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Eugenia Kalnay Receives World Meteorological Prize

by Cindy Henneberger

Greenbelter Eugenia Kalnay of Lakeside Drive became the second woman in history to receive the International Meteorological Organization Prize and the 54th recipient of the annual award. On January 14 Alexander Bedritsky, president of the United Nation's World Meteorological Organization (WMO), presented her with the gold medal award at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

"It is indeed the highest scientific distinction of the World Meteorological Organization," said Michel Jerraud, secretary-general of the WMO.

Instead of using the opportunity to bask in her successes, Kalnay transformed the ceremony into a challenge to combat global warming and other environmental threats by reducing world population. She urged her audience to examine the issue from a scientific viewpoint.

Kalnay began taking on challenges at an early age. Born in 1942 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she was her parents' seventh child. When she was 14 her father died and her mother, Susana Zwicky de Kalnay, became a real estate agent to take care of the family. Zwicky de Kalnay saved money by packing school lunches for Eugenia and continued to support her daughter's education despite limited finances.

"My mother was a very strong woman," recalled Kalnay, "She just thought education was the

most important thing."

When her mother learned the Argentine National Weather Service was holding a scholarship competition, she changed Kalnay's major at the University of Buenos Aires from physics to meteorology. "She just signed me up and I had to try out," said Kalnay.

She won the scholarship but her plans changed abruptly in 1966 when Lt. General Juan Carlos Onganía's military regime overthrew Argentina's elected government. On July 29, 1966, during the night known as 'La Noche de los Bastones Largos (The Night of the Big Sticks), federal police invaded the University of Buenos Aires and beat students and faculty. "Had I been there I would have been beaten," said Kalnay, who had not gone to school that night.

Rolando Garcia, Kalnay's mentor and the accomplished Dean of the Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences, who resigned in the aftermath, secured an assistantship for Kalnay with the legendary Jule Charney at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

When Kalnay left for the U.S., Zwicky de Kalnay issued an imperative: "You won't get married until you finish your Ph.D.," recalled Kalnay, who thinks her mother pushed her hardest of her eight children. "She felt that I

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PHOTO BY DAGMAR MERKOVA

Michel Jerraud, secretary-general of the World Meterological Organization (WMO), left, holds the parchment proclaiming Eugenia Kalnay as this year's gold medal recipient. Kalnay and Alexander Bedritsky, president of the WMO, holds the oversized check she received.

What Goes On

Saturday, January 23

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Monday, January 25

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Thursday, January 28

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room



PHOTO BY MARY WILLIS CLARKE

City councilmembers sit shoulder to shoulder behind the curved council table. From left are Councilmembers Leta Mach, Konrad Herling, Edward Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope. City Clerk Cindy Murray sits at the small table on the left.

Smaller Seats Make Table Room For Seven Members of Council

by Mary Willis Clarke

The Greenbelt City Council met for the first time in the year 2010 on Monday, January 11. Arguably it was also for the first time in a new decade.

Council did not take up the issue of whether a new decade begins in January of a year ending in "0" or if a new decade awaits the January of the year ending in "1." However, if council had discussed the definition of a decade, it probably would have been the most controversial item on the agenda of January 11.

This reporter had not previously seen the new council dais arrangement occasioned by the

expansion of the number of councilmembers. Although the council table remains the same, new smaller executive chairs allow seven members to sit shoulder to shoulder in the space previously occupied by five.

Since there is little room between the members, the overall impression is a more unified body addressing the city staff and citizenry. Whether that closeness remains anything but physical will play out as the year progresses.

Fiscal Outlook

The current economic recession and its impact on the city

was a recurring theme in different contexts throughout the evening. Greenbelt residents have recently been getting real property tax reassessment notices. Councilmembers reported significant double digit reductions in assessments in Greenbelt East neighborhoods.

Mayor Judith Davis asked residents to review their tax reassessment notices carefully: the reductions, for example, will give citizens an idea of the difficulties the city will face in putting together the city's budget, she said.

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E.V. Maintenance Problems Lead To Prince George's District Court

by Mary Willis Clarke

Billy Miller and his fiancée Denise Otis moved to an Empirian Village two story townhouse in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane in February 2009. On Tuesday, January 19 they brought their frustration with maintenance issues at the Empirian Village unit to the District Court of Maryland in Hyattsville.

While waiting for court to begin they described to this reporter the conditions they had experienced: upstairs bathroom sewage backups, windows that wouldn't lock and squirrels in the roof. According to the couple, a more serious situation developed around Thanksgiving. They told of calling Empirian Village maintenance on November 20, 21 and 22 because of large amounts of water leaking into their upstairs bathroom through the ceiling electrical fixture and ventilation

fan. Miller said that they called the emergency maintenance number on November 22 (Sunday) because they were concerned that the ceiling would collapse under the weight of the water they could see collecting above it.

On November 24, Miller continued, the bathroom ceiling did collapse leaving a gaping hole in the ceiling. Miller recounted that when Empirian Village maintenance responded, they tore out large sections of the bathroom ceiling and wall. Miller had pictures of the bathroom with several square feet of drywall missing, exposing insulation and piping. Miller and Otis said that the drywall was left unrepaired for a month. They moved out of the unit for a week beginning December 5 after a visiting architect friend thought that there was black mold growing on the exposed insulation. They

were reimbursed by Empirian Village for two of the five nights they spent in a hotel.

On December 18 the couple filed the one page District Court form initiating a rent escrow action. They recited exposure to mold spores and flooding from the sewer and roof in seeking that their rent be reduced to \$1 per month and damages in the amount of \$5,000 for the landlord's breach of the lease. When Miller and Otis had their case called on Tuesday, January 19, District Court Judge Mark O'Brien ordered an investigation by the Community Standards Division of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources with a report to be submitted to the court within 14 days. The judge set February

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My Point of View

Good Things Happening

Empirian Village is a community. It is filled with children, teens, singles, families, seniors and folks who are willing to share with others. It is important to acknowledge the great and good things that are happening because the Empirian Village Management has taken the time to reach out and ask the community to help them support those who live in the community.

I can personally say that at every turn, they have gone out of their way to help me serve this community. They have supported our efforts in reaching out to families with facilities, personnel and moral support. The management has encouraged us to engage partners who can address the needs of our families.

Here are examples of what is happening: Seventy children are playing on the grass below the administrative offices, kids are swimming in the pool, a movie screen has been set up and families are watching movies to share time together. On a particular day 160 individuals came together to celebrate Mexico Day and share a meal. On other days, out of school time programs are keeping kids out of trouble and community agencies are reaching out to families living in West Greenbelt. Teens are developing a service project to create a meaningful service to their community and a neighborhood watch team is being created. All these programs are taking place at Empirian Village thanks to the unique partnerships between Empirian Village Management, Camp Fire USA and many other community partnerships, including United Communities Against Poverty, Maryland Park and Planning, Greenbelt CARES, the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Greenbelt Police Department, the Census Bureau and many more.

These partnerships have not happened in a vacuum. They have been intentional and designed to improve the quality of life for residents of Empirian Village and West Greenbelt. They address all residents across the life cycle and do not exclude anyone. These have been coordinated and supported by Sharon Thames, the property manager, and Niecie Lowndes, who serves as the community relations specialist. They have been orchestrated by a team of community professionals who, working with management, have made wonderful things happen.

— Rosemary Pezzuto, MA, MSW, ACSW and CEO,
Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council



Grin Belt



**"We have no time for Conan or Leno
... there is Haiti."**

On Screen

"A Single Man" Portrays Grief, Loneliness

"A Single Man" will play at the Old Greenbelt Theatre beginning Friday. The movie is set in 1962 Los Angeles and tells the story of a gay college professor (Colin Firth) who loses his longtime lover in a car accident. His search for meaning in life leads him to contemplate suicide as he goes through the motions of daily existence.

Directed by fashion designer Tom Ford, the movie also stars Julianne Moore.

"A Single Man" is rated R for nudity and mature themes. It runs 1 hour and 39 min.

— Carol Griffith

Letters to the Editor

Puzzling on Power Use

I found one aspect of the January 14 article on Empirian Village's large electrical failure particularly puzzling. In the section headed Electrical Problem, the first sentence states:

"The News Review has learned that management at Empirian Village sought to convert from central heating and air conditioning to more energy efficient individual units with utilities paid by the tenants."

The immediately following sentence states: "The new units required more power to the buildings than the previous central systems provided."

If the new units really are more energy efficient, it seems they should draw less power, not more.

Robert Kessel

THANKS!

On the birthday of Martin Luther King:

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

On this special day I want to say thank you to those who have reached out and assisted our community during the past four months.

The gift cards, donations and resources provided by the residents of Greenbelt, the food boxes provided by UCAP and the tremendous support of Greenbelt CARES with helping to get resources are great gestures of neighbor helping neighbor. It is what we all should be doing to be there for each other no matter how great or small the need.

The collaboration of all to meet needs of those in our community is greatly appreciated by all.

Rosemary Pezzuto, CEO,
Camp Fire USA
Patuxent Area Council

what is not reality. I, for one, am sick and tired of verbal abuse, propaganda and toxic behavior. For intelligent and constructive opinions written to Letters to the Editor, I say "Hip, Hip, Hurray!"

Elaine D. Jones

More Garden Voices

Thank you, Greenbelt News Review, for providing the space and timely forum (1/14/10) in almost five full length columns of letters from Greenbelt gardeners Michel Cavigelli, Wayne Williams, Renata Atkinson and Donna Almquist, as well as a half column letter January 7 from Tom White of the Greenbelt Community Foundation refuting Harriette Phelps' contentions (12/31/09).

It is indeed heartening and quite gratifying to read excellently-crafted responses to hullabaloo ignited by Phelps' and Collette Zanin's (1/7/10) taradiddle.

Experience has taught me that truth will prevail. Now people (particularly city staff and aspiring gardeners) can continue to learn more about community gardening in Greenbelt and decide for themselves what is and

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
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College Park Preschool Education Fair

January 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Teachers from local preschools will hand out information about their programs. Free!

College Park Community Center,
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD 20740.
301-441-2647

There will be refreshments and a Spanish interpreter.

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, January 26, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, January 27, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, January 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

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

GHI Notes

Friday, January 22, Offices closed (Emergency maintenance available: call 301-474-6011).

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., New Member Coffee Social – Board Room

Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

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

Co-op Has Seasonal, Savory Event Wed.

On Wednesday, January 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will offer the next event in their "Seasonal & Savory" cooking demonstrations and sampling series designed to encourage shoppers to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. This event, which coincides with patron appreciation day, will feature the tamarind, a fruit that is a member of the pea family and native to Africa. There will be suggestions for wine pairings and additional recipes available.

Cheese Tasting

The next program will be a cheese tasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 13 featuring Maryland-produced Firefly Farms cheese sold by Co-op.

Co-op "Seasonal & Savory" events are free and open to all.

Councilmember Turner Reads Aloud at GES

On Friday, January 15 Greenbelt's Prince George's County Councilmember, Ingrid Turner, visited Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) to stress the importance of reading by reading to Mrs. Allen's third grade class and providing a chapter book to each student in the class.

Turner believes that children should learn to love to read and says she always enjoys visiting schools and reading aloud to the students. She says, "Reading aloud is especially important because it encourages the children to listen, to ask questions and to see that reading is fun."

Principal Kimberly Seidel said this effort "supports our initiative of reading outside of school and encourages the children to read books that are engaging and interesting." She also says they are appreciative that Turner is so supportive of the school.

Astronomical Society Hears Haxton Jan. 28

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomical Society, to be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center on Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m., will feature a talk by Astronomer Don Haxton on Water in the Solar System.

Haxton, now retired from Goddard and teaching astronomy at Howard Community College, will talk about where water is found other than on Earth. Recent discoveries regarding water on Mars and the moon will be discussed, along with the effect of these discoveries on possible future missions to other planets.

Haxton got his degree in astronomy from the University of Iowa and went to work at Goddard in 1963, staying there over 40 years while working on many projects and serving nearly 20 years as a senior research specialist on the Hubble Space Telescope control team. During those years he spent much of his spare time informing the public about the latest Hubble discoveries and helping young people learn about astronomy.

There is no fee for the program and all are welcome. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham, adjacent to DuVal High School.

ACE Science Club Meets Next Thurs.

The children's ACE Science Club will meet on Thursday, January 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Come enjoy science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more.

The club is free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14. The Science Club will also meet on February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24 and July 22. The ACE Science Club and the ACE Reading Club are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education.

Astronomical Star Parties this Weekend

On Saturday, January 23 the Astronomical Society 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 6 p.m. and stay at the site until about 8 p.m.

On Sunday, January 24 the society will hold a sidewalk astronomy party at the Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café. Members will set up at about 6 p.m.

Bring a new telescope and members will help set it up.

In the event of rain or cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice. For more information visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

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 25 through 29 are:

Monday – Orange juice, barbecue beef on a bun, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh tangerine.

Tuesday – Vegetable soup, roast beef with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, mixed peas and carrots, cherry crisp.

Wednesday – Creamy celery soup, barbecue chicken, black-eyed peas, chopped collards, coconut cake.

Thursday – Grape juice, macaroni and beef casserole, garden salad with dressing, seasoned carrots, Mandarin orange sections.

Friday – Orange-pineapple juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, baked potato with sour cream, chopped kale, yellow Jello with fruit.

Postal Services Available

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

New Nuclear Power Topic of Program

On Sunday, January 31 from 3 to 6 p.m. the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and the Peace & Justice Coalition are sponsoring a free program exploring future energy sources for Maryland. "New Nuclear Power: Renaissance of Nightmare" will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center and will feature a presentation by Michael Mariotte, director of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS), on the issue and the work of the NIRS partner Chesapeake Safe Energy Coalition.

After Mariotte's presentation, those attending are invited to join in a discussion of key questions including whether nuclear power is needed or effective in fighting climate change, whether Marylanders would benefit from the proposed new Calvert Cliffs plant, what it would cost taxpayers and ratepayers, what alternatives are more eco-friendly and cost-effective and what people can do to support the best green response to the climate crisis.

More
Community Events
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Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

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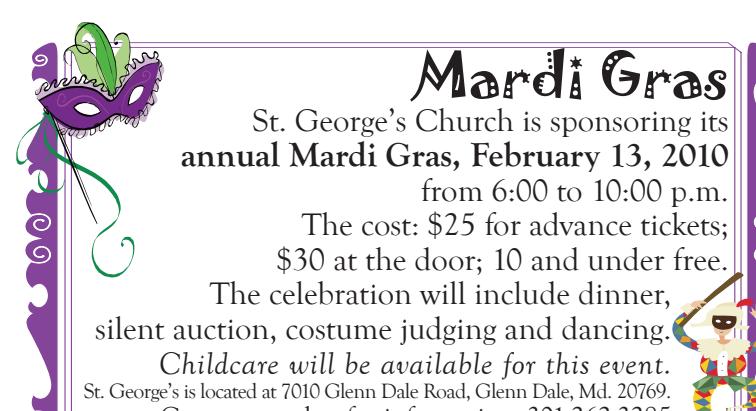
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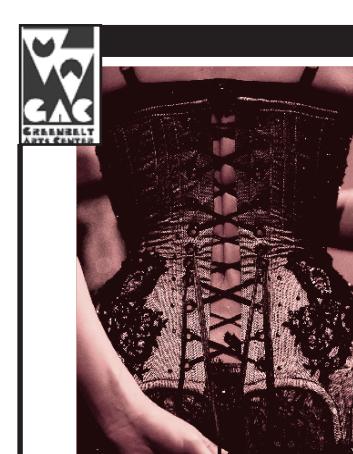
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The Tooth Fairy, PG (!)
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The Spy Next Door, PG (!!)
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The Book of Eli, R (!!)
11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
Legion, R (!)
11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
Avatar, PG-13
11:30, 2:45, 6:20, 9:30
Lovely Bones, PG-13 (!!)
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Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13
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Lovely Bones, PG-13
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Mardi Gras
St. George's Church is sponsoring its annual Mardi Gras, February 13, 2010 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cost: \$25 for advance tickets; \$30 at the door; 10 and under free. The celebration will include dinner, silent auction, costume judging and dancing. Childcare will be available for this event. St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769. Contact number for information: 301-262-3285

Free Lacrosse Clinic!
On Friday, January 29, 2010 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
the Prince George's Lacrosse Club will hold a free lacrosse clinic for boys age 6 to 14 at the University Park Elementary School gymnasium. Players from the University of Maryland's highly-ranked team will work with boys on passing, shooting, dodging and other skills. PGLC plays and practices at Duvall Field in College Park and invites all Greenbelt boys to play this spring. Come out and learn about this great sport! For more information, call 301-927-7943 or visit www.PGLacrosse.com.



Greenbelt Arts Center

Continuing This Weekend

Les Liaisons Dangereuses

January 22-30

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00

Sunday, January 24 at 3:00

Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.

** Contains Adult Situations and Material which will be **
** inappropriate for younger patrons **

Auditions: Moon Over Buffalo - January 25 & 26 at 7:30pm

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

Mishkan Torah Holds Tu B'shevat Seder

On Friday, January 29 at 6 p.m. Mishkan Torah's Karp Family School will sponsor a dairy potluck dinner and Tu B'shevat seder in recognition of a holiday similar to Arbor Day in Israel. This seder, modeled after the Passover seder, is an opportunity to taste and think about the symbolism of some of the fruits and grains native to Israel. Through narrative and song, participants will learn about this ancient holiday and how it relates to contemporary times. The program is for both children and adults.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For more information call 301-474-4223.

Cafh Begins Monthly Meetings Here

On Saturday, January 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. a monthly Cafh path of spiritual unfolding monthly meditation and dialogue series will begin meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. The first meeting will involve practice meditation and dialogue. The topic of the dialogue will be "nothing is permanent, all things are becoming."

More information about Cafh is available at www.cafh.org, by emailing [Francisca Saavedra](mailto:Francisca.Saavedra@gmail.com) at francisca12@gmail.com or calling 240-353-7183.

Hard Bargain Farm Rabies Warning

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has confirmed that a six-week old Jersey calf at the Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center in Accokeek has tested positive for rabies.

Health departments for the state and Prince George's and Charles Counties are searching for anyone who may have been exposed to the calf at the educational center any time since December 21. Anyone who has been close enough to the tan calf with tiny white spots on its face and hindquarter to have come in contact with its saliva may need treatment and should be screened as soon as possible.

Students and visitors to Hard Bargain Farm should call the Prince George's County Health Department at 240-508-5774 or the Charles County Health Department at 240-216-4055/240-299-2693.

AARP to Offer Tax Assistance Here

Beginning on February 9 the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free federal and state income tax assistance to local residents every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will end on April 15.

This year help will be offered at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 in the Banquet Room. Starting January 25 appointments can be made by calling the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) at 301-507-6580.

Legion Post #136 is at 6900 Greenbelt Road. Enter from the back of the building.

Scholarship Program Accepts Applications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for the National Scholars Program for the 2010 academic school year. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors may apply. Applications are due by February 1.

Since the program began in 1992, USDA has funded over 500 scholarships that include full tuition, fees, books, computer and printer use and employee benefits for the four years the recipient is pursuing a degree. The agency then hires the scholar upon graduation. There is a one-year employment commitment for each year the scholarship is received.

The scholarship program is a partnership initiative between USDA, the 1890 Land Grant Universities and Tuskegee University. It is designed to expand diversity in USDA through recruitment of talented students into public service in agriculture and related fields, including food sciences, natural resource sciences and agricultural sciences.

For details or to download the application go to <http://www.usda.gov/1890programs.html>.

Governor's Wellmobile At SHL School Mon.

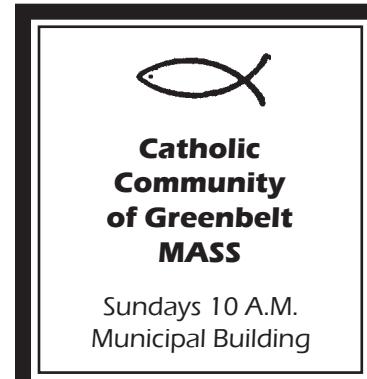
The Governor's Wellmobile is scheduled to be at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Monday, January 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (It is regularly scheduled to be there the second and fourth Monday of every month).

City Notes

Refuse and Recycling collected 27.72 tons of refuse and 14.27 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Community Center staff reports that preparation for the satellite office of the Greenbelt library continues. The room has been cleared out, locks changed and meetings with IT, librarian and maintenance staff took place.

CARES Director Liz Park was elected as chair of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB) for a third term. MAYSB is a statewide organization made up of the directors of 19 Youth Services Bureaus in Maryland. MAYSB's mission is "to serve as a positive force in improving the lives and well-being of children and their families by promoting innovative, effective, community-based approaches for prevention, early intervention, diversion and treatment services throughout the State of Maryland."



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



Welcome you to our open, nurturing community



January 24, 10 a.m.

"We Begin Again in Love" by Rev. Diane Teichert, with Don Henderson, worship associate

Ours is a covenantal, not creedal religion. We covenant at the national and congregational levels. At times we fail to live up to our promises.

What do we do when that makes us angry?

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Kids' Clothing Swap This Weekend

A winter "kids' clothing and such swap" will be held on Saturday, January 23 (snow date Saturday, January 30) from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multi-purpose Room. Bring clean and safe clothing for newborns to 18 months; maternity, nursing; kids' shoes, hats, coats, blankets; books, toys; feeding supplies; and slings/infant carriers, etc. to share with parents and children in the community. Don't forget to bring shopping bags.

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A bake sale to benefit UNICEF for Haiti has been added.

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Local Lacrosse Club Sponsors Free Clinic

The Prince George's Lacrosse Club (PGLC) is sponsoring a free lacrosse clinic on Friday, January 29 from 8 to 9 p.m. for boys age 6 to 14 at the University Park Elementary School gymnasium. PGLC fields four teams in the Southern Maryland Lacrosse Association; it plays and practices at Duvall Field in College Park.

Jim Ulwick, spokesman for PGLC, said "We'd love to see lots of Greenbelt kids come to our clinic. Our coaches and players from the University of Maryland will teach the boys the proper ways to throw and catch, to shoot and to play defense. It will be a great introduction to lacrosse and should be a lot of fun."

Boys are needed for all four teams and every boy on the team will play in every game, regardless of ability or experience. PGLC's season starts in mid-March and runs through mid-May. For more information visit the club website at www.PGLacrosse.com or call Jim Ulwick at 301-927-7943.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

Pianist Amy C. Kraft plays Thursday mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. on January 21. The weekly open microphone session is held from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 22 Café Piano Man John Guernsey plays upbeat jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Repeats every Friday and Saturday.) From 8 to 11 p.m. Busted Tail Light plays "twangy" folk music.

Saturday, January 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. the 17th Street Capital Dixieland Band will play, led by Greenbelt clarinetist Bob Garber. Classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m., it's all rock, southern and folk with Kid Goat.

Chill out on Sunday, January 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Jim Stimson's Renaissance lute playing (first and fourth Sundays). From 3 to 4:30 p.m., the Onion Jazz Workshop gives their January Sunday serenades. Onion is a "straight-ahead" jazz trio formed from Café jazz jams, with Brian Bullock on piano, David Whittaker on bass and Jeffrey Swers on sax. From 5 to 8 p.m. sway to Hawaii's soft wind-blown "Lele-huna" rains, with Hawaiian music and dance.

Next Week

Steve Haug plays folk songs from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. On Wednesday, January 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Café will feature Brazilian pop/samba with Bandidos de Ipanema.

Thursday, January 28 is the last Thursday of the month, when the Songwriters Association of Washington hosts open microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 29 Kiva, a percussive, acoustic, world beat ensemble inspired by many cultures, spiritual disciplines and musical styles plays from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, January 30 will feature guitar playing by Steve Pollack from noon to 3 p.m. and acoustic guitar by Dar Stellabotta from 8 to 11 p.m. The month ends on Sunday, January 31 with John Bolten and Crew playing new Americana music from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**January 25, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Census 2010 Briefing

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

Minutes of Council Meetings

- * - Interviews, January 11, 2010
- * - Regular Meeting, January 11, 2010
- Executive Session, January 6, 2010

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #09-4 (Change in Contribution/Recognition Groups Budget Form and Review Process)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Utopia Community Development Software for the Department of Planning and Community Development from Perconti Data Systems, Incorporated, of St. Petersburg, Florida, at a cost not to exceed \$21,000
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Recycling Report – Rolling Cart Pilot Program
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report No. 2010-01 (Three Sisters Demonstration Garden Project)
- Police Mutual Aid Agreement
- * 15. Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * 16. Resignation from Advisory Group

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@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: **Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and the Youth Advisory Committee**

For more info call 301-474-8000.

FOR CITY NEWS AND INFORMATION VISIT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Bob, Pee Wee, Tango & Jango, Martin and Duke on their adoption.



Tom: Special needs male tabby cat. FIV positive. Super sweet and friendly.

Pumpkin Pie: Buff and White colored long haired female. Very friendly.



Cinnamon: High energy and very playful female 11/2 years old white Jack Russell mix.



Shannon: Long-Haired female torti. Beautiful cat!

Frosty: Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old.



Pelka: Older male gray tabby. Friendly and loving.



Cinnamon says THANK YOU! to Brian and Donna Almquist for all the special care they provide to her!

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Animal Shelter, located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124. **KITTY LITTER NEEDED!** Please drop off at the shelter any time.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 25-29

Monday, January 25, 2010, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, at the Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and www.greenbeltdmd.gov.

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, at College Park.

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
at Public Works Yard**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only), alkaline batteries taped on one end. Also collected – expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.
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For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

GREENBELT SENIOR CENTER TRIP OPENINGS

There are still seats available to see "I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change" at Toby's in Columbia (10am-4pm) on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 AND "Ain't Misbehavin'" at Toby's in Baltimore (9:30am-4:30pm) on Thursday, Feb. 25. Each show is \$60 residents and \$70 non-residents and both are now open to any adult who would like to join us. The cost includes transportation, lunch, show, and all gratuities. The bus leaves from the library parking lot at the beginning times listed above.

The Greenbelt Senior Center has just set up a new trip to see the Terra Cotta Warriors at National Geographic on February 18, 2010. Registrations for any senior citizen are now being accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in joining us, the \$27 resident rate includes transportation, entrance to see the warriors and an individual audio tour listening device. Lunch is on your own at the California Grill. The bus will leave from the library parking lot at 10:30am and return by 3:30pm. You may register at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information. Remember, seats are limited and this is first come, first served!

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee.

Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltdmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants soon.

SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

THE CAMPS PROGRAMS BROCHURE FOR 2010 IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV. REGISTRATION IS NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY THE GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

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wanted to study."

Sexism

Kalnay was surprised to discover prejudice at MIT. She thought the school would be even more advanced than those in Argentina, where she recalled nearly 40 percent of the meteorology students were women. But at MIT she was the only one.

Some of her professors expressed skepticism about her field of study. A fellow student told Kalnay that he had felt sorry for her at first because she was the only woman and a Latina. But he said he stopped pitying her as soon as he heard her answer the professors' questions.

Against her mother's wishes, Kalnay married and had a child while a student. In 1971, by the time her son, Jorge Rivas, was 18 months old, Kalnay achieved a place in MIT history by becoming the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in meteorology.

The ongoing violence in Argentina prevented Kalnay's return. But Garcia had stayed in contact with his star student and she joined him at the University of Uruguay as an assistant professor of meteorology. Once again her plans were interrupted by political unrest. "The military took over," said Kalnay. "Many of my friends disappeared during the 1970s and beginning of the '80s."

Kalnay and her family returned to MIT in 1973, where she accepted a research assistantship. Making history again in 1977, Kalnay became the first female professor of meteorology at the university. But Edward Lorenz, the department chair, informed her she did not get tenure.

Milt Halem, chair of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Global Modeling and Simulation Branch, learned of Kalnay's predicament and that she was also undergoing a divorce. In 1979, he invited her to put that predicament behind her and join his team. She accepted and found her home in Greenbelt. She also found love. In 1981 she wed Malice Dick, a transportation economist with the World Bank.

Kalnay says Halem was a good mentor: "He was always confrontational and sort of forcing you to explain the more to grow." And grow she did. In 1984 Kalnay became branch chair when Halem left.

Kalnay was nervous about her new position. "All the members of the branch were very, very good scientists," said Kalnay. "They were tough and competitive."

Collaboration

Fearing she could not lead the outspoken scientists, Kalnay tried out a collaboration method she had learned from a Quaker and was amazed to discover it worked. Thereafter, colleague David Randall began referring to the branch as the People's Republic of Kalnay.

At NASA, Kalnay developed the Fourth Order Global Model, a numerical model of the atmosphere that was widely used for more than 15 years for forecasting experiments and data assimilation.

In 1987 Bill Bonner, director of NOAA's National Meteorological Center (NMC) invited her to join his team and become director of the Environmental Modeling Center. Kalnay took charge and once again began by applying the

consensus model.

But she found it necessary to change her style. "Naturally I speak very softly," explained Kalnay. Her colleagues would interrupt her when she talked. "They did that a lot. And I would get strong and interrupt but with a loud voice."

Her achievements also rose in volume and the interrupting stopped. Kalnay launched a series of advancements at NMC, which later became the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP). Bonner recalled that she inspired people, particularly young scientists. "She was so enthusiastic herself that that was just contagious."

Forecasting

Kalnay and Zoltan Toth developed ensemble forecasting, which eventually effected the expansion of two- and three-day weather forecasts into today's seven-day predictions. "She was a leader in developing techniques which have led gradually over the years to tremendous increases in forecast skill and the range of forecasts," said Bonner.

Then Kalnay started to go backward. She led her team to reprocess all the weather data reaching back to 1948. Kalnay published the results in the NCEP/NCAR 50-Year Reanalysis with Robert Kistler as technical manager. "Her '96 paper is one of the most cited papers in all of geosciences," said Jack Hayes, National Weather Service director.

After 10 years at the helm of the modeling center, Kalnay stepped down. Her late husband Malice Dick influenced the decision. "He kept telling me power corrupts," Kalnay said, laughing. (Her husband died in June 2007.)

She stayed on at NCEP as a senior scientist. Then in 1998 she accepted a position as the Lowry Chair in the School of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma.

The University of Maryland recruited her in 1999. Kalnay accepted and returned home to Greenbelt. She found her home at the university, too, where she serves as Distinguished Univer-

sity Professor for the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science and mom to her doctoral students.

Kalnay said she is happy at the university among collaborative

colleagues. But what she likes most is her students. "I have had brilliant, brilliant students," explained Kalnay. "It's like I am young and I am discovering things with them."

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Executive Session - Business Matter

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Tub Reglazing Contract, 2010-2013 – 2nd Reading
- Waste Disposal Contract, 2010-2013 – 2nd Reading
- Yard Line Certification: 8 Court Plateau
- Request from Member to Erect a Greenhouse in Common Area at 12E Ridge
- Proposed Rules Regarding Security Equipment on GHI Homes
- Proposed Charter for Ad-Hoc Committee to Review WSSC Pipe Replacement Project Plan
- Report on 2009 Community Beautification Program

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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

January 9, 5:59 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A person was approached and assaulted by three males who took the person's jacket and fled on foot. They are described as three males, one wearing a black jacket, the second wearing a furry brown jacket and gloves and the third wearing orange Nike boots and a black hat.

Burglaries

January 11, 9:51 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A circular saw and stepladder were taken.

January 14, 7:06 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. Two televisions were taken.

There was an attempted burglary on January 8, 6:31 p.m., in the 6900 block Lady Anne Court.

Vandalism

January 10, 4:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Paint was spilled on a stairwell landing.

January 13, 10:28 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was found on a building's walls, door and stairwell.

Vehicle Crimes

Six vehicles were reported stolen, two of which were recovered. Cars not recovered were: January 8, 7800 block Emily's Way (tan 1990 Nissan Maxima with MD tags); January 12, 7900 block Lakecrest Drive (purple 1992 Honda Accord with MD tags); January 13, 19 Court Ridge Road (tan 1995 Saturn with MD tags) and on January 14; Springhill Court at Springhill Drive (black 2008 Honda Civic with

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

MD tags).

A gray 1998 Chrysler Town and Country van stolen on January 9 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered January 10 in the 4800 block Meade Street, NE, Washington, D.C. with no arrests made. A white 2003 Nissan Pathfinder stolen on January 9 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road was recovered January 14 in the 5100 block College Avenue in College Park with no arrests made.

A white 1993 Honda Civic reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered January 12 on Kenilworth Avenue at Greenbelt Road with no arrests made.

Stolen tags were recovered on a vehicle in the 7800 block Somerset Court, for which a 32-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with theft under \$100. He was released on citation pending trial.

There were three cases of thefts from autos. 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (rear FL tag) and 100 block Westway (car DVD player). In the 9300 block Edmonston Road two purses were taken but later recovered in a nearby creek with no arrests made.

Five cases of vandalism were reported, two in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive (tail light broken, bumper damaged), 100 block Centerway (door lock damaged), 6600 block Springcrest Drive (items thrown on a vehicle), Gardenway at Crescent Road (car door lock damaged).

AG's Office Warns Of Charity Scams

In the wake of the Haiti earthquake many will want to help and it is very important that people be sure their donations are actually going to earthquake victims. The unscrupulous are all too ready to take advantage of the situation to line their own pockets. This led the Maryland Attorney General's office to issue the following charitable giving reminders:

Make donations to established charities and make them with checks or credit cards, not cash. Confirm that the charity (and paid fundraiser if one is involved) is registered with the Maryland Secretary of State by calling 1-800-825-4510 or visiting www.sos.state.md.us/charity/charityhome.aspx. It is also important to determine how much of the donation goes toward charitable work and how much to administrative costs and/or fundraising.

Consumers should be skeptical of unsolicited email solicitation from organizations they do not recognize or those organized solely in response to the earthquake. It pays to remember that bogus charities often pick names and logos similar to recognized organizations in the hope that people will be unwary. More information on charitable giving may be found on the Attorney General's website at www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/tip42.htm

Smell Gas?
(Sulfur or rotten eggs)
Call Washington Gas Light
800-752-7520 or 911

In the Spirit of Dr. M.L. King Locals Answer a Call to Help



Members of Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance and over 65 others participated in a day of service at Springhill Lake Elementary School to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteers painted bathrooms, hallways, bold borders on the cafeteria walls, and a mural. They also painted college logos on framed mats to hang in the hallways. Greater D.C. Cares organized the event and 75 others in the metropolitan area. Pictured are: Lore Rosenthal, Emmett Jordan, Sandra Lange, Laura Bonkosky, Bob Rand, Shirley Middleton and David Lange. Other GNA participants (not pictured) included Johanna Goderre Jones, Ann Landry Lombardi and Cynthia Newcomer.

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1 as the date for a further hearing after receipt of the inspection report. If for any reason the rent escrow matter is not completed by February 5, Miller and Otis can deposit their monthly rent of \$1,462 with the Clerk of the District Court and not pay Empirian Village.

Rent Escrow Law

Maryland law provides tenants with rent escrow actions as a mechanism for encouraging the repair of serious and dangerous defects in rental property. The law states that it is the public policy of Maryland that meaningful sanctions be imposed on those who allow dangerous conditions to exist in leased premises.

Tenants whose landlord fails to repair a serious and dangerous problem can, with the approval of a judge, deposit their rent with the Clerk of the Court instead of paying a negligent landlord. The landlord must be notified and given a reasonable time to repair before a rent escrow will be established.

Miller and Otis are not the only tenants at Empirian Village to take advantage of this provision of the law and seek judicial intervention because of maintenance issues. The Maryland Judiciary Case Search (<http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/inquiry/inquiry-index.jsp>) indicates that 52 Rent Escrow actions have been initiated against Empirian Village since July 2008. Most of these cases have been dismissed or closed because the tenant plaintiffs failed to appear for a scheduled court hearing. Some cases were dismissed because the tenant did not give (or did not have a certified mail receipt for) notice to the landlord of the need for repair.

However, after reviewing the somewhat complicated docket entries on the online information system, the News Review identified four cases in which the tenant was currently paying rent into escrow with the court and another three cases that had not yet had an initial hearing.

Update

The News Review has learned that the displaced Empirian Village residents are now back in their apartments. Half of the tenants displaced on January 2 were able to return beginning on the evening of Thursday, January 14, with the remainder back home by Tuesday, January 19.

Recycling Tips – Paper/Cardboard

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept the following Paper/Cardboard items: newspapers and inserts (plastic bags removed), computer and office paper, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, cereal and food product boxes (liners removed), corrugated cardboard packing boxes, computer printouts, books (including paperbacks, textbooks, and hardbacks), brown paper bags, non-metallic wrapping paper, and plastic coated boxes such as frozen food boxes.



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Council also discussed the business climate in Greenbelt. The mayor noted that stores have gone dark. She encouraged Greenbelt residents to shop at the stores of their local merchants.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked about the condition of businesses on Hanover Parkway. In response, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reminded council that the city has no economic development function (which would more closely track the business climate); nevertheless, he said the city will have a better understanding of its commercial sector following the reports of property assessment results (which should be available soon).

Jordan suggested the city undertake a systematic look at the whole economic situation in the city. Councilmember Rodney Roberts reminded his colleagues that he knows everyday about the small business environment since he is a small-business person.

Later in the evening when discussing upcoming meeting schedules and the pre-budget worksession with the city manager scheduled for January 20, the mayor inquired of the city manager, "Shall we wear black?" The city manager indicated that – at least for this year – the city should be fine.

Three Sisters Gardens

Council accepted a report from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) on the proposed Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens. The Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS), a local 501c(3) non-profit organization, proposes to establish three demonstration gardens in the three areas of Greenbelt (west, center and east).

The proposed gardens will provide a gardening opportunity for urban dwellers to understand where food comes from and participate in its production. The sponsors hope the project will also promote Chesapeake Bay-friendly gardening and landscaping to help ameliorate run-off to the Bay, intergenerational and inter-geographic area community building and creative expression through art integrated with gardens.

CHEARS has received a \$1,500 grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation for its project. The grant is contingent, however, on identifying garden areas no later than February 28. Although CHEARS is not seeking financial resources from the city, the organization requests that initial sites be located on city-owned property so that the deadline can be met.

The GreenACES report states that Assistant Director of Public Works for Parks and Grounds Leslie Riddle strongly supports the project as consistent with her goals of more environmentally friendly sustainable landscaping throughout Greenbelt. GreenACES members voted unanimously in support of the demonstration gardens project.

Council accepted the GreenACES report for inclusion on a future meeting agenda; Leta Mach and Jordan, councilmembers who serve on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Community Foundation, abstained from the vote.

Fence Payment

Council approved a negotiated purchase resolution of \$23,058 for a fence already installed around the rear parking lot of the police

station. (Council must approve payments exceeding \$10,000 unless the vendor is on the city's negotiated-purchase list.)

Since city staff had been unable to secure multiple bids for the work but had determined that Long Fence's cost offer was competitive and by a known vendor and, believing that Long Fence was on the negotiated-purchase list, city staff had proceeded with the project.

Council approval of the project, after completion rather than before contract execution, was necessary because Long Fence had not been on the negotiated-purchase list.

Mixed Use Zoning

Department of Planning & Community Development Assistant Director Terri Hraby provided an update to council on proposed new zoning categories and associated design regulations for selected urban centers and corridor nodes. The matter was scheduled to be considered by the Planning Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee of the Prince George's County Council on Tuesday, January 12. Hraby provided information about changes to the proposal since it was first presented to council last summer.

The purpose of the new regulations is to promote high quality development in designated areas by addressing what developers consider uncertainty in the current process and creating an expedited approval process. Developers have considered the existing rules problematic.

The proposed new zoning categories are intended to induce developers to do business in the selected nodes and corridors because the process would be simplified and approval less time-consuming with public comment "front loaded."

Since the proposed zoning changes were introduced, the legislation has been revised to allow greater public input later in the site plan review process. The measure still disregards direct municipal involvement throughout the planning and zoning process.

Council voted to send a letter to the PZED committee expressing concern about the provisions of the proposed zoning categories. City staff will follow the proposed legislation closely and prepare detailed comments for council review and discussion before a public hearing on the matter.

Block Grants

Again this year Greenbelt will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This will involve Empirian Village, the city's only eligible neighborhood.

The city will request \$60,000 to \$70,000 for street improvements to include street and sidewalk reconstruction, installation of concrete bus pads and traffic calming/landscape improvements along city streets.

City staff also recommends seeking an additional \$40,000 in CDBG funds so that Greenbelt CARES can offer GED and ESOL classes, conduct Intergenerational Strengthening Families Workshops and provide assistance services for Empirian Village youth and families.

Bus Shelters

Assistant Director of Planning Terri Hraby told council that the Transportation Planning Board and Washington-Metropolitan

Area Transit Authority staff are assembling a regional package of bus stop improvements to compete for a Federal Transit Authority Livability Bus Program grant. Staff is looking into program eligibility requirements to determine if a city area is qualified and, if so, to meet the application deadline of Wednesday, January 13.

(The News Review has learned that city staff did submit a proposal for Empirian Village titled "Greenbelt West Residential Bus Stop Improvement Program." Recommended projects include installation of bus shelters and improvements to existing shelters/pads for handicap accessibility including concrete pads and handicap ramps.)

Other Matters

Davis thanked the Public Works Department for its efforts during the blizzard of 2009. McLaughlin informed council that two contractors had been retained to haul dump trucks full of snow to the Northway dump site; there had been too much snow to just plow it off of the streets, he said. The city is seeking Federal Emergency Management Agency help to cover these costs but this event may not qualify for assistance.

Councilmember Konrad Herring asked if the city could manage another 20-inch snowfall. The city manager responded that snow removal is not optional. Additional snow removal, if necessary, would be a priority for the city.

Craftstar Asks For Meeting Delay

On January 12 Craftstar Homes, the company currently planning a development on the Greenbelt Metro Station South Core site, requested a delay in meeting with the Prince George's County Planning Board, which was originally scheduled for January 14.

According to Craftstar Homes, the company is currently in negotiation with the City of Greenbelt concerning architectural plans for the project. They requested a continuance until March 14.

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Beltsville Garden Club Has Expert Speakers Monthly

by Sandra A. Lange

The Beltsville Garden Club (BGC) has been meeting regularly for the past 58 years and has many Greenbelt members. BGC hosts monthly meetings where expert horticulturists speak on a variety of topics. The next general meeting is on Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., in the James E. Duckworth School cafeteria in Beltsville.

University of Maryland (UMD) Professor of Urban Forestry Marla McIntosh will present an overview of the landscapes on the UMD campus. Her talk, "Nature at the University of Maryland: Telling the Secrets of an Urban Forest," will focus on the 22-acre "Wooded Hill-

ock," a wooded forest that in the spring is awash with blooming native azaleas, rhododendrons and mountain laurel as well as the secretive lady slipper.

McIntosh's latest UMD course is "Greening Cities: Who Wins, Who Loses and Who Cares." She was the 2009 UMD director of the Campus Arboretum and Botanical Garden and helped establish the designation TreeCam-

pusUSA at UMD. In addition to monthly general meetings, BGC sends out a monthly newsletter, organizes tours and plant sales and hosts an annual Peach Festival.

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In honor of America Recycles Day, the public works department conducted its annual "Recycle Right" contest. At the December 14 council meeting, five residents were recognized for their recycling activities – one from each of the recycling routes and one from a contract route. The winners won new bright blue bins identifying them as contest winners, plus prizes from the Metropolitan Council of Governments, Mom's Organic Market and College Park REI. Public Works Department employee Luisa Robles (right) congratulates winners Dina Sykes, Elaine Hendricks, Julie Faulkner and Paul Rall. Larry Brown was not present.

Arts Integration, Board Certified Teachers and Tricycles at GES

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) is continuing to focus its attention on moving toward becoming an Arts Integration school. Arts integration is part of a burgeoning statewide and national movement to increase arts in education. Research increasingly points to the importance of this initiative. According to the Kennedy Center's "Changing Education through the Arts" partnership, the proven benefits of an arts integrated curriculum are higher test scores, improved student behavior with less disciplinary referrals and higher attendance. The school has applied for and received over \$10,000 in grant monies for arts education.

"Integrating arts into the curriculum goes beyond developing children's artistic abilities," declared music teacher Dara Case. "All children learn differently. Arts provide a well rounded way to appeal to children's different learning styles – to 'show what they know' in a way that crosses language borders, cognitive abilities and even physical challenges."

GES teachers volunteered part of their last summer's vacation to poised the school to take a giant step toward an arts integrated curriculum. In July five teachers and the principal attended the intensive Maryland Artist-Teacher Institute program. Teachers spent 15-hour days learning to develop new lesson plans, to make contacts and to attend workshops that focused on bringing a range of arts – puppetry, poetry, drama, dance, visual arts and music – into the classroom. Principal Kimberly Seidel and teachers Dara Case, Robin Godfrey, Lynne Maydag, Juanita Malone and Beth Novick represented the school.

The school is committed to continued growth at all levels of education. Two teachers, Beth Novick and Lisa Mackey-Hazel, recently earned National Board Certification status. This endeavor requires real dedication by the teachers.

Change begins at the kindergarten level. Kindergarten students will be visited by three different teaching artists this year,

featuring new play-oriented learning centers such as puppetry.

Tricycles

The school was just awarded \$1,000 by school board member Ingrid Turner to purchase playground tricycles to increase the variety of physical activity.

Music teachers Dara Case and Darelynn Fung are focusing on a variety of innovative and award winning musical activities in singing and instrumental music. In addition, there will be three performance assemblies, teacher trainings and in-class workshops with three different acclaimed, professional teaching artists. They will show teachers how to integrate drama, Latin music and African dance into the academic curriculum.

Many of these activities are being funded in part by the school PTA and a \$4,000 grant recently received from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. PTA President Mimi Noorani described the Arts in Action project as a program that will help the school make arts integration a sustainable school activity.

Take Winter Trek At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following program:

Winter Walk: Sunday, January 24, 9 to 11:30 a.m., for all ages. Take a winter walk through the forest to learn how to identify trees and seedheads. Discover what may be blooming at this time of year. Field guides are recommended.

Newton White Mansion Site of Bridal Show

Engaged couples, their parents and members of the bridal party are all welcome at a bridal show from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 31 at Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville. The event will feature caterers, florists, planners and more with creative ideas and suggestions to make any wedding day perfect.

The Newton White Mansion is at 2708 Enterprise Road and is one of the wedding venues owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation. There is a small admission fee. No reservations are necessary.

For more information on the event call Leslie Long at 301-249-2004. For more information about M-NCPPC wedding venues visit the website at www.pglegantsettings.com.

Aviation Museum Holds Art Contest

The College Park Aviation Museum is holding an art contest open to grades K-12 and college students. All forms of artwork are accepted. The top entries will be on display at the museum and a prize will be awarded to the winner of each category.

Call 301-864-6029 for more information or visit www.collegparkaviationmuseum.com. The entry deadline is April 30.

Get Rid of Clutter

It's Japanese tradition to thoroughly clean at the dawn of a new year. It's a good time to go through the house to get rid of what is not needed. Ways to responsibly purge include hosting a swap party, donating to thrift stores and recycling and Freecycling when possible.

– Sierra Club

WSSC Submits Rates, Budget for Comment

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Fiscal Year 2011 Preliminary Budget, which includes higher rates to cover increasing operational costs, has been released for public review and comment. Public hearings have been set for February 3 and 4 with an inclement weather date of February 10 at WSSC in Laurel.

The proposed \$1.1 billion Capital and Operating Budget includes a 9.5 percent rate increase to pay for higher sewage treatment costs and provide funding for inspection and repair of the area's aging infrastructure. The rate increase will add approximately \$5.11 per month to the average residential bill. Substantial cuts (\$67 million) had been made to the FY2010 budget in an effort to hold down costs.

After the public comment period, the budget will be reviewed and voted on by the commission before being transmitted to the Prince George's and Montgomery County executives and councils for review and approval.

The budget is available at www.wsscwater.com/budget, by telephone at 301-206-8100 or at WSSC offices in Room 1063, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel. The Prince George's County hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3 at the RMS Building, Room 308, 1400 McCormick Drive in Largo. The Montgomery County hearing will be held on Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Rockville. Those wishing to speak at either hearing must call the WSSC Budget Group at 301-206-8110 to be placed on the speakers' list in advance. Written statements may be submitted until February 16 and sent to scohen@wsscwater.com or mailed to Ms. Sheila S. Cohen, Budget Group Leader, WSSC; 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707.

Wilbur's Workshop At Aviation Museum

On Tuesday, January 26 at 3 p.m. participants can sample a taste of the work that went into making early aircraft with a rib-making demonstration in Wilbur's Hangar at the College Park Aviation Museum. Come watch as a 1909 Wright wing rib is constructed. One lucky person will win the rib to take home. The workshop is free with regular museum admission.

Kid's Peter Pan Club Meets at Museum

Youngsters up to five years old are invited to attend the Peter Pan Club every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. The club includes storytime and hands-on craft activities. The club will meet next on Thursday, January 28. This activity is free with regular museum admission.

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