board will present an updated financial report, provide new information on shared ownership of the Café, give details on a shareholder form of ownership and present a campaign to reduce the debt.

## Still Creek Group Seeks Volunteers

The Friends of Still Creek invites everyone to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek Watershed. Learn how to help the local watershed of Still Creek and how volunteers can have a positive impact in the community.

Meet at the Ranger Station classroom on Monday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

The Ranger Station is located near the campground about 1.5 miles from the park entrance.

RSVP Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515 or email [billdsail@aol.com](mailto:billdsail@aol.com).

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Greenbelt Park website address is [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

The Friends of Still Creek website is [www.stillcreekwatershed.org](http://www.stillcreekwatershed.org).



Participants in Will Dunham's Eagle Scout tree planting project November 17 in Greenbrook Estates are, from left to right, Cotter Rosenberg, Mathew Haslund, David Carrera, Nathan Dickerson, Art Parker, Will Dunham, Bryan Parker, Kenneth Lan, Will Stock and David Dunham.

## Boy Scout Troop and Friends Plant Trees and Shrubs

by Will Dunham

On Saturday, November 17, 21 people, most of them affiliated with Boy Scout Troop 214, met at Greenbrook Estates to plant trees and shrubs. This project was done to satisfy a requirement for Eagle-hopeful Will Dunham, where the scout must lead a project to show he has effective leadership skills. At the project's completion over 65 labor-hours had been expended to lay 20 cubic feet of mulch and plant 20 trees and 30 shrubs. Those who helped with the project were Joan Dunham, David Dunham, Troop 214 Scout-Master Shawn Scoles, Charles Jackman, Ruth Kastner, Charles

Hagelgans, Art Parker, Bryan Parker, Kenneth Lan, David Carrera, Kathy Rosenberg, Nicholas Rosenberg, Cotter Rosenberg, Mathew Haslund, Kenny Plotts, Lisa Wilson, Nathan Dickerson, Anthony Russo, Joshua Smith and William Stock.

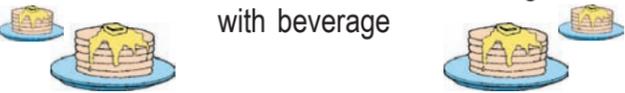
## Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

  
**Greenbelt Nursery School**  
**Kindergarten Info Night**  
**Monday, Dec. 10 @ 7-9 pm**  
 Theater Rehearsal Room, Greenbelt Community Center  
 Panel of area kindergarten representatives  
 Free and open to the public  
 For info, call GNS at 301 474 5570  


  
**Love and War: the Bard's Women**  
*A play in two movements celebrating Shakespeare's heroines*  
**December 6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16**  
 Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm  
 Saturdays at 5pm & 8pm  
 Sundays Dec. 9 at 7pm and Dec. 16 at 2pm  
**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
**301-441-8770**  
[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

For more community events  
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Greenbelt Lions Club & the American Legion Post #136  
 will host the annual  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
 Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 to 11 a.m.  
 at the American Legion Post #136  
 All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes and Sausage  
 with beverage  
  
 Bring a camera to photograph your little ones with Santa and meet your Greenbelt friends and neighbors at the same time.  
**Adults \$6 in advance/\$7 at the door**  
**Children 6 to 12 years \$3 in advance/\$4 at the door**  
 For advance sales, please call Lynda Varda, 301-474-8964.

  
**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**  
 PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**BOARD MEETING**  
 GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**Thursday, December 6, 2007**  
 GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM  
 Key Agenda Items:  

- Business Owner's Insurance Policy – First Reading
- 2008 Meeting Schedule
- Hedges
- Community Beautification Program
- Member Letter to City Manager

 Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
 For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

**Academy Stadium Theatres**  
 Beltway Plaza Mall  
 Center Court  
 301-220-1155  
**ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m. ONLY \$5.50**  
 Children, Seniors \$5.50  
 Adults \$7.50  
 R = ID Required  
 (!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket  
**Week of November 30**  
**FRI. - SAT.**  
**Fred Claus, PG**  
 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20  
**Awake, R (!)**  
 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20  
**Hitman, R (!)**  
 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:30  
**This Christmas, PG (!)**  
 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 8, 10:45  
**Enchanted, PG (!)**  
 12:10, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20  
**Beowulf, PG-13 (!)**  
 12, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30  
**Bee Movie, PG**  
 11:45, 2, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15  
**American Gangster, R**  
 11:45, 3, 6:15, 9:30  
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**Bee Movie, PG**  
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**American Gangster, R**  
 12:10, 3:20, 6:30

*Our Neighbors*

**Congratulations to**

– the county's seven 2008 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists, all of them Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students: Nicholas Chornay, Elise Flynn, Sara Lavigna, Chinwe Madubata, Kynan Rilee, Steven Sheridan and Sophia Stewart, who will continue in competition for 8,200 Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million to be awarded in April from among the 15,000 semi-finalists nationwide.

– the eight ERHS students among the county's 13 to advance to the semi-final round for the \$2.5 million in 2008 National Achievement Scholarships to be awarded to 800 academically-talented African American high school students next spring. Those students are Modupe Adepoju, Jonelle Agurs, Devin Holland, Chinwe Madubata, Brandon Sanders, Michael Sesay, Lena Smooth and Fialelei Williams.

– and very special recognition goes to Chinwe Madubata, who achieved semifinalist status on both lists!

It's a boy for Mark Andrew Owen and Courtney Rae Westfall of Springhill Lake! Michael Ryan Owen was born October 31, 2007, at Prince George's Hospital Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 10.4 oz. Proud grandparents are Thomas and Marless Owen of Woodville, Tex., and James and Penny Westfall of Medical Lake, Wash.

Green Ridge House residents demonstrated the true meaning of Thanksgiving this year by sharing with a single mother with five children. The residents furnished a basket of canned and packaged goods and other items. They also provided sufficient funds to purchase a turkey, pumpkin pies and other food. There was enough for the family to enjoy additional meals.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

**Film Features Yiddish Writers**

On Monday, December 3 at 1 p.m., film maker Chava Alberstein will present "Too Early to Be Quiet, Too Late to Sing." Join her for a screening of this film, the result of interviews with elderly poets and writers who survived WWII and continued to write in Yiddish. This free event will take place in Hoff Theater, UM Stamp Union.

**Honors Students Perform at UM**

A free chamber music honors concert will be held on Monday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Performances by exceptional ensembles of the School of Music's chamber music program, as selected by faculty, will be given in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Maryland (UM).

**Bach Consort Gives Free Organ Concert**

The Washington Bach Consort's popular Noontime Cantata Series will give a free concert at the Church of the Epiphany, located at 13th and G Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., across from the Metro Center Metro Station on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:10 p.m. The performance includes J.S. Bach's Cantata 150, "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich" and his Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 538, performed by organist Neil Weston.

**Wind Ensemble Performs at UM**

The UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble, with Timothy Foley as guest conductor, will appear in concert on Thursday, December 6 at 8 p.m. This final 2007 free performance by the School of Music's premier band will feature Charles Gounod's ebullient "Petite Symphonie" and more.

This free event will take place in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
 Open heart, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
 Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor  
**Sunday School 9:45 am** **Worship Service 11:00 am**  
**Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**  
*Come as you are!*

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*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
**December 2, 10 a.m.**  
 "Modern Scripture, Part II from after Slavery"  
 by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister with  
 worship associate Don Henderson  
 – Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-474-4322  
**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
 Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service  
 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
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*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*  
 Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
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 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
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**St. Hugh's Turns 60**

St. Hugh of Grenoble Parish will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, December 16. Bishop Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will celebrate a special Mass at 11 a.m. The Mass will be followed by an early dinner at 12:30 p.m. and a special anniversary program. For information or to purchase a ticket call St. Hugh's rectory at 301-474-4322 during business hours.

  
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
 Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

  
**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)  
**Welcome!**  
**Sunday 9:45 am** **Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am** **Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm** **Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**  
**ALL are Welcome!**  
*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

  
**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
 7010 Glenn Dale Road  
 (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
 301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)  
**Sundays:** 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
 9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
 1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)  
**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass  
*An inclusive congregation!*

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
  
 Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

  
**GIVE THANKS**  
 Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."  
 – The Holy Qur'an, 27:40  
 Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).

**Baha'i Faith**  
 "The time must come when the imperative necessity for the holding of a vast, an all-embracing assemblage of men will be universally realized. The rulers and kings of the earth must ... consider such ways and means as will lay the foundations of the world's Great Peace amongst men."  
 — Bahá'u'lláh  
**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai](http://www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

  
**Hope Fellowship**  
 ... living life together  
**Bible Study & Worship**  
 9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway  
 (Behind the Community Center)  
**Dec. 2: The New Millennium**  
 Pastor Lou Redd  
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)  
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### Advice for Safely Shopping Online

The rise in online shopping has unfortunately created an opportunity for the bad guys, too. Consumers are flocking to the internet to try to find the best bargains available more than ever before. As the old adage goes, "If it's too good to be true, it probably is." Consumers need to be careful of fraud and thieves while conducting online bargain hunting. According to the Better Business Bureau and Javelin Strategy and Research, 8.9 million Americans had their identities stolen last year. Check Point Security offers some online precautions to prevent identity theft:

- \* Fight holiday fraudsters, hackers and identity thieves by securing that personal/home computer. A good firewall is essential and antivirus, anti-spyware, spam and browser protection are also critical. Keep up with security update downloads.

- \* Beware of online phishing scams, where an emailer pretends to be a bank, credit card company or retailer. Do not give out personal or financial information in response to unsolicited email or click links in any email when conducting financial transactions. If you think you've been phished, immediately visit [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

- \* Be aware that merely browsing in some online music, gaming and other sites can deliver personal information into the hands of marketers as well as scammers.

- \* Make holiday donations directly to charities, not from links received in emails. Check bank statements regularly and investigate any suspicious charges.

- \* Only buy gifts from online retailers that disclose full, verifiable contact information. In addition, look for the little yellow lock icon at the bottom right corner of the browser window that indicates a secure site.

### New Award Honors School Involvement

Nancy S. Grasmick, Maryland state superintendent of schools announces the Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award, an annual honor for Maryland parents making outstanding contributions to public education. The award – the first of its kind in the nation – will showcase the many different ways parents can be involved in schools. Starting a mentoring program, volunteering in the school building, coordinating translators for parents who do not speak English fluently – the opportunities are limitless. Parents can choose a project that suits their skills and schedule.

The new award will recognize one state winner and one parent from each Maryland county and Baltimore City. Applications are due January 15 and the winner will be announced at the April 2008 award ceremony hosted by Comcast. To be considered for the award nominees must be parents or guardians of a child currently in the Maryland public schools. Potential award winners will have made a significant, positive impact on public education within the last 24 months in the areas of communication, volunteering, learning, decision making or collaboration. Award applications will be available soon at schools and libraries or will be found at the Maryland State Department of Education website at [www.marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org).



# City Information

#### MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 3-7

Wednesday, December 5th, 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room TBA.  
**AGENDA:** I. Call to Order; II. Approval of Agenda; III. Approval of Meeting Minutes; IV. Discussion of Community Relations Advisory Board/Public Safety Advisory Committee Joint Report on Public Safety in the Vicinity of Spellman Overpass; V. Adjourn. This agenda is subject to change. For confirmation that the meeting is being held and/or for questions regarding scheduled items please call 301-345-5417.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.**  
**Vacancies exist on the:**  
**Advisory Planning Board**  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Forest Preserve Advisory Board**  
**Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee**  
**Youth Advisory Committee**  
**For more information, please call 301-474-8000.**

#### FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."

#### 2007 Gobble Wobble

On Thanksgiving morning the Recreation Department held the second annual Gobble Wobble. While last year's event was held in wet and cold weather, the weather this year was very pleasant for the time of year. Over 75 runners and walkers participated in the Gobble Wobble. While the crowd ranged from serious runners to walking families, all participants arrived at the Greenbelt Youth Center looking to get some exercise in before their Thanksgiving meals. Once again, Sergeant Chuck Dyson from the Sergeant's Program led a warm-up activity for all participants prior to the race/walk.

The 3.1 mile race and 1.5 mile family fun run/walk began with the firing of a starting gun and a swift-footed turkey leading the way. The course began on the path beside Braden Field and took runners around Greenbelt Lake. All youth participants received a medal upon completion of the race/walk. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers. The top runners with their finish times are listed below.

**1st Place Male: Brian Faherty (17:35), 1st Place Female: Anne Norling (23:46), 2nd Place Male: Keith Albright (18:51), 2nd Place Female: Gillian Coppock (25:58), 3rd Place Male: Michael Collins (24:24), 3rd Place Female: Matarina Lindvall (27:29)**

*Thanks and congratulations to all that participated and completed the race/walk. The Recreation Department would also like to thank the sponsors for the Gobble Wobble. Thanks to Sergeant Chuck Dyson from the Sergeant's Program for leading the warm-up exercises. Thanks to Curves for their monetary donation and to the Greenbelt Co-op for donating both bananas and bags for the race. A special thanks to Susan Keifline and Stitchin' It for once again supplying the shirts for the race.*



From left to right: Matarina Lindvall, Brian Faherty, Turkey, Keith Albright, Michael Collins, Anne Norling, Gillian Coppock.

**Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71**  
**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, December 4 & 6th: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Reverse Mortgages," 7:00pm: "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt," 8:00pm "Big Band Concert"  
**PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, December 5 and 7: 7pm "Beltway Plaza Mall Holiday Parade & Toy Drive," 8pm GAC's "Biograph Girl"

#### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 8TH

**Holiday Tree Lighting & Opening Ceremony**  
**Friday, November 30, 7pm, Community Center Front Lawn**  
 Music, refreshments, Santa, and festive fun! Tree ornaments created by the Greenbelt Co-op Nursery.  
 Hosted By: The Greenbelt Recreation Department

**Juried Art and Craft Fair**  
**Saturday 12/01, from 10am to 5pm; All Ages Craft Workshop: 11am-1pm**  
**Sunday 12/02, from 11am to 4pm; All Ages Wreath Workshop: 1-3pm**  
**Community Center; Admission is free.**  
 Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand crafted gifts, available directly from the artisans. Register to win \$25 in art bucks accepted by all craft fair exhibitors. Register online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or at the fair before 2pm Sunday. Concessions, provided by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will also be available for purchase. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult.  
 Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Department

**Pancake Breakfast with Santa**  
**Saturday 12/01, 8am to 11am**  
**Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, Open to all ages**  
 For pictures with Santa bring your own camera. **Adults:** \$7.00 (At Door) \$6.00 (Advance Sales) **Age 6 to 12:** \$4.00 (At Door) \$3.00 (Advance Sales) **Children 5 & Under / FREE.** Information: Linda Varda / 301.474.8964  
 Hosted by: The Greenbelt Lions Club & The American Legion Post #136

**Artful Afternoon on December 2nd**  
**Juried Art and Craft Fair: 11am-4pm, Community Center/Admission is free**  
**Wreath Workshop: 1pm to 3pm, Community Center-Rooms 113 & 116, Open to all ages / FREE**  
**Artists in Residence Studio Open House: 1pm to 5pm, Community Center, Open to all ages / FREE**  
 Tour the studios of the Community Center's Artists in Residence working in a wide range of media.  
**Alexandria Klezmet: 3pm, Community Center-Multi Purpose Room, Open to all ages / FREE**  
 Enjoy an energetic concert with the Alexandria Klezmet presenting "Alt Klezmer" as well as traditional favorites.  
 Hosted by: The Greenbelt Recreation Department

**Fun Run & Walk—Greenbelt Wright Stuff 5k**  
**Saturday 12/01, 8:00am, Pre-Registration Fee: \$20**  
**Day of Registration Fee: \$25, Check In: 7am to 7:45am, Youth Center**  
 Come and run in the Fourth Annual Wright Stuff 5K. Runners and walkers will enjoy a route through scenic Greenbelt. Information: Austin Conaty / 301.982.9246 [www.pgrc.org](http://www.pgrc.org)  
 Hosted by: The Prince George's Running Club

**New Deal Café Winter Holiday Benefit Concert**  
**Saturday, 12/1 from 6:30pm to 11pm, New Deal Café**  
 Featuring Celtic, Folk, & World music with TransAtlantic Crossing and Four Shillings Short. Tax deductible donation suggestion, \$10. Proceeds support the arts at the New Deal Cafe.  
 Hosted by: Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and the New Deal Café.

**New Deal Café Art Auction**  
**Sunday, 12/2 from 7pm to 9pm, New Deal Café**  
 To participate or for more information contact Kristin Stenson at [newdealcafeart@yahoo.com](mailto:newdealcafeart@yahoo.com)  
 Hosted by: Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and the New Deal Café.

#### BRING YOUR PETS IN TO THE GREENBELT PETSMAST FOR...

**PET PICTURES WITH SANTA**  
**Saturday and Sunday, December 1st & 2nd 11am-4pm**  
**Greenbelt PetSmart**  
 Half of all proceeds benefit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter  
**Also...on Sunday, December 9 from 1-4pm**  
**at the Greenbelt Community Center**  
**HOWL-I-DAY BOW-NANZA**  
**Artistic gifts for your pets!**  
 Proceeds benefit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the Maryland Collie Rescue

**LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE-December 3-14**  
**December 3 - 7: Lakeside & Greenspring I & II**  
**December 10 - 14: Boxwood**

**BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR FIT N FUN AEROBICS**  
 Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30-11:00a.m.  
 Greenbelt Community Center. Must be at least 18.  
 Please contact Rebekah Sutfin or Di Quynn Reno at 301-397-2200

*There is still time to fill out the Greenbelt Community Questionnaire online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) Let us know how we are doing!*

## 36th Art & Craft Fair At Community Center

A Greenbelt favorite, the Art and Craft Fair will be held Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. All original handmade crafts are sold by the artists. There will be artist demonstrations, open studios and hands-on crafts projects.

The popular juried art show, now in its 36th year, is a favorite of exhibitors and shoppers alike.

Artisans from Greenbelt and the surrounding region including Greenbelt Pottery, the Greenbelt Glass Guild and others offer gift ideas for special occasions throughout the year. The Craft Fair showcases a wide range of media from paper to fabric, photography, art prints, jewelry, fused glass, ceramics, glass, toys and wood craft.

Shoppers will also find youth and community exhibitors including the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Nursery School and others. Fair refreshments are organized as a fund raiser by the Greenbelt Arts Center with food by Chef Lou. A paper craft workshop will be led by Artist-in-residence Kathy Karlson on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An "Art Bucks" drawing at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Craft Fair will find one lucky winner with a certificate good for use at any Craft Fair vendor. The certificate can also be used toward a City of Greenbelt Recreation Department winter class. No purchase is necessary and participants need not be present to win. Sign up online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or in person at the Craft Fair.

For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

## Dec. Artful Afternoon Offers Crafts, Concert

December's Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. and will offer a holiday craft-making session and a concert in addition to the monthly opportunity to meet the Greenbelt artists-in-residence.

From 1 to 3 p.m., there will be an evergreen wreath-making project. Basic materials for the wreath are provided. Participants are also welcome to bring beads, bows or small trinkets to personalize their wreath. This popular craft goes on while supplies last, so arrive early.

### Concert

At 3 p.m. Artful Afternoon continues with an energetic concert by the Alexandria Klezmer. The show features "Alt Klezmer" and traditional favorites. This innovative klezmer band has been delighting audiences in the area since 1998 with their unusual instrumentation and original approach.

Additional activities continue from 1 to 5 p.m. including open studios with the 10 artists-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center. See paintings, collages, sculptures, fiber arts, tiles, pottery and more with much of the artists' displayed work available for purchase. Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt with support from the Maryland State Arts Council.

For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

# Get into the Arts

## "Love & War" Performed at Arts Center

by Edith Beauchamp

Love and war, perennial topics, are the focus of the play opening on Friday, December 7 with a special preview Thursday, December 6 at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

"Love & War: the Bard's Women" is an original production showcasing the heroines of numerous Shakespearean plays in a montage of famous and not-so-famous speeches by women in Shakespeare's plays.

War among nations, war and its impact on the family, war between the sexes, woman as peacekeeper are themes as contemporary today as when Shakespeare wrote the lines centuries ago.

His most famous play on love "Romeo and Juliet" is the basis of the second half, where lines from that play are both humorously and poignantly used to answer questions posed by modern teens and lovers in a segment based on the book "Letters to Juliet."

In the first half lead actress Hilary Kacser moves through 11 various roles and ages. She plays an old hag (beginning with Hecate – a mythical protectress of witches from "Macbeth"), an ingénue and back to middle age, while ably assisted by three women who drape her, move the set pieces, dance and play bit parts.

The effect is not focused on plot lines but on the myriad archetypes that personify women and their lives, roles, concerns



PHOTO BY TOM KOCHHEL

Jennifer Crooks portrays Juliet and Mike Wong is her Romeo in "Love & War."

and affairs, particularly in times of war.

The show was created by Jennifer Crooks, who not only wrote and directs the performance, but also plays young Juliet in the second half. Conceived while Crooks was a student at the Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory, a three-year training program for professional actors in Washington, she subsequently teamed up with Kacser after they performed together in another play.

Crooks set out to design an ensemble performance which highlighted both the physical as well as vocal range of the cast members. Using a bare stage and simple props and forms, the show is part classical theater, part modern-dance, in keeping with

the classical versus contemporary nature of the text.

Crooks' director's notes read: "Women speak two languages – one of which is verbal," a quote attributed to Shakespeare which she says "sums up" her approach to this work.

### Show's Premier

The show premiered as part of the 2007 Capital Fringe Festival, which produces plays by emerging artists in the Washington, D.C., area. In addition to Kacser and Crooks, Mike Wong from the original cast reprises his role as Romeo on Greenbelt's stage.

New to the show are Lisa Hill-Corley, another graduate of the Studio Conservatory, and two

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## Reflections Art Program Blossoms at GES

by Anne Gardner

Creativity is blooming at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) this fall. For the first time the school is participating in the National PTA's "Reflections" art program and the children are having a lot of fun creating sculptures, paintings, collages and other art works with the help of local artist and second-grade parent Elizabeth Morisette.

Since Morisette volunteered to lead the program at Greenbelt Elementary, she has put in many hours both doing the administration required and going into classrooms to help the children get started on their artwork. Materials are provided by the school and the PTA or donated from other sources. After the Greener Greenbelt Charrette, which took place at Greenbelt Elementary School, Morisette was happy to take the leftover markers and other art supplies to use for this program.

The Reflections program began over 30 years ago, the idea of a Colorado PTA president, and aims to give opportunities for children to express themselves artistically and to receive positive recognition for their work. Since then millions of children have taken part in the program, experimenting in the arts and expressing creatively what they have learned in the classroom. They can submit art works in any of four categories: literature, musical composition, photography and the visual arts (including dance, drawing, painting, print making and



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH MORISETTE

Third grader Ca'Rin Holt shows off her painting.

## Greenbelt Arts Center & Alchemy Children's Theater Presents

### The Adventures of Rose Red and Snow White

Adapted from the Brothers Grimm fairy tale by P. Ryan Anthony

Directed by Gretchen Jacobs

**\* Saturdays, December 1st & 8th at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM  
Sundays, December 2nd & 9th at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM \***

If you missed the Labor Day Weekend premier of this delightful tale of two sisters, Rose Red and Snow White, and their encounters with a friendly bear, a cranky grasshopper and other strange and wonderful creatures of the forest, you have another chance to see it! Show is suitable for children 4+

Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased online at <http://www.acteva.com/go/AlchemyChildrensTheater>

Visit [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) or call (301)-447-8770 x 7

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collage). These are judged at the school level, then go on to compete at the state and national level.

This year's theme is "I can make a difference by . . ." Morisette has enjoyed seeing how the interpretations of this theme vary among grade levels. Pre-K and kindergarten children might see themselves making a difference by giving their mom a kiss, whereas some 6th-graders aspire to stop global warming. The children have also worked in various media.

Fourth-grade teacher Stephanie Katz thought it was "an amazing experience for the kids." Her class was particularly enthusiastic about the project. According to

Corinne Jackson, "It was fun and interesting, and we got to use different materials." Turry Mitchell summed up the art project day as "the best day of my life!"

**Art Show**

The artwork was on display at Greenbelt Elementary on the evening of Tuesday, November 27. Instead of bringing in judges, Morisette chose to give each visitor one vote and the winning entries in each category will go on to the state level of the competition.

There has also been a Scholastic Book Fair at the school during the week of November 26 to 30 and the fair will be open during the art show.

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I knew upon entering Howard that I wanted to work with children, so I chose a broad major to afford me an opportunity to work with children in some form or another in the future."

When asked what he likes best about teaching, he says, "Having the opportunity to leave a deposit in someone else's life; that's it in a nutshell."

Lampkin has 30 students this year. On average he has 24 or 25 students, which is a little more manageable, he says – "five students make a big difference."

Regarding the challenges of teaching, Lampkin responds, "Wow, everything, it is hard to know where to begin. Not taking things personally as a teacher is a challenge. When children are reluctant to do things that you want them to do, you have to realize that they are children. As a teacher you must love the children you serve. You have to love and give of yourself, looking beyond your own selfish interests. It's a balancing act. You can't wear your emotions on your sleeve. When you hear, 'I don't like you,' from Billie or Suzy or Johnny, you have to say, 'Well that's too bad' and move on."

"My hope for my students is to live above the stereotypes. I hope that, me being a young black male, the ideas perpetuated by the media – radio, television and film – are seen as a contrast to my students when they hear me speak correctly and see that I am cordial to others. My students are surprised and they tend to express their surprise in their writing assignments. They write, 'I have a man teacher.' This hopefully shatters their misconceptions of how you ought to conduct yourself, hopefully they see that you should speak correctly, be cordial and learn to interact well with all people regardless of color. I hope they hold their heads up high and are proud of who they are. If you live above the stereotypes, then you will be successful," Lampkin says.

**NAMI Thanks Volunteers**

The Prince George's County chapter of the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold a volunteer appreciation day on Saturday, December 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. This event will honor volunteers whose efforts make NAMI a viable community asset.

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When asked what is challenging about teaching, McCormick responds with a smile, "I figured that would be a question; there are a few things. The pressure on us to meet state test demands in a short time. If we had more time, all the students would get it. Parental support is a challenge, because we sometimes don't get enough of it and it would make a difference. Parents that come in (for conferences) are helpful."

"If a child is not doing well, then parents may be resistant to coming in when they really need to go over strategies with me to help their children. Maybe parents are embarrassed."

"One parent last year, whose child was reading below grade level was there all the time bringing in materials. This parent was always supportive and by the end of the year his child was reading at grade level."

McCormick says, "My hope is that my students will just continue to succeed, to progress. I know they won't each do it at the same level. Whether they are performing above grade level or below, I see growth in each one of them, socially and academically."

Recently McCormick gave a lesson on stars and comets and she told her students: "I want you to soar, reach for the stars. I want growth and progress for all of them. I don't want anyone not to grow with me. I am not necessarily talking about state test scores. If a student couldn't write a sentence and now they can, that's great. I desire that they just keep growing a little more."

When asked whether Magnolia is a diverse school, McCormick replies, "Magnolia is an ethnically diverse school, where the majority of students are African American. Within the African American population there are different cultures; some students' families are recently immigrated from London or Africa." McCormick continues, "I have my students bring to class things to share, like a garment from their country of origin. We learn from each other, not just the textbooks."

**Recital Features Music Faculty**

On Tuesday, December 4 at 12:30 p.m., there will be a free afternoon showcase for faculty artists of the School of Music. It will be held in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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actors from prior Greenbelt Arts Center shows, Ochieng Asugo and Ty Hallmark. Both appeared recently in "Dearly Departed."

Kacser's credits include writing her own one-woman play, "In Pursuit of the English: Rose," based on a book by Nobel Prize winner Doris Lessing.

Kacser has also performed at the Kennedy Center, Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger and Round House theaters.

"Love & War" will be per-

formed 10 times between December 6 and 16 on Thursdays through Sundays and overlaps with a children's show "Rose Red and Snow White." The latter opens on December 1 through 9 for matinees only and is produced and directed by frequent GAC artist Gretchen Jacobs.

Tickets for both shows are available by calling GAC's box office at 301-441-8770. More information is available online at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

The artists for "Love & War: the Bard's Women" will remain after each performance for a question and answer period with the audience. At the preview show on December 6 at 8 p.m. and opening night, December 7 at 8 p.m., they will be joined after the show for this discussion period by Dr. Virginia Beauchamp, an emerita professor of Shakespeare at the University of Maryland and longtime staff member of the News Review.

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Beauchamp enlisted Williamson's help with the special 25-year history of the News Review. After that Williamson was hooked. Over the next several years she traded the editor's position with Dorothy Sucher, depending on which woman was having a baby at the time. There were 39 editors in the first 25 years of the paper.

Why has she lasted this long? Fellow staffer and former city manager Jim Giese bluntly commented, "She must like it."

She says, "It is still a thrill to watch the process go from zero to 100 within two days. I read everything two or three times and I still want to read the paper when it comes out," she says.

Williamson enjoys the weekly challenge of producing what she calls a finished product every week. Sometimes she thinks about stepping down. She dreams about spending more time in her garden or designing ads "or just having more time to be creative."

When she started on the newspaper, the city had a population of 7,479 and the Boxwood subdivision was advertised as "Coming Soon." During her tenure the paper has grown from four pages to 16 and sometimes 24.

Meanwhile the staff has progressed from using manual typewriters to computers. The office has moved from the cramped basement of the Parkway Apartments to spacious quarters in the Community Center. Most importantly, the production has gone from hot type with hand-set ads to an all-electronic process.

### Family's View

Her family has not always been happy about the long hours she has spent at the News Review office. She and her husband Jim had raised Carolyn, Peter and Margaret in a three bedroom GHI house on Ridge Road.

"My children were resentful sometimes," she acknowledges. "It wasn't like a 9 to 5 job that other parents had. It was pervasive in the household," she admits.

People called her at home at all hours of the day and night. "It seemed to the family I was involved in the paper 24 hours a day," she adds. "But now," she thinks, "my family recognizes the contribution I make to the community and they are generally supportive."

The task of putting out a newspaper every week is compounded by the challenge of bringing together a diverse group of volunteers who are able to work well with each other. "Sometimes you have to be very accepting of what people can do," she says. "It is not feasible to tell people we don't need their help."

Many News Review staffers agree that Williamson has a special skill in managing people. Long time news editor Elaine Skolnik states that Williamson's temperament makes her a "top notch editor."

Lynn Eppard, pre-print contractor, credits Williamson with incredible patience. "She has a keen understanding of everyone's personality and ability. She is able to be encouraging and instructive at the same time," she notes. "She puts out plenty of fires by encouraging rather than criticizing," she adds.

If an angry citizen storms into the News Review office, William-

son feels compelled to escort the person into the hallway. "I feel very protective of other people in the office," she explains. She says she never takes criticism of the paper personally. "People have legitimate gripes," she affirms "and we publish them in the Letters to the Editor" column.

She says she has faith in the readers' ability to discern whether the criticisms are justified or not. "We only draw the line when people's opinions are hurtful to others," she observes.

Eppard maintains that Williamson rarely shows evidence of an ego. Giese stated that, "She lets stuff slough off her. People complain, but she doesn't get upset."

She herself explains that "Some people are hurt by criticism but you learn things from confrontation."

At the paper's annual meeting recently Giese jokingly introduced Williamson as "editor for life." Nevertheless, she worries about what will happen in the next 10 years. Five of the newspaper's key staff people are over 80 years old. "My husband has been telling me for years that I need to be training my replacement," she laughs ruefully.

### Paper's Future

She recognizes that changes will occur. Some people have pressed for the paper to be available online. She doesn't see that happening soon. "Making major changes in how we do things is difficult," she acknowledges. While an online newspaper may be part of the future, she feels certain that a paper copy will always be available. She still marvels at the electronic production process. "The print shop is 50 miles away and all communication with them is electronic," she says. "Also, we have multiple back-ups. Every story and photo and ad is on a disk or CD," she says.

She remembers the time years ago when the copy for an entire issue flew off the back of someone's motorcycle on the way to the print shop and the staff had to re-create everything from scraps of paper and notes dug out of the trash cans. She is proud that the News Review has never missed a publication date. She is grateful, too, for the help of community members and her husband for their technological skills when glitches occur with computers, emails and fax machines.

The Williamsons moved to their present house on Lakeside Drive in 1998. They enjoy visits from their three grown children, their spouses and nine grandchildren. Their grandniece, Sophia Kean, who came to live with them when she was six years old, is now in a Florida college.

Jim Williamson retired from his job at NASA more than 10 years ago. While she escapes to their mountain house in North Carolina on occasion and takes vacations now and then and sometimes has medical issues that require rest, Mary Lou doesn't think too seriously about retirement. Not yet.

For 70 years the Greenbelt News Review has flopped on the doorstep of most households in the city every Friday (although it has a Thursday dateline). Mary Lou Williamson has presided as editor for more than half of those years. Her legacy in the community is intertwined with its continued successful publication.



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

It was no mean feat to fit all of the 35 folks assembled for the News Review Annual Meeting on November 4, 2007, into this one shot. Not pictured was photographer Bill Cornett who took it all in from the top of the counter. Most of the newspaper's most devoted volunteer staff are included above. It would be next to impossible to bring this community resource to your doorstep without each and every one of them.

## CO-OP continued from page 1

percent and real estate taxes may double in the next three years.

This year's patronage refund totaled \$32,000 for members of the cooperative. Timer stated that the store has given out \$1.5 million in patronage refunds over the last 25 years. In addition, last year approximately \$24,000 was deposited into employees' retirement plans. There are currently about 7,200 active members of the Co-op and three-quarters of all sales are made to members.

### Manager's Report

Bob Davis, long-time manager of the Co-op, commented that "we are in for an interesting year." Operating expenses are rising sharply, including rent and utilities. According to Davis, the last year was a "successful, not terrific, not awful, year."

Now that the lease is settled, he is looking into getting updated estimates on remodeling. He projects that a comprehensive remodel will cost \$1 million.

Since being a nonprofit cooperative makes it difficult to accrue reserves, he noted that the Co-op would need to borrow the money to remodel.

Referring to the lower level of the building, Davis indicated that it could cost \$250,000 to remodel it for the Co-op's use, excluding inventory. He feels that members must be very cautious about the Co-op's taking on the empty space.

Davis stated that the Co-op website should be updated and expanded by the end of the calendar year with weekly ads and a calendar of events. He is planning food samplings, in-store cooking demonstrations and special sales.

In response to a question on getting more people to shop at the Co-op, Bates commented that it is hard to get across "the moat" we exist in, referring to the center city being surrounded by major roads. "It's a great moat but

hard to get to outside people."

Davis commented that all of the local chain stores are seeking to expand in this "very competitive business." He said that he tries to "cram" as many products as he can into the store to appeal to everyone.

### Cassels Award

Stephen Kane, founding member of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network, was presented a \$1,000 grant from the Co-op. It is named for long-time Co-op member Jim Cassels in recognition of his dedication to the Co-op and is given by the Co-op to a local organization that contributes to the welfare of the community.

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network seeks to educate residents on how to minimize the carbon emission footprint of their lives to save the environment. Kane indicated that the group will use the grant to expand its low-carbon diet activities.

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## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

This report covers the period of November 17 to 20 only.

### Robberies

November 17, 2:05 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a woman reported that as she was walking toward her building, she was approached from behind by two men. One of them asked for her money while pointing a silver-colored handgun at her. After grabbing her purse, one man told her to lie face down on the ground; they then fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 180 pounds and wearing black ski masks. One wore all black clothing and the other wore all black clothing with some red in it.

November 17, 7:16 p.m., Breezewood Court and Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was retrieving some personal items from his vehicle when two juvenile males approached him from behind and announced a robbery. One of the youths placed a small handgun to his back and demanded his wallet and money. The second youth searched his pants pockets and removed his wallet and money; they then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black youth with a medium complexion, 6'2", 170 pounds, wearing a gray hooded jacket; and a black youth with a dark complexion, 5'10", 125 pounds, wearing all dark clothing.

### Carjacking

November 17, 1:43 p.m., 6500 block of Greenbelt Road, a woman reported that as she walked to her vehicle, she was approached by two young men. One of them demanded her purse and keys; the second young man raised his right hand and pointed what appeared to be a handgun at her under a jacket that was draped over his hand. The woman handed them her purse and keys; the young men then entered her vehicle and fled the area. The suspects are described as a black male, 17 to 18 years of age with a "stout" build and curly hair, wearing dark clothing; and a black male, 17 to 18 years of age with a slim build, wearing a dark jacket and white shirt. The vehicle is described as a blue 2000 Jaguar S-type.

### Drug Arrests

November 18, 10:17 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man, the passenger in a vehicle, was arrested and charged with posses-

sion of marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia during a traffic stop. A computer check also revealed an open warrant for the man and he was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant. Upon arrival in Hyattsville, the man was found to be in possession of a baggie of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver, also a nonresident, was charged on citation for driving without a license and released from the station.

November 19, 4:06 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of CDS - not marijuana. While attempting to conduct a traffic stop for failure to display a front registration plate, police observed the vehicle weaving in the roadway. The driver finally stopped the vehicle, halfway in the road. He failed to produce his registration and a computer check revealed that he had only a learner's permit. The man was asked to exit his vehicle and a baggie fell out of his pant leg onto the ground. An additional baggie was found on his person which contained suspected crack cocaine. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Vandalism

November 18, 3:25 p.m., 7800 block of Mandan Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used a BB gun to shoot through a screen and bedroom window of a residence.

### Burglary

November 17, 10:46 p.m., 6200 block of Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown suspect(s) entered through a patio door and removed a digital camera and DVDs.

### Vehicle Crimes

There were no stolen vehicles reported.

There were three vehicles recovered, all by outside police departments with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, Parkway and 8100 block Bird Lane.

## Third Quarter Crimes Increase, Chief Craze Comments on Data

by James Giese

During the third quarter of this calendar year, the number of Class 1 crimes committed in Greenbelt increased over numbers for the previous two quarters. In 2006 the commission of Class 1 crimes slowed during the third quarter as compared to those in the first two. As a result, the number of crimes committed this year is only slightly below the number committed last year (989 vs. 998).

In comparison, the number of crimes committed in the first six months of this year was 100 fewer than those in the first six months of 2006. Now, after nine months, the difference is only nine.

Class 1 crimes are the most serious crimes reported to police. They consist of murder, rapes robbery and aggravated assault (crimes against persons); and breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft (crimes against property).

The number of crimes against persons this year continues to be lower than that in 2006 but only by a margin of five. At the end of July there were fewer crime incidents for six of the seven types of Class 1 crimes.

By the end of September the number of aggravated assaults, breaking and enterings and rapes exceeded that reported for the same period a year ago. Only in robbery (down 23 percent) and motor vehicle theft (down 17 percent) was there significant improvement over the previous year's records.

### By Areas

Greenbelt West (that part of the city west of Kenilworth Avenue) was the location for 60 percent of city crimes reported during the first nine months of this year. Based upon population estimates provided by the Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, Greenbelt West has 26 percent of the city population.

One-third of Greenbelt West crimes occurred at Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt Metro Station. Because of shoplifting, larceny is the predominant crime reported in commercial areas. The remaining crimes occurred within the Springhill Lake apartment complex and Capital Office Park.

In the first nine months there were six rapes, 66 robberies, 27 aggravated assaults, 63 breaking and enterings, 317 larcenies and 112 motor vehicle thefts in Greenbelt West, for a total of 591 reported crimes.

With an estimated 42 percent of the city's residents, Greenbelt Center, the area of the city between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, is the largest section of

the city in population. Greenbelt Center, however, accounts for the fewest occurrences of crime (15 percent) of the three city sections. In the first nine months there were two rapes, seven robberies, eight breaking and enterings, 98 larcenies, 7 aggravated assaults and 30 motor vehicle thefts.

Greenbelt East accounts for 23 percent of crimes reported this year, currently with 32 percent of the city's population. In Greenbelt East crime incidents in Greenway Center are not maintained separately by the Police Department from crimes committed in the residential and office areas, as is the case in Greenbelt West with Beltway Plaza.

Through September there had been one murder, one rape, 22 robberies, 11 aggravated assaults, 28 breaking and enterings, 146 larcenies and 37 motor vehicle thefts in Greenbelt East.

### Chief Comments

On November 7 Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze posted comments on a Greenbelt internet chat site responding to comments made by Greenbelt Andy Carruthers, who had noted that data published by the Maryland State Police in its 2006 Uniform Crime Report showed that Greenbelt had a higher crime rate for robberies than did Baltimore City. (However, the overall crime rate for Greenbelt in 2006 was less than Baltimore City.)

Craze quotes from the same publication a cautionary statement: "Attempts at comparison of crime figures between communities should not be made without first considering the individual factors present in each community."

"My take is that Greenbelt citizens cooperate a great deal more with the police than do those in Baltimore where cooperation is anathema to some parts of the culture," Craze said. "Baltimore is infamous for its lack of support for their police. Some segments of the population take perverse pride in wearing T-shirts that ridicule people who interact with law enforcement."

"The public will engage the police only to the degree to which it has confidence in law enforcement's ability to do anything about the problem," he said. "That means that the number of robberies in Baltimore may be vastly under-reported while ours likely are not. That factor greatly affects the number of reported crimes."

Craze pointed out that, according to the state report, crime in Greenbelt was similar to crime in other county municipalities, with 14 having higher crime

rates than Greenbelt and 12 having lower rates.

Noting that crime in Greenbelt has fallen 27 percent over the past five years, Craze said that some people found this hard to comprehend. "How can we have a falling crime rate when so many people are alarmed about what is going on?" he continued.

"The answer is the nature of crime is changing and has been for some time. Not only here but everywhere in the metropolitan area. One only has to turn on the TV or pick up a paper to know that.

"While overall crime is falling, crime is becoming more violent. Crimes against persons have risen 15 percent. Robberies have led the increase with a 49 percent rise."

### Aliens at Risk

Craze cited an aspect of robberies of particular concern taking place here. "We have a large and growing undocumented alien population who lack traditional safeguards to their finances due largely to their fear of being detected. The thugs who prey on these victims know that they are easy targets. The number of robberies associated with our alien population greatly increases our robbery rate."

Craze said that the police have engaged the alien community to address the situation. Although there has been some success, he says, "the problem is daunting."

"A reasonable person using due caution and common sense can reduce the likelihood of victimization," Craze concluded in his web comments. "In most cases crime is the result of someone taking the advantage of a situation. As with every American city, there are places in town that are safer than others. Be aware of your surroundings, take sensible precautions and you will be less likely to become one of the statistics we are talking about."

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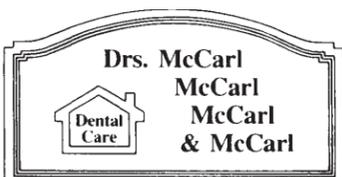


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## Four Cities Share Development News and Policies in Quarterly Meeting

by Brian St. George

Councilmembers and mayors from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton gathered at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on October 30 to hold their quarterly meeting.

New Carrollton Mayor Andrew Hanko began the meeting by reporting his city's annexation of Dresden Green subdivision (south of Good Luck Road and west of Princess Garden Parkway) as well as the opening of the Sheraton Hotel in the New Carrollton Center, described as a \$60 million development.

Discussion moved on to the Greenbelt Middle School and the architectural plan called Scheme D. College Park and Berwyn Heights representatives had indicated they were not in opposition to the modified Scheme D but would review the concept with their respective councils.

Greenbelt representatives reported on a letter dated October 25 to Lawrence Fryer, Chief Operating Officer of Prince George's Public Schools, expressing the city's council's concerns as follows:

1. A public forum should be held in the next month or two to present the concept to the communities served by the school (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park).

2. Safe pedestrian access to the proposed building is needed for walkers from Berwyn Heights.

3. A pedestrian connection, possibly a covered walkway, should be established between

the proposed building and the existing historic building that is to remain.

4. As currently shown there is a great deal of overlap of the athletic fields which will cause significant wear and tear. The city in the past has offered to partner with the school system maintaining the fields in a shared-use agreement

5. The city wants to be involved in discussions about the use of the historic portion of the school and any interior renovation plans.

6. Student Capacity – Is the building properly sized for its likely use and the potential growth in the neighborhood? How does it fit into the current pre-kindergarten through 8 initiative and the International Baccalaureate program?

7. The bus lot should be buffered from Greenbelt Road and the various uses on the school site.

8. The number of parking spaces should be reduced, planting islands provided and other measures taken to lessen "heat island" effects.

9. The feasibility of revising the proposed building parking layout so that the new school building can be closer to the remaining historic building should be studied.

10. The original architectural elements should be incorporated into the new school building.

The Greenbelt City Council has asked its Advisory Committee on Education and Advisory Planning Board to review Scheme D plans. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis requested that Berwyn Heights and College Park submit concerns

as well.

### Transportation

Discussion then turned to the State Consolidated Transportation Program 2008-2013 and the relative positions of the municipalities.

Greenbelt had sent a letter to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary John D. Porcari outlining the city's positions in relation to the Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal years 2008-2013. Council supports "targeting funds toward local bus and light rail service throughout the region."

The Purple Line not only supports Smart Growth but could spur economic development in the cities it serves, according to the city. Greenbelt believes that bus transit can be improved in Prince George's County, particularly through better coordination of The Bus and Metrobus service, and supports allocating funds toward that goal.

Greenbelt councilmembers further offered their support for the U.S. Route 1 Improvement project, indicating that it is vital for "improving pedestrian circulation and safety."

Greenbelt representatives reasserted their opposition to the Intercounty Connector (ICC), saying that it represents a "large expenditure of funds for a project that will do very little to improve the region's congestion problems." In addition, they said, it will cause significant environmental damage. There was consensus that the ICC funds could be used to develop projects that better support the long

term interests of the citizens of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

### Kenilworth Avenue

The Greenbelt City Council reiterated its opposition to the Maryland Route 201 Extended project. It would extend Kenilworth Avenue through the Beltsville Agricultural Research to South of Laurel. Councilmembers indicated their dissatisfaction that the project is now actively being planned. Greenbelt has requested that the city be invited to focus groups and team meetings for this project. The state and county have been attempting to extend Kenilworth Avenue for more than 20 years, over the objections of residents and nearby municipal governments. This extension would further increase noise and environmental pollution in Greenbelt, they claim.

Greenbelt councilmembers indicated their support for the State Highway Administration Sound Barrier Program as a "worthy" program and supported its funding. As it stands now, the Beltway, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, divide the city into multiple sections.

Greenbelt councilmembers also called for improvements on Greenbelt Road similar to the improvements planned for U.S. Route 1 in College Park to make it safe for people and pedestrians, as well as cars. Copies of a letter summarizing these points were sent to Senator Paul Pinsky and county Councilmembers Ingrid Turner and Thomas E. Dernoga.

### Purple Line

College Park closed the meeting with a synopsis of their difficulties in reaching agreement with the University of Maryland over where the Purple Line should and should not go. Patricia Dennison from Berwyn Heights said she was "baffled" why they didn't put a station on campus.

Some discussion ensued about a police substation in the south core of the Metroland development, as well as a meeting with Dernoga to see a model of the development.

There was also a brief mention of county legislation on "mansions," which would trigger special county reviews, if the square footage of homes increases by 25 to 50 percent.

Councilmember Jack Perry of College Park reminded everyone of the megalithic Konterra project developing and its potential impact on the four cities.

Greenbelt representatives thanked College Park and Berwyn Heights for use of their buses for the Maryland Municipal League conference held in Greenbelt.

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## Santa Fly-In

Watch Santa fly in to the College Park Airport on Saturday, December 1 at noon. Enjoy holiday art and crafts and have a picture taken with Santa anytime from noon to 4 p.m. Regular museum admission prices will be charged.

## St. George's Episcopal Has St. Nicholas Party

A St. Nicholas Party will take place at St. George's Episcopal Church in Glenn Dale on Saturday, December 1 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This annual family event celebrates and shares the story of Bishop Nicholas. Come and make an ornament, help decorate the tree, create a card for U.S. troops overseas, have some dinner and meet St. Nicholas. St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road in Glenn Dale. For more information about this event call 301-262-3285.

## Youth Orchestra December Concert

The College Park Youth Orchestra will offer its December concert on Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m. at the Hyattsville Middle School Auditorium at 6001 42nd Avenue in Hyattsville.

Conductor Allison Bailey will lead the young string players in their fall semester concert. The program includes Corelli's Christmas Concerto and Vivaldi's Concerto alla Rustica. The concert is free and open to the public and a reception will follow.

For more information visit the website at [www.cpyo.net](http://www.cpyo.net), call 301-927-3013 or email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org).

# Holiday Happenings, Near and Far

## Mormon Temple's Lights and Music

The 30th annual Mormon Temple holiday lights and free programs will open to public view at dusk on Friday, November 30 and run through January 1. There are exhibits inside the Visitors Center and extensive outside lighting on display from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Music programs are offered nightly at 7 and 8 p.m. by a variety of community groups from throughout the Metro region. Included are bell choirs, barbershop ensembles, choirs, blue grass bands and other forms of holiday entertainment to be presented in the Visitor Center theater.

Over 450,000 Christmas lights illuminate the temple grounds. A Visitor Center creche exhibit features nativity scenes from over 30 countries. There are 17 decorated Christmas trees inside including four international trees exhibiting dolls donated by more than 90 Washington embassies.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Mormon Temple Visitors Center is located at 9900 Stoneybrook Drive, in Kensington, off the Capital Beltway.

For further information, a schedule of groups and dates of their performances and other events call 301-587-0144 or visit the website [www.lds.org/dccalendar](http://www.lds.org/dccalendar).

## Candlelight Tours At Marietta Museum

Marietta House Museum will host its annual Holiday Candlelight Tours Saturday, December 1 through Monday, December 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Reenactors will escort visitors as they step back in time to enjoy holiday decorations and customs from the Federal, Civil War and Victorian eras. There will be live music, light refreshments and a storyteller for children.

Marietta House, a historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale off Route 193, just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. Sign language interpreters are available with 72 hours notice.

There is a fee. For information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

## Skate with Family At Wells Ice Rink

The Herbert Wells Ice Rink holds special family skating sessions every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. With a paying adult, up to four children are permitted to participate free, excluding skate rental. It is an economical way to spend the day, cherish family and enjoy some exercise.

Wells Ice Rink is located at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park. For more information call 301-277-3717.

## Wrapping Paper Is Kids' Arts Project

A kids' arts drop-in program will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, in College Park.

This month's activity is Holiday Paper Printing. Attendees will be able to personalize their gifts by wrapping them in papers they decorated themselves. Another arts drop-in at the end of the month will feature Totems and Talismans with youngsters making fun charms for things they'd like to see in the New Year.

Arts drop-in instructor Aaron Springer leads a creative free-form arts afternoon that children and parents can enjoy together. The arts drop-in program is ideal for children ages 3 to 8. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Smith Center Presents Percussion Ensemble

On Sunday, December 2 at 8 p.m., the University of Maryland (UM) Percussion Ensemble will perform works by Bruce Hamilton, Tan Dun, Lou Harrison and Sven-David Sandstrom with guest artists. This free concert will take place in Dekelbom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center located on the UM campus.

## Neediest Kids Food Drive at Safeway

Safeway's 25th annual Neediest Kids Food Drive began on November 20 and will continue through Friday, December 21. To provide a convenient way for area residents to help neighbors in need, drop-off locations are located in all Safeway grocery stores in the region. Safeway customers are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items by putting them in the designated shopping cart at the front of each store. All food donated will benefit feeding organizations that serve the community nearest the store.

Among beneficiaries of the donations is the Capital Area Food Bank, which provides food to 750 feeding agencies in the Washington metropolitan area. They serve more than 383,000 local residents who are at risk of hunger, an increase of 39 percent over the past five years. About 43 percent of their beneficiary households have at least one child under the age of 18.

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