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APB Report on Kenilworth Avenue

by James Giese

After studying for several months the seven alternatives for highway construction in the US 1/MD 201 corridor between the Capital Beltway and the new Intercounty Connector (ICC), the Advisory Planning Board (APB) recommended to the Greenbelt City Council that road expansion options that focus on improvements to US 1 provide the best utilization of resources by increasing capacity near new and existing population centers.

The report was presented to council at its November 24 meeting and acted upon by council at its December 8 meeting. Council agreed to relay the board's recommendations to the State Highway Administration (SHA) as the city's recommendation along with some additional comments of the council.

Alternatives

The US 1/MD 201 Corridor Study by the SHA considered seven alternatives including a "no build." Alternative 2 consists of undertaking various intersection improvements to improve the management of traffic. Alternative 3 involves widening US 1 Between Sunnyside Road (oppo-

site the main Beltsville Agricultural Research Center buildings) and Domer Road (Laurel Shopping Center) to six lanes.

Alternative 4 has two parts, East and West. Both involve widening MD 201, Kenilworth/Edmonston Road, to four lanes from Cherrywood Lane on the northern border of Greenbelt to Ammendale Road in Vannsville. The 4 West alternative then extends MD 201 across US 1 to intersect with the ICC in the vicinity of Virginia Manor Road and Van Dusen Road between I-95 and US 1. Alternative 5 also has an East and West part and is essentially combinations of Alternative 3 with Alternative 4 East and West.

Recommendations

The APB decided that it could not recommend one alternative above another as no single alternative met all of the study's project goals adequately. Instead, it decided to select the least objectionable alternative (3) and modify it as necessary to create the ideal plan.

The board did not like the proposal to extend MD 201 to the ICC as it would create a

"throughway" for traffic between I-95 at the ICC and I-95 in Greenbelt bypassing the congested I-95/I-495 interchange at College Park. Improving MD 201 in the East alternative just to Ammendale Road did nothing to improve US 1 or accommodate new traffic from the proposed massive Konterra Development south of Laurel.

Undertaking improvements only to US 1 provided for levels of service at intersections not much worse than if all proposed road improvements were undertaken, the board found. It liked the fact that the Alternative 3 proposal included a median which would improve public safety and provide for aesthetic improvements with street trees.

However, the board found unacceptable the failure of SHA to propose bicycle lanes meeting AASHTO standards on US 1 and proposed including a marked 5-foot lane next to a twelve-foot outer traffic lane. The APB also recommended a 6-foot wide sidewalk instead of the proposed 5-foot walk.

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Greenbelt in Focus Asks Council For Group Status Recognition

by Virginia Beauchamp

Only a handful of people showed up for the Greenbelt City Council worksession held Monday, January 5 at one of the Academy Stadium Theaters in Beltway Plaza. The meeting's purpose was to consider a proposal by Greenbelt in Focus for recognition group status from the city.

Greenbelt in Focus (GIF) produces short video sequences concerning events involving Greenbelt and Greenbelters that are shown in the Academy theaters. The city's Advisory Planning Board had recommended that GIF be denied such status since the organization used facilities of Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), which is already city-funded and since GIF is not a membership group.

Topics

The meeting began with the showing of a series of videos produced by the organization. So far some 42 minutes of film have been produced, though only a few examples were shown at the Monday meeting.

Among various topics were a sequence about a Greenbelt yoga class, another on NASA's earlier plan not to repair the Hubble telescope, a Springfest event at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and a sequence showing Mayor Judith Davis promoting

the city's plans for three days, called Visioning, in which citizens could participate in planning the city's future.

Members of GIF are Konrad Herling, president; "Kap" Kapistan, an owner of Beltway Plaza, vice president; Barbara Simon, secretary; and Angela Hughes, treasurer. According to Kapistan, each film produced is shown 100 to 120 times a month in the Academy theaters.

In fact, GIF is not an affiliate of GATE, said GATE's Malia Murray, who said the former group's equipment was kept in her home. As a courtesy, however, GATE allows GIF to use the latter's Community Center space for its monthly meetings.

Not a Business

"In no way is this a business," said Kapistan. He described GIF as incorporated as a nonprofit organization under a 501-C3 designation. Currently the group receives \$741 per month from Empirian Village, owners of the former Springhill Lake.

"We bring city activities to this side of town," said Kapistan. He described its functions as educating, creating an artistic production and meeting a community need.

"Is there any way to demonstrate the impact of GIF?" asked Councilmember Leta Mach.

Herling said the board had discussed "getting a survey" concerning the impact of the films. He reiterated about the enterprise that "This is art."

"Art is in the eye of the beholder," countered Davis.

She asked what it was like as an organization. It is like a nonprofit with a board of directors was the answer – almost like a CEO and board members. Board members are not paid, Kapistan said. The budget for summer 2007 was \$2,000 per month, he said, "to carry expenses." The

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 10
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between the Municipal Building and the Community Center
Monday, January 12
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tuesday, January 13
10:30 a.m., Registration for GED, Municipal Building
Wednesday, January 14
8 p.m., City Council Work-session re: FY 2010 Budget Update, Community Center



Madison Davis of Greenbelt demonstrates her double hula hoop style at the Greenbelt New Year celebration.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Greenbelt Welcomes 2009

by Anne Gardner

The arts were very much in evidence at this year's New Year's Eve celebration at the Community Center. Those who braved the cold and windy weather were treated to varied music, crafts, dance performances and much more throughout the evening.

Unfortunately the severe weather conditions meant that the much-anticipated fire dancers were not able to perform at the opening ceremonies. The few spectators who shivered outside

the skate park for the abbreviated opening enjoyed violin music from Izolda Trakhtenburg (how did she keep those icy fingers moving and that violin bow on the strings and still sound so good?), as well as singing and poetry. As the violin music rang out, dancers gradually appeared from their hiding places behind trees and in the deepest bowl of the skateboard park and their imaginative and, at times,

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Greenbelt and Other Cities Join in Geocache Trail

by Mary Moien

Lace up those hiking boots. The Maryland Municipal League (MML) has announced the January 1 opening of a GeoTrail covering many cities and towns throughout the state. And yes, Greenbelt is set to get on board. MML created the Geocache Trail to promote awareness of and visits to Maryland's cities and towns, with the goal of helping to stimulate economic development in Maryland's municipalities. It is also a very good way to get some exercise and see historic and natural sites throughout the area. Kids to seniors are drawn to this sport.

A geocache trail is a series of geocaches tied together by a common theme. The theme of the Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail is Celebrating Maryland's Cities and Towns. The trail is currently comprised of 78 city/town caches located in the 11 MML Districts throughout the state.

The City of Greenbelt currently

has about eight geocache sites with more planned for the future. Among the many interesting things people may find are trail maps, museum brochures, trinkets and more. Greenbelt was one of the first cities to sign up with the MML GeoTrail program. So was a neighbor to the south, Cottage City. A future article will provide more details on Greenbelt's program. However, the details below will allow residents to start to learn how to geocache.

What is a Geocache?

A geocache is a hidden box or treasure. Discovering a geocache, is very much like going on a treasure hunt using a hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) unit to plot map coordinates to locate the treasure or "cache." The geocacher must access the official geocache website and download or manually enter the map coordinates for each cache on the

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Letters

"Green" Means: Take the Bus!

Greenbelt, known for its greenness for decades, apparently is on the threshold of great embarrassment as it finds itself potentially threatened with loss of parts of its Metrobus service.

How could this be, with Greenbelters having campaigned for many years to increase this service? It's mainly because of low ridership.

Why won't local car owners use public transit? It seems to me that one of the reasons is that bus riding requires learning a new set of skills. One needs to learn public transit etiquette and bus schedules; how to plan trips, stay within transit system rules, operate farecard machines, get around Metrorail stations and signal bus operators; what to do if lost or having missed the last bus and how to communicate complaints and praise the system.

Complicated, huh, compared to just hopping in your car and zipping off? If you have the misfortune of waiting an hour for a late bus, that would be an ideal time to compare your experience with the experience of waiting for hours in a traffic jam or waiting for days to get your car fixed.

Whenever I ride the bus I may read, write, talk with friends, use a cell phone, sightsee or just stare mindlessly into space – all without endangering others or myself.

My purpose here is merely to ask that thoughtful Greenbelters plan long term to ride the C2 or R12 Metrobus once or twice per week at least to Beltway Plaza or Greenbelt Metro. Both of these, as well as the T16/17 pass through Greenbelt. There are bus schedules at the library.

Please consider the following additional perks to riding a Metrobus: No wear on your car, no risk of car breakdown or car-jacking, no parking fees, no need for a second or third car, increased opportunity for exercise and you will meet new friends.

Meanwhile I plan to continue carrying bus schedules, as well as New Deal Café entertainment schedules (and later lists of Greenbelt businesses) to the transportation rack at the Student Union building at the U of MD with the hope of stimulating both the Metrobus system as well as our small businesses.

Bill Norwood

Board of Ed Meetings On Search Next Week

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold community-wide town hall-type meetings next week as part of its effort to obtain public input in the process of selecting a new superintendent for the county public school system.

The closest meeting to Greenbelt will be held at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, January 14 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville in the Multi-purpose Room. Other meetings are on Tuesday, January 13 in Upper Marlboro and Oxon Hill and on Wednesday, January 14 in Capital Heights. This is an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the traits and characteristics they want in a new superintendent. Additional meetings will be held for the county association of student governments, teachers, administrators, staff, elected officials and community leaders.

Officials from the Maryland Association of Boards of Education will ask the community for thoughts on these three questions: what are the good things happening in the county; what are the skills, qualities and characteristics desired in the next superintendent; and any issues of which a new superintendent needs to be aware in order to be successful. Members of the community will not be asked to recommend names of candidates nor give their thoughts about specific candidates.

Md. College Savings Plan Session at GMS

On Thursday, January 22 at 7 p.m. a program will be held at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) for parents on the Maryland College Savings Plan. Guest speaker John Trader will provide information on this state-sponsored college savings program to have a student's college education paid for by the time they graduate from high school. The session will provide help to parents in planning for their child or children's future and in getting an early start for the college years. The session will be held in the school's Multi-purpose Room.

GHI to Survey About Energy Use

"Is your home too cold in the winter or too hot in the summer? Are your energy bills too high?" That's the opening to a cover letter for a short survey every GHI member will receive during the week of January 12.

The survey, conducted by GHI's new Buildings Committee, is intended to help the committee draft a plan for heating system replacement and other home energy upgrades. The plan's goals are to maximize members' comfort in their homes and to minimize their energy costs in the most environmentally friendly and economically efficient way possible.

Members who complete and return the survey to GHI will be eligible to win one of three \$100 cash prizes. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey asks members to assess the degree of comfort in their homes, to identify energy-efficient investments they may already have undertaken and to evaluate their degree of satisfaction with those improvements.

The deadline for returning the survey is February 7. Members can mail it directly to the GHI administration building (1 Hamilton Place), place it in the mail slot of the building's front door or complete the survey at a workshop on home energy efficiency to be held on Saturday, February 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hamilton Place office. The workshop will offer tips on inexpensive ways to reduce home energy bills.

The drawing for the three cash prize winners will be made at the end of the workshop.

In late December 2008 the GHI Buildings Committee drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an energy consultant to conduct analyses of GHI homes, suggest alternative types of replacement systems for the current electric baseboard heaters, recommend alternative ways of upgrading home insulation and estimate the costs and payback periods of the alternative heating systems and insulation strategies. The con-

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Grin Belt



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"I need a snow day!"

On Screen

"Doubt" Comes to Greenbelt

Doubt takes place in 1964 at a Catholic school in the Bronx, N.Y. Meryl Streep (Mamma Mia) and Amy Adams (Miss Pettigrew) portray two nuns who suspect a priest, played by Phillip Seymour Hoffman (Capote) of misconduct with an altar boy. Of all the actors, only Hoffman knew during filming whether the priest was guilty.

The film was directed by John Patrick Shanley, who also adapted his Pulitzer prize-winning play. A Bronx native and Catholic school refugee, Shanley has written several pieces in this setting. Rated PG-13 for mature themes, 104 minutes.

— Cathy Jones

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Correction

In December 25's Our Neighbors column we congratulated Anne Chestnut, at Frederick Community College, on her upcoming induction into the Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa but we managed to mangle her mom's location. Joyce Chestnut is a current Greenbelt resident. The News Review regrets the error.

HEY WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?



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City of Greenbelt
COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 12 through 16 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with parsley gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, Mandarin orange sections.

Tuesday – Grape juice, breaded veal and cheese patty with tomato sauce, home fried potatoes, steamed cabbage, canned peaches.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup with crackers, baked chicken leg with gravy, cornbread stuffing, asparagus tips, mixed fruit cup.

Thursday – Orange juice, chicken enchilada with sauce, black beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco chips, apple crisp.

Friday – Cranapple juice, meat lasagna, sliced carrots, green peas, pineapple tidbits.

GHI Notes

Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, January 12, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee GHI – Lobby

Tuesday January 13, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Lines Committee – GHI Library

7 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Committee – Board Room

Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

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

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, January 13, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 14, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, January 15, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

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

ERHS Ensembles Group Gives Concert

On Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m., a Small Ensembles Concert will be given in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium. The high school band and concert program includes students from throughout northern Prince George's County. All concerts are open to the public and free of charge.



Transportation Meeting Saturday at Greenbriar

Saturday, January 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. will be the third meeting of a group concerned about transportation issues in Greenbelt and cutbacks in public transit service proposed in the Prince George's County plan. The agenda includes preparing for upcoming county hearings and discussing tasks of story collection, media outreach and stakeholder outreach.

The larger goal of the group is to bring together residents with a common interest in transportation and transit issues. In addition to public transit the group is concerned about pedestrian safety, bicycle-friendly pathways and eliminating barriers between different Greenbelt neighborhoods.

The meeting will be held in the Greenbriar Community Association Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway, upstairs on the second floor in the Commons Room. Limited rides are available on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information, to request a ride or to volunteer a ride call Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 (p.m. only) or email annasoc1@verizon.net.

Those who cannot attend but would like to be kept informed of future citizen actions can email their name, email and other contact info to Terry Vanzetti at terry.vanzetti@verizon.net.

Toastmasters to Meet At Holy Cross Church

The NTL Toastmasters Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Toastmasters are welcome to visit these meetings. The club focuses on improving evaluation skills, learning to lead teams and conduct meetings. Meetings also provide the opportunity to deliver presentations and to give and receive constructive evaluation. For more information about the meeting or Toastmasters call 301-906-0865.

Photo Club Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Photo Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The speaker will be Frank Kayser, who will talk about Adobe's post processing alternative to Photoshop. Included will be Pushing Pixels in Photoshop; Visual Procedure of Lightroom 2; Pushing Sliders and tips on how one program can address most of the photographer's needs for photo processing, enhancement, print, display and organization.

Photo Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center.

Greenbriar Boards Meet next Tuesday

The Greenbriar Phase III board of directors meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13 in the Greenbriar Commons Room. Greenbriar Phases I and II will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Phase I, II and III board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month and are open to all residents.

Monthly Movie Is "Imitation of Life"

The next senior monthly movie, to be shown at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 13 at the Community Center Senior Lounge (room 111) is a remake of the successful 1939 Claudette Colbert outing of the same title, based on Fanny Hurst's novel but with a few plot changes.

Lead actress Lana Turner plays a single mother more determined to achieve acting fame and fortune than function as a parent. Her black maid Juanita Moore is devoted to her own daughter (Susan Kohner) but loses her when the girl discovers she can pass for white. When Turner discovers that she and her daughter are in love with the same man, she realizes how little she knows about her daughter and how much the two of them have missed by not having a stronger relationship. Released in 1959, the movie was highly successful at the box office.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

P&J Has Showing Of "Citizen King"

On Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County will sponsor a showing of the acclaimed PBS documentary "Citizen King" at the Academy Stadium Theater at Beltway Plaza. Admission is free. The theater is donating space for this special event.

This documentary explores the last five years in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's influential moral leaders. On the eve of his birthday holiday, the film will invite viewers to consider how to keep Dr. King's legacy alive in today's continuing struggles for peace, equality and social justice. An audience discussion will follow with a focus on how one could contribute to the work of newly-inaugurated President Obama toward those same goals.

For more information visit the website at www.justpeace-pgmd.org, email justpeacepg@earthlink.net or call 301-577-2350.

For more community events see pages 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Community Grant Goes to GAVA/GATE

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program has announced it was granted an award of \$2,500 for 2009 by the Prince George's Community Foundation through the National Harbor Community Outreach Fund. The GAVA/GATE Animation Program teaches animation to young people ages 10 to 18. It is co-produced by GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) and GATE (Greenbelt Access Television), both nonprofit community arts organizations.

Classes are held at GATE's studios in the Community Center and are taught by George Kochell, who has been the instructor since the program began 10 years ago. The grant will allow the animation program to explore new directions, while expanding its outreach with current partners including Pathways Schools, which works with at-risk teens, and the Utopia Film Festival, which includes a family-oriented animation presentation each year.

The animation program also receives support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

For information about animation classes call Barbara Simon at 301-747-2192 or email simongava@yahoo.com.

NARFE Meeting Is Here Wednesday

The next meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 14 at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Professor Michael L. Dixon of the University of Delaware will lecture on "Tales the Tombstones Whisper."

The public is invited. For more information or directions call 301-441-1096.

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Administration Office 8:00am – 6:00pm

Friday

Maintenance 7:30am – 4:30pm
Administration Office 8:00am – 5:00pm
*Office and Maintenance Dept. are Closed every other Friday (beginning Feb. 6th)
Emergency Services will be Available*

This is a new Compressed Work Week Schedule created to increase time and energy efficiency for both GHI members & employees.

Questions can be directed to:
Brenda Lewis, Director of Human Resources
301-474-4161, extension 152

Citizen King

PBS Documentary about the last 5 years of Dr. King's life

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7 pm
Beltway Plaza Mall
6198 Greenbelt Rd.

No charge for admission

Peace & Justice Coalition

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Jan. 9

Doubt (PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*2:45, *5, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*2:45, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:20, 7:30

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Week of Jan. 9

FRI. - SAT.

Seven Pounds, PG-13

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Valkyrie, PG-13

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The Unborn, PG-13

11:10, 1:10, 3:25, 5:35, 8, 10:30

Bedtime Stories, PG

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Not Easily Broken, PG-13

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Gran Torino, R

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Marley and Me, PG

11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 10:30

The Day the Earth Stood Still, PG-13

5, 7:45, 10:20

Tale of Despereaux, G

11:10, 1:05, 3

SUN. - THUR.

(All shows \$5.00 on Tuesdays

except for Seven Pounds and

Not Easily Broken)

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Obituaries

Pearl M. Keeney

Former Greenbelter Pearl Marie Keeney, 89, died January 1, 2009, at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a year of declining health. She was a resident of Sunrise Independent and Assisted Living in Severna Park since 2004.



Born in Annapolis Junction on October 22, 1919, she graduated from Glen Burnie High School where she was captain of her basketball and field hockey teams. She later completed a secretarial program at Strayer College. Mrs. Keeney was employed as a secretary for the federal government at the Department of Agriculture and NASA.

She met her future husband, the late Kenneth Keeney, on a blind date in 1940. They later married during World War II prior to Mr. Keeney's being shipped overseas, where he served in the North African and Italian campaigns. Their wedding at the Baltimore Cathedral was delayed a day as a result of an 11-inch snowstorm on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1942, a date still recognized as one of the top five snowstorms in the Baltimore area.

After the war, with the help of Mrs. Keeney's father, a journeyman bricklayer, the couple built their home in Greenbelt where they lived for 55 years on Lakeside Drive.

During her marriage she enjoyed square dancing, sewing, gardening and church activities. Mrs. Keeney was an accomplished bowler, serving as president and secretary of her league. She previously was an active member of the women's sodality at St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt. She was also an active member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. She prided herself on her manicured yard and landscaping of azaleas, dogwoods and Japanese maples.

Mrs. Keeney also enjoyed many family gatherings, community activities around Greenbelt Lake and vacation trips over the years to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and St. Petersburg, Fla.

The couple was honored in 2007 as the longest married couple (65 years) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Her husband Kenneth Keeney died in October 2007.

She is survived by two daughters, Theresa Mae Romanek of Jefferson, Md. and Kendra Lynn Hurt of Arnold, Md.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 8 at St. John's Catholic Church in Severna Park. Interment followed at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville.



Synagogue Program On Investing Jan. 18

On Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. the adult education division of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a program, "Investing Other People's Money," at the synagogue.

In the current difficult financial times, investing can be an area of mystery and confusion – even more confusing is investing others' money as a fiduciary, such as for one's elderly parents, children or grandchildren. The big question is what is a reasonable way to invest when the money belongs to someone else? When might an investment be reasonable for oneself but unreasonable when acting as a fiduciary? When the markets go crazy, should investments be removed?

The program will feature Mark Shroder and Jeff Rosen, experts in fiduciary matters. They will share information about where to find free information about investing. While they say they do not have all the answers, they know the questions to be asked and have some experience in helping others. They say people will have to supply their own research and common sense, which is never really free.

New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

On Friday, January 9 from 8 to 11 p.m., Julia Rose will perform original acoustic rock with Jesse Pal. Saturday, January 10 from 8 to 11 p.m., "The Marsh Brothers Band" plays blues/rock/folk/country/reggae.

On Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jim Stinson will play lute music; from 5:30 to 8 p.m., local band "Jack Couldn't Make It" has the stage.

Tuesday, January 13 from 7 to 9 p.m., April Stace plays harp. Brena Belly Dance is on stage Wednesday, January 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, January 15 from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be an open microphone session with Joe.

Visit www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642. for details.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

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January 11, 10 a.m.
"How Shall We Eat?"

by Rev. Phyllis Hubbell and Tosha O'Neal, worship associate
What do our religious beliefs have to do with what, how and how much we eat?
Let us reflect on the ethical dimensions of this very personal, very emotional subject.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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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

St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | 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!

Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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

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

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist



Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the two Pearls who died this past week:

Pearl Siegel of Ridge Road died January 5, 2009; she was still active in senior classes, committees and activities.

Former longtime Greenbelter Pearl Keeney died January 1, 2009; she and her late husband Ken lived in Greenbelt for over 50 years before moving to Severna Park in 2004.

Celia Craze, Greenbelt's city planner, will appear before the Bowie City Council to help ad-

vice them on Greenbelt's experience as Bowie considers setting up its own animal shelter.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

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



Lack of equality between man and woman is a cause of human dissension. So long as humankind remains unequally divided in right and importance between male and female, no unity can be established. (Abdu'l-Bahá)

Greenbelt Bahá'i Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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!
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Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

PLEASE COME AND WORSHIP WITH US
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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City to Offer Drug Discount Cards

Beginning next week the city is offering a program to help residents obtain some relief from the high cost of prescription medications. This is a program of the National League of Cities that, with City of Greenbelt sponsorship, will make free prescription drug discount cards available to city residents.

All residents are eligible, without restrictions for age, income or existing coverage. The cards can be used in Greenbelt pharmacies and at more than 59,000 participating pharmacies across the country. The card is administered by CVS Caremark.

Cards are available at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, Community Center, Youth Center, Greenbelt Library, Aquatics Center, Greenbriar Condominiums business office and GHI management office at no cost to city residents. No enrollment form is required, there is no membership fee and the cards can be used any time residents' prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

For more information call 1-888-620-1749 or visit www.caremark.com/nlc.

Legion Membership Meeting Is Jan. 15

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will hold a general membership meeting on Thursday, January 15 starting at 7 p.m. All veterans and members are welcome.

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 136 meeting will also be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 15. A free meal for members starts prior to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20.

On Saturday, January 24 there will be music by Rock-ola with Ron the DJ for all. Come enjoy dancing free in the Legion hall.

For details visit www.greenbeltmdpost136.org or call 301-345-0136.

Climate Action Group Film Is on Wednesday

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will show the film "Who Killed the Electric Car?" on Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This documentary explores the creation, limited commercialization and subsequent destruction of the General Motors EV1 battery electric vehicle of the 1990s. The film investigates the roles of automobile manufacturers, the oil industry, the U.S. government, the Californian government, batteries, hydrogen vehicles and consumers. Local electric car enthusiasts will be on hand to share their experiences.

Local experts will also spend the second part of the evening leading a discussion of issues of proposed bus cuts to Greenbelt, the Purple Line and the proposed Intercounty Connector. There will be no charge for this event.

For more information email lorelayon@aol.com.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Keep Prince George's County Beautiful Award

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report-Recognition Group Requests
- Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee Report - Committee Name Change

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

MEETINGS

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

Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas Tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pickup trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Trees will be collected from the following areas until February 6, 2009.

GHI

- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
- Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
- Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 44 Court (area near playground)
- Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)
- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
- Parkway (corner across from 58 court Crescent Road)
- Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
- Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
- Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court area (area between courts)

Boxwood

- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

Lakewood

- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North

- Property adjacent to Attick Park

University Square

- Front of Swimming Pool

Lakeside North

- Near Swimming pool

Springhill Lake

- Community Building

Greenbriar

- 7708 and 7710 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 7728 and 7730 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)
- 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road (between buildings)

Glen Oaks

- 7903 and 7905 Mandan Road (between buildings)
- 7509 and 7511 Mandan Road (between buildings)

Hunting Ridge

- 6936 and 6978 Hanover Parkway (between buildings)

Windsor Green

- Court Entrances - picked up by Windsor Green staff

Greenbrook Village and Estates

- Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Street (southeast corner)
- Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive (southeast corner)
- Mandan Road and Mathew Street (front of barricade)

Greenwood Village

- Across from 8175 Mandan Terrace
- Across from 7646 Mandan Road
- Across from 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring and Greenspring II

- Megan Lane and Craddock Road (southwest corner)
- 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive (park area)
- Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way (corner)
- 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive (open area)

Belle Point

- Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way (corner)
- 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive (open area)
- 7962 Vanity Fair Drive (open area)

Greenbelt Village

- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
- Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
- Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive

www.greenbeltmd.gov

For information on city government, events, and services.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 12-16

Monday, January 12th at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, January 14th, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: FY 2010 Budget Update, at Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board,
- Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and
- the Youth Advisory Committee.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office 301-474-8308

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau REGISTRATION FOR WINTER GED 10-WEEK COURSE TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th

Beginning promptly at 10:30am!!!

Classes begin on Thursday, January 15th.

GED I: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:30am-12:30pm

GED II: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm

No one will be accepted into the class after this date.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY OF GREENBELT
25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770

Info: Judy Hering, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or E-mail jhering@greenbeltmd.gov

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY (i.e. driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

METRO INFORMATION FOR INAUGURATION DAY

Stay tuned for more information on the availability of public parking at the Greenbelt Metro Station on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2009.

For more information on Metro plans for Inauguration Day and Weekend please visit: www.wmata.com/getting_around/metro_events/inauguration.cfm

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER Greenbelt Pets of the Month

Congratulations to Henry and PeeWee on their recent adoptions. We wish them much happiness in their new homes.



Claire: A 2-year old female tortoise shell. Gorgeous cat. Calm and sweet.



Davey: A young male pomeranian. Very adorable and friendly!



Kimmie: Friendly, but shy. Easily gentled, especially if bribed with food and treats! Young adult spayed female cat.



Princess: A pretty young black and white domestic female. Spayed.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at

the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

NEW AT THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER: REGULAR OPEN VISITATION DAYS!

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is now opened regularly on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm and on Wednesdays from 4pm-7pm. These hours are for visitations and adoption applications only. No surrenders will be accepted during these hours.

Come out and visit our sweet and friendly animals just waiting to become part of your family.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, January 12 at 8pm Regular Council Meeting (live). Tuesday and Thursday, January 13 & 15: 6pm -- "Ask the Expert" 6:45pm "Co-Op Cooking Show" 7:15pm "Bruce Swaim" 8:15pm Replay of City Council Meeting

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, January 14 & 16: 7pm-Combined Choir 2008 8pm GAC "Two Gentlemen of Verona"

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One of the art pieces on exhibit by Bright Side Pictures, a collaboration of three artists, at the New Deal Café.

New Art Displays Are Shown Now at the New Deal Café

A new art show has opened at the New Deal Café and will be on display until the end of February. There is no fee to view the art and all are welcome.

In the Café's front room, Bright Side Pictures, a collaboration of three artists, presents fine art photographs that will surprise and entertain. Gary Jimerfield, Rob Grant and Scott Grant, all experienced artists in video and photography, use model set design, paint and computer abstracts to create fun and intriguing pieces in their Greenbelt studio. Their work has been shown nationally in galleries and museums from Florida to California. Several pieces are in the Smithsonian's permanent collection. Visitors will be rewarded along this creative journey with classic glamour, historic themes and abstract art. For more information visit www.brightsidepictures.com.

Back Room

In the Café's back room, Walker Babington displays a show entitled "Torch-raiture." He creates striking work at his family's home in University Park. Using pyrography (many forms of wood-burning) and found objects like shutters and wooden panels, he lets the surfaces suggest and inspire the subject of the work. This technique results in larger than life haunting portraits. Babington also finds inspiration in French Symbolism, especially the work of Redon and Moreau. For more information email walkerbabington@gmail.com.

The art display is offered by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

GHI Plans to Compress Employees' Work Schedule

Like many companies, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is faced with the challenges of increasing efficiencies of its operations and addressing work/life balances of employees in a sagging economy. With gasoline prices fluctuating and employees facing conflicts with family obligations and work/life balance issues, the cooperative found it necessary to explore different ways of conducting GHI business operations.

Developing a budget that assured no reduction of service to members yet keeping fee increases reasonable required creative thinking. As a result, GHI investigated alternate work schedules.

Although gasoline prices have lately decreased considerably, no one expects this situation to remain so. Congressman Steny Hoyer has said, "State and local governments across the nation, including New Mexico, Virginia and Utah, are implementing four-day work weeks to conserve energy, reduce fuel consumption and alleviate congestion."

GHI's investigation uncovered these and other possible benefits to employees and members alike. Because it is a small company, the board decided it was not practical to offer alternate work schedules to meet individual employee needs. Some positions exist for which an alternate work schedule is neither practical nor realistic.

The board also wanted to assure members that staff is avail-

able to serve them. Expanding daily service hours was seen as allowing for greater flexibility to members in both office hours and work performed within homes.

The GHI Board of Directors thus has endorsed a compressed work week option. Starting in February 2009, employees will work 80 hours in a nine-day, rather than 10-day pay cycle. The office will have extended hours Monday through Thursday and will operate eight hours one Friday and close one Friday within the pay cycle.

This new schedule will give members longer daily hours to access the Administration Building and to schedule maintenance work. When GHI is closed on the alternate Friday, emergency services will be provided, as is now the case on weekends.

The two-week pay period will remain at 80 hours with no loss of work time either for employees or maintenance service time for members.

GHI is eager to track the utility and other energy savings it anticipates as its carbon imprint is reduced. For at least two days a month, trucks and building utility costs will be minimized. Employees are anticipating benefits such as time and transportation savings. Some have said they especially look forward to being able to schedule doctor's visits and chores on the Fridays the office is closed.

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Maryland Municipal League Geo Trail; then use the GPS to find the caches.

The program is a little high tech but don't let that scare you. You must have a GPS unit to participate but these are being used by more and more drivers and hikers. Then just access the official geocache website www.geocaching.com, go to the MML account and download or manually enter the map coordinates for each cache on the Maryland Municipal League GeoTrail; then use the GPS to find the caches.

Contest

A collectible, highly coveted geo coin will be given to the first 500 geocachers who locate a minimum of 22 city/town caches throughout the state. To be eligible for the coin, geocachers must pick up a passport at any participating visitor center, use the stamp in each cache on their passports and write in the cache code word. After at least two municipal caches in each of the 11 districts are discovered, geocachers may return to any one of the participating county visitor centers and have their passports validated to receive a collectable coin. Passports may continue to be used even after all coins have been claimed as a way for geocachers to keep track of their Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail discoveries.

Greenbelters can pick up a geocache passport from the Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Center in Largo. They can be reached at 301-925-8300.

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group had applied to area businesses for financial support.

The city could send letters of support, Davis suggested. "They would be helpful to have," said Simon.

The city can also support the group by allowing it to use city space "at no cost," Davis said, referring to groups like the Girl Scouts who hold meetings in the Community Center.

Kapistan described how the Lion's Club's annual project of providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children had had "a tremendous response this year" from Beltway Plaza theater-goers after they saw the GIF film on the subject.

Simon wondered if the city might be able to add a line item to support the organization, with the city paying for "specific promotional items?"

Unfortunately "money is not in the budget now," said City Manager Michael McLaughlin. He mentioned there is only a small amount "for promotion, such as publishing of newsletters, etc."

Murray said currently the city funds video promotion for about eight events a year, working with Beverly Palau, the city's public information coordinator.

"You would have to come up with a proposal," Davis said, referring to specific topics the city might fund. "We're paying for the service," she suggested. "The budget for this year is going to be okay," she added, noting that will not be true "for the next several years."

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As relates to MD 201, the APB proposed additional bicycle lane improvements. It did not like SHA proposals for right turn lanes on MD 201 considering them unsafe for pedestrians. Instead the board recommended the installation of roundabouts at Sunnyside, Powder Mill and Muirkirk Roads.

Lastly, the board recommended that transit options be considered for US 1. Possibilities were light rail in the median, an express bus lane or a designated right-of-way for the extension of Metro to Konterra.

On December 8 the City Council adopted the APB recommendation and agreed to transmit them to SHA as the city recommendations but to add stronger language urging that safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities be included in any improvement.

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sultant will be selected in early March 2009.

Once selected, the consultant will use the survey results to formulate recommendations. The Buildings Committee hopes to provide a draft plan for membership and GHI Board review in August.

Questions can be directed to Sheri Swaim at 301-474-4161, ext. 148 or Jim Cohen, at 301-405-6795 or jimcohen@umd.edu.

— Jim Cohen, Chair Buildings Committee



For GHI Members

GHI'S HOME ENERGY USE SURVEY

Help GHI plan home energy upgrades

Drawing for **Cash Prizes** for Taking the Survey!

GHI is sending you a short survey about your home energy use. Your information will help us draft plans for home energy upgrades.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. And your completed survey makes you eligible to win \$100 in cash! (3 prizes awarded)*

Winners will be announced at the

GHI HOME ENERGY OPEN HOUSE

GHI Administration Building

Saturday, February 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

*Limit one survey per household. For prize eligibility, home address must be included and completed survey returned to GHI by February 7 or filled out at Open House. For questions, call Sheri Swaim at (301) 474-4161, ext. 148.

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Kraft Natural Chunk Cheese Assorted 6-8 oz. \$2⁵⁰		McCain Potato Fries and Cuts Assorted 16-32 oz. 3/\$8⁰⁰
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet
Western Family Dandruff Shampoo Assorted 14.2 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Seabest Frozen Tilapia Fillets \$3⁹⁹ lb.	Bear Naked Assorted Granola 2 oz. 99¢
Kotex Feminine Products Select Varieties 14-64 pk. \$2⁹⁹	New Zealand Orange Roughy Fillets \$7⁹⁹ lb.	Bear Creek 4 Serving Soup Mixes Assorted 4-5 oz. \$2⁵⁰
		Bakery
		Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf \$1⁴⁹
		Fresh Store Baked Seven Grain Bread loaf \$1⁹⁹

Grocery Bargains	
Skippy Peanut Butter Assorted 15-16 oz. \$1⁶⁹	Quaker Instant Oatmeal Assorted 10-15 oz. \$2⁰⁰
Prego Pasta Sauce Assorted 25-26 oz. \$2⁰⁰	Ajax Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
	Shurfine Canned Vegetables Select Varieties 11-15 oz. 50¢
	Welch's Grape Jelly or Jam Assorted 22-32 oz. \$1⁸⁹
	Bumble Bee Solid White Albacore Tuna 5 oz. \$1²⁵
	Mueller's Egg Noodles Hearty/Old Fashion \$1⁵⁰
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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400
Closed Sunday

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

December 22, 5:58 p.m., 9100 block Breezewood Drive, a man was approached by four males, who punched and kicked him and went through his pockets. After finding nothing of value, the suspects fled the scene on foot.

December 25, 4:10 p.m., 8300 block Canning Terrace, a man approached a woman in a parking lot and attempted to grab her purse from her shoulder. He got the purse after a short struggle, then fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 23 years of age, 5'5" to 5'7", 140 to 160 pounds with a medium complexion, wearing a black hooded jacket and black pants.

December 27, 11:29 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a food delivery person was robbed at gunpoint by two young men as he attempted to make a delivery. The suspects are described as two black males, both 17 to 20 years of age, 5'10", 140 to 150 pounds; one was wearing a hooded camouflage jacket and the other was wearing a hooded black jacket.

December 30, 9:42 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a food delivery person was exiting his vehicle when he saw two men approaching him on foot, one armed with a shotgun and the other armed with a handgun. The food delivery person got back into his vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 22 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with slim builds. One was wearing a beige jacket with stripes and blue jeans and the other was wearing a black skull cap, a blue shirt and jeans.

Assault

December 30, 7:53 p.m., Greenway Center, a man was approached by four or five young men as he was gathering shopping carts in the Safeway parking lot. One of the young men punched him several times for no apparent reason and all then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as four or five black males, all 16 to 20 years of age with long hair, wearing dark clothing.

Drug Arrests

December 24, 9:27 p.m., 9300 block Kenilworth Avenue, a resident man was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 31, 6 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a drug raid was conducted and a quantity of cocaine was seized along with three handguns. A resident man who returned to the residence later was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of drug paraphernalia and as a felon in possession of a handgun. He was transported to the district court for a hearing.

Trespass

December 26, 11:45 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass and was released on citation pending trial.

December 31, 11:49 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass and was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

December 24, 9:10 p.m., 100 block Westway, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the sliding glass balcony door of a residence.

December 25, 2:13 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

December 29, 8:26 a.m., 500 block Crescent Road, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on a park shelter.

December 29, 3:15 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway, unknown person(s) vandalized outdoor Christmas decorations.

January 1, 3:06 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

January 1, 3:27 p.m., 54 Court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) vandalized a storage shed.

Burglaries

December 29, 12:58 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, an attempted burglary was reported.

December 30, 9:52 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a laptop computer was reported taken.

December 31, 12:29 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, a video game player, video games, two laptop computers and a camera were among the items reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a teal 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags BCM094 from the 31 Court Ridge Road; a black 1990 Suzuki Catana motorcycle, Maryland tags 6D0766 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a yellow Komatsu excavator with gray stripes, no tags from the 5400 block Branchville Road and a 2002 Dodge Ram 1500, Maryland tags 50V223 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road. An attempted theft of a vehicle was reported in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Three vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6400 block Ivy Lane (front tag); 9300 block Edmonston Road (video game); 8000 block Mandan Road (two tires, rims); 7400 block Morrison Drive (two airbags); 7900 block Greenbury Drive (two airbags), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear tag); and Beltway Plaza (two incidents - registration stickers). An attempted theft from a vehicle was reported in the 7300 block Sunrise Court.

Vandalism to vehicles occurred at 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (broken vent window), 9100 block Edmonston Court (broken vent window), 2 Court Gardenway (two punctured tires) and 7600 block Mandan Road (spray paint on vehicle).

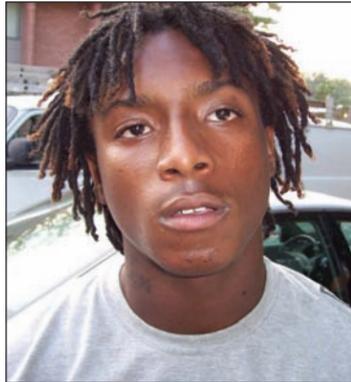
Man Charged in Attack On Greenbelt Resident

Shanon Washington, 28, of Capitol Heights was charged with attempted murder, first-degree assault and robbery in connection with the assault, beating and robbery of Greenbelt resident Wayne Williams on Christmas Eve in a parking lot at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park. Washington was arrested January 2 and appeared in District Court on January 5 where he was held without bond.

According to The Washington Post, Williams, after dropping his wife off earlier for choir rehearsal, was in his car waiting for Midnight Mass to begin when Washington attacked him with his fists and took his wallet. Charging documents indicate that police found credit cards linking Washington to the crime, the Post story said.

Williams remains at Washington Hospital Center where his condition has been upgraded to fair, according to the Post.

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An arrest warrant has been obtained charging the above person as an adult with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault and second-degree assault in reference to a shooting which occurred January 3, 2009, in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court. He is also wanted for the armed carjacking of an off-duty police officer that occurred September 29 in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane. Atkins is reported to frequent the Greenbelt and Bladensburg areas. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Mike Lanier or Detective Chris Bladzinski of the Greenbelt City Police Department at 301-474-7200.

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Police "Customer" Surveys Offer Pleasing Results

by James Giese

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For the past four years the department has been sending out on a random basis about 20 questionnaires a month to persons who have had contact with the department either by being a victim of a crime or by being stopped for a minor traffic violation. Regularly performing such a survey is a requirement for becoming an accredited police department by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Greenbelt Department has achieved accreditation.

Sergeant Carl Shinner who is the department's accreditation manager in the Office of Professional Standards praised CALEA for imposing such a requirement upon the department. He points out that the questionnaires are sent out to and the responses are from persons known to have had a contact with the department. "Our data is from people in real time," he noted.

Shinner is pleased with the survey results. While there is always room for improvement, he believes the results obtained proves that "we are a professional police department."

Chief James Craze also is pleased with the survey's results. "It shows that we are providing good service to the community and that people appreciate the good service we provide."

The survey results are posted at the police department website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/police. Craze notes that the city website also has a survey questionnaire that anyone can fill out although very few persons have done so. He believes the departmental survey is more valid because it is obtained from people with known police contacts.

Results

Police were particularly pleased that for the second year in a row

100 percent of those surveyed who had called the department for assistance said that their call was answered in a polite and timely manner. All respondents also found the officer responding to present a professional demeanor and 96 percent found the officer courteous and understanding. Officer response time varied from less than five minutes (33 percent), 10 to 15 minutes (43 percent) and 15 to 30 minutes (24 percent).

After an encounter with an officer 88 percent of the respondents were left with a positive opinion of the officer and 84 percent had a positive opinion of the police department. Nearly all respondents also rated the overall performance of the Greenbelt Police Department to be very good (72 percent) or good (24 percent). When it came to rating the competence of agency personnel, however, the ratings were somewhat lower with 63 percent believing that it was very good and 27 percent finding it good and 10 percent finding the personnel to be either average or poor.

Traffic Stops

Of those stopped 61 percent were issued warnings, 37 percent were issued citations and eight percent repair orders. Asked if the officer's appearance was professional in nature (dress, grooming and language) and if the officer was courteous and explained the reason why the person was stopped, 92 percent answered affirmatively. The same percentage of respondents also said that the officer explained the warning, citation or repair order, answered any questions asked and left the respondent with a positive opinion of the officer. However, only 77 percent were left with a positive opinion about the police department.

Combining the surveys for those citizens who requested service with those citizens being stopped by an officer, 87 percent of the respondents had a positive opinion of the officer involved. In 2006 this result was 93 percent. However, in 2006 only 63 percent of the combined respondents had a positive opinion of the police department as compared to 76 percent in 2008.

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Vehicle Hits Post Office Causing Structural Damage

by Barbara Hopkins

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An employee who lives nearby checked on the situation. She found glass fragments strewn throughout the lobby area near the postal boxes, some as far as 25 feet from the window that was demolished. The vehicle also hit

a corner of the wall opposite the window adjacent to the rows of postal boxes.

At first some patrons were unable to open their boxes because the supporting framework had been damaged but adjustments were made and boxes were accessible by Tuesday. There is evident structural damage to the building as well as the window frame. No one was reported hurt in the accident. There is not yet an estimate for repair costs, though a postal service employee said he thought the damage was "substantial."



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Book Club Meets In College Park

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club will meet on Friday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Yellow Woman and the Beauty of Spirits," a book of essays about Native American life by Leslie Marmon Silko. The club meets at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. The meeting is open to the public but those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013.

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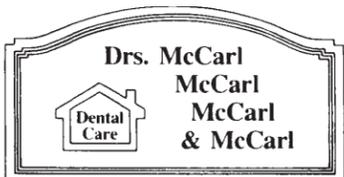


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Bright, cheerful, sparkling 3 bedroom 1 bath in sought after Greenbelt Homes. Beautiful hardwood floors, freshly painted, fenced back yard.

Two Bedroom GHI townhome
Freshly painted throughout with new flat-top stove and modern refrigerator. Fiberglass tub surround. Porch addition overlooks yard. \$172,000

Brick Townhome
Large 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd bedroom oak hardwood flooring & bath on top level. Garden space & patio - outdoor enjoyment! \$238,000

Clinton
4 br, 2 ba. Split foyer home located in Clinton Woods. Private Setting. Owners have found their home of choice and reduced price - \$299,900

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Bringing in the New Year!



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Circus performer Greg May entertains a large audience with some fancy juggling.

New Year's Eve Celebration Fun at the New Deal Café

by Judy Bell



Chef Karim and Maria cooked up a storm for their first New Year's Eve party at the New Deal Café and it was indeed a feast to behold. The duo hosted a sold-out crowd; from this reporter's view all partygoers had a fine time welcoming in the new year.

People started gathering around 8 p.m. to the sounds of Buck Hill playing jazz music.

A first course of appetizers included a salad plate full of delectable nibbles, such as falafel and shrimp on toast. Following was an entrée with salmon and a wonderful bean dish. Later a salad plate was served and yet another entrée with chicken and other vegetables.

Some time in between the feasting, a belly dancer started performing. Karim joined her, at one point balancing a bottle on his head and later a sword, amusing customers with his

whimsical ways.

A lovely white cake with strawberries and kiwi arrived. The belly dancer reappeared and soon after some-

one formed a conga line with almost all partygoers participating, dancing around the room, through the kitchen and back.

A Brazilian duo on guitar and drum also entertained the crowd with Maria and her sister providing back-up. Champagne was served and all toasted the arrival of the new year. Kudos to Karim and Maria with hopes of a reprise for next year's celebration.

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amusing use of the undulating space made me forget for a while that biting cold wind!

Arts and Entertainment

Inside the Community Center and Youth Center there followed an evening of arts activities and entertainment. Hula hooper Noelle Powers performed beside the ever-popular giant inflatables in the Youth Center, encouraging others to join her. Angella Foster's dance troupe reappeared amidst the subtly lighted sculptures in the darkened exhibit room at the Community Center.

Bands played for dancing in the gym and musicians in other rooms included "Harp 46" with their unique blend of harp, drums and bass guitar. There were magic lantern shows from Nana Projects, Inc., and stories were told with three overlapping overhead projectors, using light, pictures, music and the occasional written words.

Craft Project

I spent much of the evening assisting local artist Tom Baker with a craft project. He encouraged participants to create collage tiles with a word and related images cut from magazines. The word tiles were then velcroed to a board to create phrases or sentences, something like magnetic poetry words on a refrigerator. This proved to be a very popular activity for adults and children alike with many returning time after time to create more tiles or to see the phrases that had been produced so far. Baker intends to create more word tiles at other events in Greenbelt throughout the year and then have a huge board next New Year's where people can create phrases and sentences from a vast array of words.

As for the other activities on offer, my 10-year-old David most enjoyed the GATE animation showcase; Elizabeth, aged 7, liked Greg May's circus performance and workshop and Rebecca, 4, danced till midnight to the talented Cajun-inspired "Junkyard Saints."

The exuberant countdown, confetti and noisemakers were a fitting end to the year.



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Eastern Standard Time plays at Greenbelt New Year.



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Little Miss Greenbelt Kristen Beauchamp, Miss Greenbelt Gabby Laxamana and Junior Miss Greenbelt Molly Jankowski joined in the jewelry craft.



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Clockwise from left Kailah Major-Taylor, Breonte Major, Lorraine Major, Niyah Major and Annie Mae Pinder make collages.

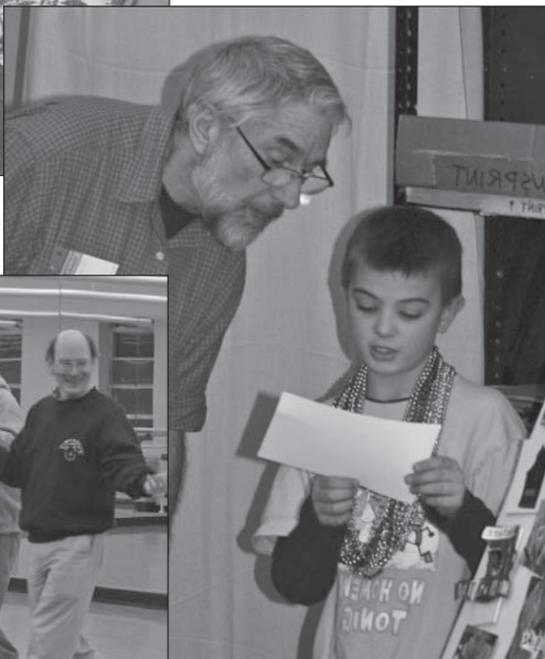


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Tyler McAfee, age 8 of Hyattsville, shows his creation to Greenbelt artist Tom Baker.



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New Year's revelers learn a folkdance.