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#### **JANUARY 27, 2011**

## Council Accepts GHI Request, Opposes Metroland Stream Move

#### by Kathleen Gallagher

It was a cold dark night but there was a sea of blue in the City Council room on January 24 as members of the Greenbelt Police Department turned out to witness the swearing-in of their newest colleague. Other actions on the agenda included a petition from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for the city to vacate right-of-way on Crescent Road, a permit application with environmental impact on a stream at Greenbelt Station and approval of small grants to local schools.

#### Oath of Office

Chief James Craze introduced Mark Holden, who came to Greenbelt from four years with the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service. His duties included providing protection to the White House complex, as well as for foreign diplomatic missions. He previously worked for the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Police Department and is also a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office and members of Council welcomed Holden to



Mayor Judith Davis administers the oath of office to Greenbelt's newest police officer, Mark Holden, accompanied by Chief of Police James R. Craze. Councilmember Rodney Roberts listens from the dais.

the city. After expressing his enthusiasm about his new position, Holden introduced his wife, Catalina.

Chief Craze added that the department has also hired three additional recruits who, unlike Holden, are inexperienced and must attend the police academy before becoming officers. With the eventual addition of these three, the department will once again have a full complement of sworn officers.

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## Greenbelt, New Deal Café On BBC World News Tues.

#### by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt and area residents viewing the 5:30 p.m. BBC World News on Maryland Public Television Channel 22 on Tuesday evening were surprised to see a segment filmed at the Roosevelt Center and the New Deal Café relating to President Obama's State of the Union speech later that evening. With up-to-date footage of Roosevelt Center and the New Deal Café, BBC's Washington Correspondent framed her report on the State of the Union focused on the economy and harkened back to the late 1930s when the Roosevelt administration created the "New Deal" to create jobs for Americans out of work during the depression.

In the video clip she met Velma R. Hart, the young mother who confronted President Obama at a September 20 CNBC Town Hall Meeting about her disappointment with where the country was and that she was exhausted with defending him.

In the New Deal Café setting, Hart, who lost her job following the CNBC Forum, told the BBC correspondent that she was optimistic about her job prospects as well as the prospects of the President, believing that he has been much clearer and more dynamic since the mid-term elections. "Jobs are the priority now," she said "I want to hear specifically what he's going to do to create jobs."

The Greenbelt segment included vintage footage of early Greenbelt and up to date footage of Roosevelt Center and the New Deal Café.

## <u>A Review</u> "Doubt: A Parable" at GAC Is Superbly Done Drama

#### by Carol Griffith

Congratulations to frequent actor Bob Kleinberg on his debut as director for "Doubt: A Parable" now showing at the Greenbelt Arts Center. It is a superb production in every way.

The taut drama takes place in 1964 at a Catholic church and its elementary school in New York. The foreboding first scene is of the parish priest, Father Flynn, giving a sermon about the "alienating sorrow of a crisis in faith."

Sister Aloysius is the very strict, even somewhat sadistic principal of the school, who erodes the innocence and vivacity of a young teacher, Sister James, encouraging her to report all she sees and hears. When Sister James casually mentions that student. In her quest to expose Father Flynn, Sister Aloysius calls in the boy's mother, with surprising results.

The action builds to a dramatic conclusion which leaves several questions unanswered, such as whether Father Flynn is guilty of abuse. Members of the audience are left to their own interpretation and . . . doubt.

The four actors, all new to the GAC stage, have impressive resumes to match their talents. Michelle Trout plays the role of Sister Aloysius with the perfect amount of self-righteous cruelty. This is tempered by Caity Brown's performance as the innocent and bubbly Sister James.

Aurelia L. Spencer, as Mrs.

## Another Tight Budget Is Forecast And Creates Concerns for Council

#### by Thomas X. White

It was not a Happy New Year for the Greenbelt City Council at the Wednesday, January 19 Prebudget Briefing Worksession held at the Community Center. City Treasurer Jeff Williams presented an update on city finances and some projections on expected year-end results and for the next fiscal year. City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented a list of

a relatively recent event to have been placed on the city council's schedule. Until seven or eight years ago, no such discussions between council and the city manager were held prior to the management's submission of the budget. Now such an early meeting has become institutionalized.

As it has evolved, it consists of staff reports on latest figures for the current year's budget and information the staff can provide on expected outlooks for specific revenues, expenditures, the overall fiscal climate for the city and a general request from the city manager for council suggestions, advice or guidance before the annual budget process gets fully underway. property assessment information received last February from the state. It also believes that some of the tax receipts shortfall will be offset by a reverse situation where the city's FY11 budget expectation for abatements now appears to be excessive. The FY11 budget for abatements is \$540,000, while as of the end of December only \$170,286 has been abated.

options for balancing the next fiscal year budget on his assumption that expected revenue increases will be less than future expenditure demands.

Although Williams and McLaughlin felt that some of the news they presented was encouraging, overall, council was not thrilled. Mayor Judith Davis' first comment was, ". . . it's a real downer." McLaughlin's response, ". . . it is better than we expected."

While councilmembers were willing to take a look at possibly balancing the budget by raising some fees, refinancing city debt and cutting programs, they were unanimous in expressing their unwillingness to raise property taxes.

All councilmembers attended the work session as did one resident who left early and made no comment.

This pre-budget worksession is

#### **FY11 Financial Report**

Williams' financial report provided a glimpse of the revenues and expenditures at the half-way point in the current fiscal year. Revenues are 77.6 percent of the adopted budget compared with 78.9 percent at this point in last year's budget and 73.3 percent historically.

These slightly higher than normal revenues have occurred even though real estate tax receipts, less credits, are \$503,019 lower than the adopted budget. Staff attributes this shortfall to erroneous Abatements are situations where property owners successfully challenge the state's assessment of their property.

Another encouraging trend reported by Williams is that the revenues the city receives from income taxes and from the hotel/motel occupancy taxes are trending positively. Staff projects that if those revenues continue on their current path, the city will end FY11 (in June) approximately \$85,000 higher on income taxes and \$90,000 higher than on hotel/motel occupancy taxes than the adopted budget estimates.

Another positive note is that the city now expects to receive federal reimbursement of about \$92,000 for the twin snowmageddon storms experienced last year.

On the expenditure side, the financial report shows that for the

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Father Flynn took a male student to the rectory alone and the boy returned smelling of alcohol, the plot is set in motion.

When confronted, Flynn gives a plausible reason for his actions, injecting the issue of race into the plot as the boy is the school's first African-American Muller, mother of the presumably abused boy, gives her role the right amount of despair and motherly love. Brendan Murray's boyish charm, covering a steely interior, lends believability to the role of Father Flynn.

See "DOUBT," page 12

#### What Goes On

Monday, January 31

7 to 9 p.m., Family Fit Night, Greenbelt Youth Center Tuesday, February 1

7 p.m., Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

#### Wednesday, February 2

**7:30 p.m.,** Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt West Sector Plan Update Presentation by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Community Center, Room 114 (Senior Classroom)

## **Letters to the Editor**

### City's Parkway Widening Concern Gets Federal Dept. of Transportation Reply

The following is the U.S. Department of Transportation's January 14 response to the city's letter of December 21, reprinted in the January 6 issue.

#### Dear Mayor Davis:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about the planned study of the feasibility of widening the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to six lanes.

The Federal Highway Administration's Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) initiated the study this month. As requested in the congressional reports, the study will cover the feasibility of adding a lane in each direction to the Maryland Route 295/Baltimore-Washington Parkway from its intersection with I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to New York Avenue in the District of Columbia. The congressional report also asked us to assess the impact of the Base Realignment and Closure process on traffic in the corridor.

Our EFLHD is working with the National Park Service's National Capital Region Office, the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to decide on the details of the study. The EFLHD has identified three major areas of analysis:

• An examination of present day and future year traffic volumes in the study corridor with and without implementation of the proposed mainline widening of the parkway. We will consider how travelers in the corridor can be accommodated if the parkway retains its present configuration of two travel lanes in each direction, as well as what would happen if we added one travel lane in each direction as described in the legislation. All future-year traffic forecasts will use the most recent population and employment forecasts for the region developed by MWCOG through its comprehensive planning process.

· An examination of the basic engineering feasibility and estimated cost associated with the possible addition of a third maintenance costs for the next 20-25 years.

• The identification of the full range of environmental impact factors that would need to be examined in greater detail if any further study of the mainline widening concept moves forward. While we will not conduct a formal environmental impact assessment as an element of this initial feasibility study, we will identify factors to be examined and the general timing and costs associated with such an activity. These factors would include consideration of the types of concerns you expressed as well as alternative solutions for meeting traffic demand in the corridor.

You asked us to conduct a public meeting in Greenbelt in late January. As the shape of the study becomes more clear, we will reach out to stakeholders, the public, and local jurisdictions, including Greenbelt.

Division Engineer Melisa L. Ridenour of EFLHD (703-404-6201) is available if you would like further information on the study.

> Victor M. Mendez Administrator

#### Star Party to Be **Held Saturday**

Everyone is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, January 29 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, at Northway Fields. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6 p.m. ASG hopes to have the observatory open, although this is dependent on possible weather-related mechanical problems.

Objects to be observed include planet Jupiter and its four Gallilean satellites. In addition several nice star clusters and nebulae may be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it hopemainline travel lane to the parklessly cloudy. Attendees are way over the defined project limits. We will estimate the initial asked to park in ball field lot, capital improvement costs and at the bottom of the hill unless the continuing operations and bringing a telescope.

#### School Re-application Deferred to 2012

After meeting with interested parents and community members, the board of directors of the planned Greenbelt Public Charter School (GPCS) has voted not to reapply this year for approval as a charter school in Prince George's County. They posted the following statement online:

Twenty-two people and the GPCS Board attended the January 12th board meeting. In an open forum discussion, board members shared the feedback they'd received from the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) application panel at the December 14 meeting.

PGCPS has a new application schedule this year and if the GPCS Board chooses to reapply, they would have to submit a new application by March 24. The idea of using the next year to work on the application and not reapplying till March of 2012 was proposed and discussed.

The board met later and decided not to reapply this March. Instead the board will complete a feasibility study over the next sixty days to determine how to best proceed in their goal to offer more school program options to parents/students in the PGCPS community. Upon completion of the feasibility study, they will vote on whether to reapply in 2012 to start a charter school in 2013.

#### **Energy Training Is** Offered by GEAC

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) will provide clean reusable energy training/learning sessions each Monday in February to inform Greenbelters how to reduce energy bills and the carbon footprint. Two sessions will be held in the Windsor Green Conference Room, 7474 Frankfort Drive.

The first session will be held on February 7 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. when Steve Skolnik of Greenbelt Community Solar, LLC talks about Solar Power Generation sites in Greenbelt East. The second, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., will feature Marisa Applestein of Standard Solar, Inc., whose topic will be "Solar Power and Energy Audits for Your Home."

For details email rrosales3@ comcast.net, joyce@joycegladstone.com or gemal28@msn.com.





"I know there is snow in the forecast but do your homework anyway."

#### **Golden Age Club**

The Golden Age members are strong, active seniors but we can't fight Mother Nature. The club was sorry to have to cancel a meeting due to bad weather. There will be discussion about this policy at the next business meeting in February.

Thanks to the members who volunteered to chair the committees for 2011 - Hospitality, Solange Hess; Sunshine, Bill Souser; Programs, Suze Marley; Membership, Rose Remenick; and Publicity, Bunny Fitzgerald.

Thanks to the Moiens (Mary and Barry) for the great trips on which they have taken us. Special thanks to Karen Haseley, who plans the day trips and other activities for seniors here in Greenbelt. A great big hug to all. There are still some openings on upcoming trips. Stop in the office at the Community Center to sign up.

We were saddened to learn of Shep Odom's death. We send our deepest sympathy to his son and other family members. - Bunny Fitzgerald



### Greenbelt Baseball

2011 Registration Dates (Bring a copy of Child's Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Registration will be held at the following locations and times: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

### DRAFT DAY

Saturday, March 5, 2011

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field) (Bad Weather location Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gym) \*Major League Players Only\* (Registration will also be available before the draft) Commissioner - Thomas Wimbish Phone: 443-827-0800 Email: GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com Assistant Commissioner – Jim Inzeo Phone: 301-441-2426 Email: GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com

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> 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

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props:

\*Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

\*Thursday, February 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

\*Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

#### **Book Discussion**

On Tuesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. there will be a kid's book discussion for ages 8 to 12. This month's book is James Howe's Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery. Kid's book discussions are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

#### **Teen Tweets**

Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m. A Teen Advisory Board is being formed. Teens 13 to 19 are needed to help plan and run events. This is a way to earn volunteer hours.

Call Greenbelt Branch Library at 301-345-5800 for details. Snacks provided.

#### **Construction Status On GMS Rebuild**

In a weekly report to the school board on January 17, School Superintendent William Hite provided the following information about the status of the Greenbelt Middle School Capital Project.

The contractor experienced delay in finishing the sediment pond due to weather and unavailability of proper materials for the core trench. Stumps from the pond area have been ground and removed, with a January 18 target date for completion of the sediment pond. Upon approval of the work, with inspection of the pond scheduled for January 19, the contractor will start on the building pad. The percentage of construction completed is now at 4.6 percent.

#### **New Group Forming For Widowed Persons**

A new support group for widowed persons will begin Thursday, March 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center, meeting weekly for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. The free support group for men and women who have recently lost spouses is open to anyone of any age, race or religion and will be conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. The participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists with the aim to offer insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships. To register, a requirement and to receive more information and directions, call Leonie at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen at 301-474-6892. PWPS support groups are cosponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### 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 must 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 31 to February 4:

Monday – Navy bean soup, grilled chicken patty, broccoli, carrot and cauliflower mix, parsley noodles, strawberry parfait.

Tuesday - Orange juice, beef patty with mushroom gravy, okra and tomatoes, baked sweet potato, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday - Creamy broccoli soup, broiled haddock with tartar sauce, mixed vegetables, home fried potatoes, diced peaches.

Thursday - Orange juice, turkey bean chili, Brussels sprouts, rice, tossed salad, applesauce.

Friday - Cranberry juice, baked chicken with gravy, blackeyed peas, broccoli florets, lemon sherbet.

#### **GHI Notes**

Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting Board Room

Wednesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Marketing Worksession on marketing -Board Room

Friday, February 4, offices closed. (Note: Members needing emergency service can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Monday, February 7, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation -Board Room

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

#### Co-op Offers Snack Samples Demo Day

On Wednesday, February 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Co-op Supermarket will hold its monthly natural foods demonstration a week early, in a nod to the Super Bowl. They will offer a sampling of snack items in a "New to Natural?" food demonstration, featuring Mt. Vikos spreads and Ines Rosales Tortas suitable for a playoff soiree. For those new to natural foods, this is a chance to taste natural food snack items before making a purchase.

The monthly food demon

#### Franklin Park Camp **Fire Has New Office**

The Franklin Park Camp Fire USA office has completed its relocation and is now at 9176 Springhill Lane, with a new phone number of 240-391-6246. They welcome visitors.

#### **Resident Newsgroup**

Camp Fire USA has created a Yahoo newsgroup to help keep Franklin Park residents informed of local activities. To join go to www.vahoogroups.com and locate the group by entering Franklin Park Greenbelt. The email address for the newsgroup is Franklin\_Park\_GreenbeltMD@ yahoogroups.com.

#### **Projects**

Parent-Child is a weekly preschool program for parents and pre-schoolers that is held on Tuesday mornings.

Teens in Action for middle schoolers is held Mondays from 4:30 to 5:50 p.m.

High school service learning offers various projects and leadership opportunities.

The Franklin Park Community Advisory Council is open to residents of Franklin Park who want to make a difference in their neighborhood, with an emphasis on diverse representatives.

Camp Fire is also looking for Franklin Park residents to serve as mentors, tutors, club leaders and special events and administrative volunteers. For details call 240-391-6246 or email info@ campfireusa-patuxent.org.

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Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation on vegetarian cooking by Sonia Srivastava on Friday, February 4. Srivastava works for Prince George's County Television as a news anchor and teaches vegetarian cooking classes at the Greenbelt Community Center. She will address ways to include a variety of veggies and spices in food and will discuss antioxidants and other ways to stay healthy.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

#### Arts Advisory **Board Meets**

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For more information email Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

### **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



### January 31 – February 28, 2011

GHI's Companion Animal Committee needs your help to replenish every-day items so important for the well-being of animals housed in local shelters.

Donations of heaters, humidifiers, blankets, towels, toys, food stuffs, cat litter, etc. can be dropped off at the GHI Administration Building lobby on Hamilton Place during regular business hours.



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 R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

#### Week of JAN 28

<u>FRI. – SAT.</u> Yogi Bear, PG 11:45, 2, 4:15 Little Fockers, PG-13 7:15, 10 Heart Specialist, R 11:40, 2:20 Season of the Witch, PG-13 4:50, 7:35, 10:30 Green Hornet, 3D, PG-13 (!) No fees at our location 11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 The Rite, PG-13 (!) 11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 The Mechanic, R (!) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 Black Swan, R (!) 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15 No Strings Attached, R 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15 True Grit, PG-13 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15

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# More Community Events

tions are free and open to the public; the next "New to Natural" sampling will be held on March 9.

Your generosity is appreciated.

## CONTINUING THIS WEEKEND AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!



123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

## Doubt: A Parable

January 28 - February 12 Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 Sunday, Jan 30 and Feb 6 at 2:30 **O&A** sessions after the Jan 28 and Feb 6 performances Sign-Interpreted performance January 29

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

Coming Soon: **ONLINE TICKETING!** Auditions: The Burial at Thebes – February 2 and 5th Reefer Madness – March 11 – April 2

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: <u>info@greenbeltartscenter.org</u>

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## **Obituaries**

#### Danica M. Elliott

Danica Marie Elliott of Crescent Road, died Thursday January 20, 2011, at Doctors Community Hospital.

She was born to Diane Teets and Robert Kenney on June 4, 1974. Born and raised in Greenbelt, she was very popular throughout the community. She attended St. Hugh's, Greenbelt Elementary, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Her sister, Jessica Michele (Teets) O'Callaghan, was born on July 31, 1986. Danica adored her and was so excited to be a big sister. Whenever she had the chance, she boasted about how she named her little sister.

Danica's stepfather Carl Teets, went with the family every year to Wildwood, N.J. Danica was always excited about the beach trip and getting to ride the ferry. Her grandmother, the late Dorothy Milech, was very close to Danica and they took part in many of the local Greenbelt activities together. Every year they looked forward to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Danica, on several occasions, was in the Labor Day Parade and participated in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. Throughout her youth Danica stayed active by playing on local soccer teams and taking tap and ballet dance classes. She loved the Greenbelt swim team.

She married Jamie Gibson in 1992 and they resided on Ridge Road. She loved kids and decided to work at a Greenbelt daycare. Their son, Devin Joseph Gibson, was born on December 16, 1992. She went on to graduate from a Medical Technician School in Washington, D.C. Afterward, she worked for a doctor in Greenbelt.

On June 4, 1998, daughter Marayna Danielle was born to Danica and Danny Smith on Danica's birthday.

She later ventured north to Vermont where she met and married Gabriel (Gabe) Elliott in 2000. She became the neighborhood mommy and was known to all of the kids as Mrs. D. She was happy with her newfound life in Vermont. Danica and Gabe had Alyssa Belle on September 15, 2001. Alyssa Belle tragically died at a young age. Donovan Walker Elliott was born on October 11, 2002, followed by Bryce Robert

#### Edward T. Coulter

Longtime Greenbelter Edward T. "Ed" Coulter died on January 17, 2011.

Mr. Coulter was born in Weaverton, Md., on May 29, 1927.

Ed and his wife Rae moved to Greenbelt in 1951 and raised their children here. Their first home was in 14 Court Hillside, then 71 Court Ridge and then 4 Court Southway.

Mr. Coulter was very active in the community and volunteered many years in the late 50s to early 60s coaching the Lions' Little League team. He loved the Greenbelt community; one of his favorite pastimes was sitting on the bleachers watching the men's softball games on Braden Field. He also had a passion for landscape gardening, always working on making his yards very inviting and making sure a Maryland flag or U.S. flag was

Services

Sundays

Wednesdays

10 a.m. main service

#### always flying.

Mr. Coulter retired from the Department of Commerce/NOAA in 1984 and he and his wife Rae moved to Pinellas Park, Fla.

Mr. Coulter was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII. He enjoyed telling stories to his family of the days he spent on the USS Hanna. He was a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, DESA (Destroyer Escort Service Association) and the Navy Memorial Association.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wayne Coulter.

Mr. Coulter is survived by "Rae" Coulter, daughters Patricia sons James (Sylvia) Coulter and Bruce (Debbie) Coulter; nine grandchildren; and five great-

#### Maryalice Thomas

Former Greenbelter Maryalice Northover Thomas died January 17, 2011, in Manor Care of Silver Spring.

She was born February 6, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo. However she spent most of her childhood in Johnstown, N.Y. In 1942 she joined the U.S. Army and

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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Elliott on November 27, 2004.

Gabe Elliott died in 2006 and Danica moved back to her hometown of Greenbelt to be closer to her family. Since coming home she became an active member of Greenbelt Cares Youth and Family Services.

Danica was well known around the Greenbelt Center and enjoyed spending her days there with her friends.

The family will receive friends and relatives at Riva Trace Baptist Church, 475 West Central Avenue in Davidsonville, on Thursday, January 27 between 1 and 2 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., with a fellowship time immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to Greenbelt Cares Youth and Family Services: Greenbelt Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

- Jessica O'Callaghan

Worship 11:00 am Child Care Available **Office Hours** M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"



Arts, crafts and sciences uplift the world of being, and are conducive to its exaltation. Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth. (Baha'u'llah)

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## **Obituaries**

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was a first sergeant when honorably discharged in 1945.

After service in the Army she relocated to Maryland; there she attended the University of Maryland. In June 1951 she graduated with a B.S. from the College of Home Economics.

She married Virgil (Tom) Thomas May 1, 1953. They lived in the Springhill Lake Apartments for many years. After her marriage she worked for the C&P Telephone Company and was a department supervisor at her retirement.

Tom and Maryalice enjoyed playing golf at the local courses and in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

During her retirement she was active in The Telephone Pioneers of America.

In 1998 she went with her husband's sister to London, England, for a short visit.

She was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. She belonged to the Women's Group, the Altar Guild, the Church Greeters, attended Bible studies, helped make the "Hug-A-Bears" that they donated to the police to give to needy children and kept the church kitchen organized and well stocked.

When her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, she cared for him until his death July 6, 2006.

In 2007 she moved from the Springhill Lake Apartments to Green Ridge House. When she needed more care she moved to Independence Court in Hyattsville.

In August 2010 she relocated to the Acadia Unit in Manor Care of Silver Spring.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her sister Margaret Flynn and her brother Edward R. Northover.

Although she had no children of her own, she was Aunt Maryalice to Joyce Halderman, Edward, Daniel and Keith Northover and Charles, Wesley, Christopher and Sydney Jones.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Visitation will be 9 a.m. in the church parlor

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 14, Beltsville, MD 20704-0014. one at Naturalizer Shoes. But her favorite and most recent job was with Selectric, LLC, an electric contracting company owned and operated by her close friends and former Greenbelters, the Block family. She also served as a volunteer, taking on various jobs, such as Girl Scout cookie sales manager.

Sherry was preceded in death by her mother, Greenbelter Jean M. Edmonston Wade.

Survivors include the following former Greenbelters: her daughter, Jackie Crowley, 24; her son, Billy Crowley, 14; and their father, Robert Crowley, Jr., of Stevensville, Md.; her brother Ken (Renee) Edmonston of Lovettsville, Va.; her sister, Marie Edmonston of Pittsburgh, Pa.; her sister-in-law, Carolyn Crowley (Chris) Holt of Tampa, Fla.; her brother-in-law Jim (Sarrina) Crowley of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and her father, George R. (Jean) Edmonston of Selbyville, Dela. Survivors also include her father-in-law and stepmotherin-law, Robert and Ann Marie Crowley of Washington, D.C.; and her mother-in-law, Greenbelt resident Theresa Crowley.

#### Martha S. Yoho

Martha Yoho died on January 14, 2011, following a long illness. She lived on Ridge Road with her daughter Karen and granddaughter Mary Alyce.

Born in 1922 in St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Yoho was an only child and was raised by her grandmother. Following graduation from high school, she went to secretarial school and worked in government clerical jobs for the remainder of her life.

She moved to Washington, D.C., following World War II and worked at the Pentagon. She met and married Bill Yoho in 1950. She continued to work through the early part of their marriage, while Bill continued his education at the University of Maryland School of Law. Their son Kevin was born in 1954 and Karen followed five years later. In 1959 they moved from a small home in Hyattsville that Bill once shared with his sisters Mary and Alyce, to College Park. Mrs. Yoho became a stay-at-home mom and, despite a separation and divorce, continued to lavish time and energy on Kevin and Karen's many interests and activities while fostering their creativity and curiosity.

She returned to work in the late 70s, working for USDA Veterinary Services and later, in the office that managed the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services' "Beagle Brigade."

Martha and Karen moved to Greenbelt East in 1985. Following her retirement in 1995, she remained active with daily walks around the lake, visits to the library and shopping local thrift stores. She enjoyed working in the garden again when she moved with Karen to Crescent Road. Her health began declining in 2004 and when Karen bought a larger GHI, it allowed Martha to remain in the home, living comfortably on the first floor for her safety.

She is survived by her children, Kevin of Mullica Hill, N.J., and Karen; and grandchildren Mary Alyce, Jaime and Jonathan, as well as Kimberly (Kedin) and great granddaughter Graciela who live in Greenbelt.

#### Claire Pilski

Claire Pilski, wife of former Greenbelt Mayor Richard R. Pilski, died peacefully in the early morning hours of January 24, 2011, in Mount Dora, Fla. Her daughter Nancy was with her at the time of her death and Christine and her family had visited with Mrs. Pilski the previous week.

Mrs. Pilski's son Richard died in Mount Dora on December 19, 2010.

Survivors are her two daughters Nancy Grill of Mount Dora, Fla., and Christine Weaver of New Jersey; and nieces Erica Bonnell, Dundalk, Md., and Melanie Weaver of New Jersey.

The Pilski family will be planning a memorial service for their mother Claire and their brother Richard R. Pilski, Jr., in Greenbelt this spring with an inurnment at the City of Greenbelt Cemetery.



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### Sharron E. Crowley

Former Greenbelter Sharron "Sherry" Edmonston Crowley, 42, died January 11, 2011, after a long



2011, after a long illness. Sherry and her siblings grew up in Greenbelt where she at-

up in Greenbelt where she attended public schools, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

At a very young age, Sherry worked at the former High's store in Greenbelt. Through the years, she held various jobs, including



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#### **Right-of-Way**

The Council's speedy and unanimous dispatch of the agenda item for action on a petition by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) to vacate property along the east side of Crescent Road between Gardenway and Eastway, was a testament to many hours of previous discussions among council, the GHI Board and staff members of both the city and GHI to find a way to resolve issues of encroachment of GHI structures and yards into city rights-of-way. The solution represented by the petition establishes a new right-of-way line approximately 13.5 feet back from the existing curb line. At Pepco's request, a 10' x 5' area has been retained as public right-of-way around the anchor guy lines and wires associated with the existing utility poles. Adjustments were also made to ensure that all GHI parking areas are outside the new rightof-way. The plan eliminates all structural encroachments in this location and leaves only minor yard encroachments. Those GHI residents who would be affected were supportive of the plan and the GHI Board approved the draft petition at its January 13 meeting.

Terri Hruby, the city's assistant planning director, explained that residents may notice that there will be a 30-day public posting requirement at the property, after which the petition will be sent to all the interested utility companies for review and comment, then return for execution by GHI and signature by the mayor prior to being sent to the county planning board for its review. Councilmember Konrad Herling, noting the long list of interested utilities being copied, asked Hruby if staff anticipated any problems with that review. She said they did not, since objections were most likely to come from Pepco and Pepco's requests had already been dealt with. She also confirmed that existing fences and hedges in the impacted areas would be allowed to remain in the right-of-way until such time as they would be replaced.

#### Narragansett Run

Hruby continued with a presentation of the new item added to the agenda. She said the city had been notified that Metroland had submitted a permit application to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for Greenbelt Station that included, among other items, the "wholesale relocation" of Narragansett Run, a stream that feeds into Indian Creek from the west in the area where the north and south cores of the project meet. The period of public comment on the application closes on February 1.

Hruby said the idea of relocating Narragansett Run had come up previously, most recently in 2008. Since city staff had strongly objected to it, it had been assumed that the subsequent silence on the subject meant that it had been put to rest. She said the city's environmental consultants, Environmental Systems Analysis, are preparing a letter to the city saying such relocation is unnecessary since the stream is healthy and there are other ways to address problems of erosion in the area.

She said staff would like to send a strong letter to MDE that would ask that the application be put on hold indefinitely until the city's concerns can be addressed, request a full set of plans, state the city's objections, and request a meeting with the MDE reviewer. Another letter would be sent to Metroland indicating that the city considers it to be in breach of the development agreement. Although Metroland's environmental consultants have already agreed to request that the permit application be held pending further discussion with the city, she thought the city should also take action and go on record now as a precaution. The City Council voted unanimously to approve the sending of the letters before the deadline for comments.

#### **ACE Grants**

For the second year, the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) conducted a grant competition for the six schools that primarily serve Greenbelt students. The program awards grants of up to \$500 in support of activities to enhance or enrich school-based activities. Council voted unanimously to approve ACE's recommendation that 14 projects be funded, ranging from \$350 to \$500 and totaling \$6,614.

On the consent agenda, council also received a report on activities and plans from the 75th Anniversary Committee that is expected to be taken up for discussion and action at the February 14 regular meeting. Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Margaret Fetsko Hromulak, 94, who died on January 20, 2011. Her husband of 67 years, Joe, died just last June. The couple were longtime Greenbelters, living first on Southway and later at Green Ridge House.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ella Mae Gales, 81, who died January 16, 2011. She was a longtime member of Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sharron (Edmonston) Crowley, known as "Sherry," who died on January 11, 2011, at the age of 42.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Maryalice Thomas, of Springhill Lake then Green Ridge House, who died on January 17, 2011.

We were saddened to hear of the death of longtime resident Ed Coulter on January 17, 2011, in Pinellas Park, Fla. Ed and his wife Rae lived on Hillside, 71 Court Ridge and Southway before moving to Florida after his retirement. He was an active volunteer in the 1950s and 60s when, among other things, he coached the Lions' Little League team.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Danica Elliott of Crescent Road, who died on January 20, 2011.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Claire Pilski, widow of former Mayor Richard Pilski, who died in Florida on January 24, 2011.



#### **Congratulations:**

- along with thanks for his service go out to Army Reserve Spec. Myles E. Ottley, a 2005 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, who has just returned to the U.S. after deployment abroad as a utilities equipment repairer. He is being out-processed at the New Jersey Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst Joint Base before returning to his regularly assigned Reserve or National Guard unit, the 849th Quartermaster Company in Rocky Mount, N.C.

- Consulting Historian for the Bureau of Engraving & Printing Dr. Franklin Noll of Boxwood Village, who was featured on January 10 in an episode of C-Span's American History TV. The episode, "History of U.S. Currency," is a history of U.S. currency from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's historic collection. The half-hour segment can be viewed at the C-Span website http://www.c-span.org/Events/ AHTV-Preview/10737418683-2/.

- Greenbelt's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordinator Kenneth Silberman, who was elected coordinator in August by Greenbelt CERT, making him the nation's first blind CERT coordinator, according to the January CERT National Newsletter containing a nice lead article on how Silberman's "disability" gave him special skills in emergency training exercises.

- Sue Jordan of Lakeside, whose play "Boundaries," was selected for production in a series of short plays off-Broadway, one block from Times Square in New York, on January 15 and 16. The play, a comedy, is about an earnest young man's inability to understand there are boundaries in social relationships.



Four of the boys pose in this photo including, left to right, James Dawson, John Ahalt, Joshua Sanderson and Charlie Dawson.

Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202 traveled to Whitetail Ski Resort in Mercersburg, Pa., on Sunday, January 9 where 48 members, friends and families took advantage of Whitetail Scout Day for a fun day of skiing and snowboarding.

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## **Police Blotter**

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

#### Carjacking

January 15, 10:10 p.m., Edmonston Road at Edmonston Court. A woman inside her car was approached by a man who pulled her out and drove off with her green 2000 Cadillac with MD tags. He is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years old, 6'1" tall with a slim build and black shoulder-length hair, wearing a black coat and blue jeans.

#### Robberies

January 13, 4:27 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A person was approached by a youth who assaulted him and took his cellphone. He is described as a black male, 15 to 19 years old, 5'10" tall, wearing a red jacket and black face mask.

January 19, 2:18 p.m., 6600 block Springcrest Drive. A person was approached by some men who displayed a handgun and demanded property. They are described as black males, 20 to 23 years old, 5'8" to 5'9" tall, 160 pounds. One man was wearing a face mask, dark colored shirt and blue jeans and the other a tan shirt.

#### Drug Arrests

January 19, 10:06 a.m., Ora Glen Drive at South Ora Court. A 23-year-old Bladensburg man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### **DUI/DWI**

January 17, 1:17 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A 38-year-old Laurel man was arrested and charged with multiple alcoholrelated offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

January 17, 3:52 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

#### Trespassing

January 13, 12:57 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An 18-year-old Silver Spring man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial. Soliciting

January 14, 5:59 p.m., 44 court Ridge Road. A 19-year-old Baltimore man was arrested and charged with soliciting newspaper subscriptions and then released on citation pending trial.

#### Burglaries

January 13, 3:09 p.m., 8300 block Canning Terrace. Nothing was taken.

January 13, 3:37 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two televisions, two DVD players and a game console with games were taken.

January 13, 4:19 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A television, computer and iPod were taken.

January 13, 5:17 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two laptops were taken.

January 13, 8:56 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A computer, jewelry and video games were taken.

January 13, 11:58 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A laptop and video games were taken.

January 14, 9:24 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A backpack and video games were taken.

January 15, 12:06 p.m., 100 block Greenhill Road. Nothing was taken.

January 19, 3:58 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. Four cameras and a television were taken. Vandalism

#### January 14, 5:27 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A rock was thrown through a glass door. January 17, 8:29 a.m., 100

block Centerway. Graffiti was found on public property.

January 17, 8:07 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Carpet in a stairwell was damaged.

#### Vehicle Crime

One car was stolen: a silver 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier with MD tags, taken from Westway at Lakeside Drive on January 18.

Five reports of thefts from vehicles were received. 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (stereo system), 6500 block Capitol Drive (set of tires and rims), 9200 block Springhill Lane (rear MD tag), 6200 block Springhill Court, two incidents (car radio; two DVD players and a GPS unit).

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first half of FY11 they are generally in line with historical expectations. This otherwise encouraging result is overshadowed, however, by another error discovered.

As explained by McLaughlin and Williams, last year's adopted budget reflected an agreed reduction in the city's deferred compensation benefit for employees from 10 percent down to 7.5 percent. For some unaccounted-for reason, the final budget adjustment had not been implemented, with the error resulting in an overexpenditure in the salaries and benefits account of approximately \$180,000.

Other than through vacancies, it would be difficult to find sufficient savings to offset the shortage created. Like the bad news on the erroneous information from the state on Greenbelt property assessments, members of council were clearly upset with this news about the deferred compensation mix-up. They wanted a better understanding from staff on how such an error could have escaped notice.

#### FY12 Budget Update

With information on the current budget year status, the worksession flowed naturally into the McLaughlin's initial comments on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget process. McLaughlin said it is still too early in the process to have a clear picture.

The staff will use information in Williams' financial report and historical data from prior budgets but important information regarding the state's determination of real property assessed valuations, the city's largest revenue source, will not be received until early February. He advised council that city staff would be meeting with the state assessor's office the following day (January 20) and in early February.

Williams listed several key factors that will influence preparation of his proposed FY12 budget. Receipts from real property taxes will probably be close to FY11 receipts, about \$16.6 million. As expected, the homestead property tax credit should continue to drop, which increases city revenue receipts. Likewise, abatements or reductions are trending lower than anticipated in FY11 and are not expected to go up in FY12.

Income tax and hotel/motel revenues seem to be increasing again, reflecting a turnaround in the overall economy. Certain expenditures, such as workers compensation (for injuries), will be higher than in FY11. Police Department turnover from retirements is limiting increases in the city's salary and benefits account. A smaller than usual fund transfer to the Capital Projects Fund in FY12 of approximately \$100,000 will be possible due to savings from lower than expected costs in asphalt for street resurfacing for Fiscal Year 2010 projects. The city's renegotiated contract with Clean Currents should result in lower electricity costs in FY12. The general outlook suggests that revenues for FY12 could be \$300,000 higher than the FY11 adopted budget. McLaughlin reminded council that over the last few years, numerous savings, reductions and cuts had occurred as the city prepared for the downturn in the economy. For both FY10 and FY11, he believes those steps enabled the city to cope with somewhat severe and unanticipated reductions in revenues. Both the FY10 and FY11 budgets had to deal with the governor's reduction in Greenbelt's share of Highway User Revenues and the FY11 budget currently deals with a \$2 million error in the state's property tax assessed valuations.

While the city has weathered the storm, the city manager believes the possibility of slightly higher revenue is probably good news. He does not think the increase is large enough, however, to offset expected increases in costs such as salary, benefits, insurance and fuel.

Because McLaughlin feels there are not enough \$10,000 and \$20,000 cuts to close the gap, he told council what may be needed are "big ticket" changes to city expenses.

#### Manager's Questions

McLaughlin identified several possible changes in the form of questions for council:

Can the tax rate be increased to offset lost revenue from declining assessments? If it can be shown that assessments have dropped so tax bills are lower than those two to three years ago, could the tax rate be raised, thus raising revenue but still leaving tax bills lower than before?

Can outstanding city debt be refinanced? The city could refinance its existing debt at about 3.55 percent compared with the current 4.56 percent. Such refinancing would reduce the annual interest cost from \$740,000 to \$350,000 but would extend the debt an additional nine years. The manager said that the current outstanding debt for the new Public Works buildings should be included in any refinancing, reducing annual savings to about \$300,000.

Can the city's compensation package be further reduced? The manager prefers options not resulting in layoffs or furloughs for current employees and provided some suggested options: modify the tier level or the city's share of the cost for health insurance premiums saving about \$200,000; hold off filling positions as they become vacant; furlough employees without pay saving about \$55,000 a day but reducing take-home pay for employees and lessening their retirement contributions and in the Public Safety area increasing overtime payments; and reducing pension benefits. On the latter, McLaughlin referred to the fourlegged stool consisting of Social Security, a defined benefit pension program, a deferred compensation match program and a deferred

programs to meet the budget challenges. He suggested for what the manager referred to as "big ticket" that department heads be queried as to what program or service they conduct could be reduced or eliminated.

Also, Putens asked, what positions could be eliminated? Or, in the case of a vacancy, could they "freeze" a position for two to three years?

The manager's response was to suggest that department heads be asked to prioritize their programs or lines of business in an order of what they could do without.

Councilmember Silke Pope suggested possible opportunities to increase some city fees, as had been suggested last year but put under study. McLaughlin said the fee topic would be the subject of a February worksession.

Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested consideration of restructuring city departments from the standpoint of economy and efficiency. He repeated his suggestion that the city take a more proactive posture relating to economic development and more awareness of potential opportunities to use available retail and commercial space in the city. He also suggested no "nickel and diming" of city programs, contribution groups and organizations such as took place last year.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Emmett Jordan on the expected or necessary timing for refinancing of city debt, McLaughlin answered, "Soon." Jordan also agreed with Herling's impetus to get a better handle on the business environment in Greenbelt, suggesting the city should convene a group to begin discussion. On that topic. Putens suggested that the economic development topic be added to the upcoming Four-Cities meeting.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was cool to debt refinancing. He suggested instead that the city should pay down its debt. Pope agreed it was not a good idea to add nine more years to the city's existing debt financing.

#### **Oppose Tax Increase**

To the general question as to whether a tax rate increase as part of the FY12 budget would be "palatable," all seven members of council said they would "prefer" no increase. There was a consensus that the city's action last year approving a small increase in the tax rate was primarily to cushion the city's finances in the face of economic uncertainty.

Individually, some councilmem-

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compensation contribution program. He noted that the city's total retirement contribution is between 25 and 45 percent of an employee's salary.

Can the Old Greenbelt Theatre renovation project be deferred for two to three more years? The manager linked this suggestion to his earlier item regarding refinancing the city's outstanding debt and the use of savings to help finance the theater renovation.

Can programs be reduced or cut? In effect the manager posed to council, "Will program reductions be on the table for discussion?"

#### **Council Reactions**

Councilmember Edward Putens was first out of the box with a reiteration of his suggestion during the previous budget cycle that city department heads be asked to suggest either a 5 percent, 10 percent or 20 percent cut in their bers offered other targets for revenue, such as the aforementioned fees by Pope; Roberts suggested a look at how rental apartments are assessed for taxes; and Herling wanted more discussion on approaches for raising non-property tax revenue.

On the theater topic, Councilmember Leta Mach felt the renovations should help the theater generate more revenues.

Putens said he was not pleased with the current contract with the theater operator and the city manager indicated that once the renovation begins, the city would revisit the contract.

Roberts repeated his concern that the expected \$1 million for the renovation is not justified. He suggested that needed work on the theater be done in a phased and selected manner, starting with those areas or systems most in need of repair or replacement.

#### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Exhibiting artists at the Café through February 28 are photographer Nicholas Condon with his "Walking Through Greenbelt;" etchings, mixed media drawings and paintings by New Deal pianist John Guernsey; and jewelry by Nancy DePatchett.

On Thursday, January 27 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The Songwriters Association of Washington hosts open microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. Gael in the Harbor entertains with Celtic and American folk tunes.

On Saturday, January 29 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Djesben trio will play jazz standards, be-bop and bossa nova, along with original tunes from around the globe. Their backgrounds are diverse and their instruments not those of typical jazz trios.

Sunday, January 30 the Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 to noon. Banjer Dan, a banjo and multi-instrumental performer, will play an Americana mix, rooted in bluegrass and branching into other musical genres from 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Next Week

On Tuesday, February 1 oneman band Brother Buck will play from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, February 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an author's book reading from his new book by author, musician and former Greenbelter Baynard Woods. "Coffin Point: The Strange Cases of Ed McTeer, Witchdoctor Sheriff" is the true story of a voodoopracticing southern white sheriff. The reading will open with Americana music by troubadour Cliff Murphy.

Thursday, February 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. is the regularly weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose and storytelling. The Spanish Conversation Group meets weekly from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Friday, February 4 the Hot Club of DC plays Gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, February 5 the TV John Variety Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will showcase Edgewood's Indie/post punk/rock bank and alternative rock band The Understudies. The Lynn Veronneau Trip will play Latin and Gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, February 6 Jim Stimson plays classical lute from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and musician-singer-songwriter Susan Souza plays acoustic Indie music from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



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#### Visitor Center

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Winter Bird Walks – Wednesdays, February 2 and 16 from 8 to 10 a.m. for all ages. Join as a naturalist guide searches for wintering birds on the refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Nesting Already? – Saturday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 7. Most birds do not start nesting until spring but some birds are starting early. Fly in to discover who these birds are and more in this interactive program.

Daring Displays – Sunday, February 6 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 12+. Discover the incredible world of creature courtship. Learn how birds use displays of brightly colored feathers, enticing dance moves, amazing aviation antics and more to catch the attention of a mate.

The North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32, is offering the following programs:

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## Greenbelters' Art Displayed At Maryland State House

by Barbara Simon

Two Greenbelt artists, Sherill Anne Gross and Nora Simon, are among the six artists from Prince George's County whose works are included in "Young Prince George's: Artists Under 40 Working in Prince George's County," currently in the Prince George's County Delegation wing of the State House in Annapolis. The exhibit was organized by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. which annually hangs a show of county artists at this venue. This year's exhibit will be on view through April 13.

Nora Simon is exhibiting six of her macro color photographs of floral subjects. Nora is in her senior year at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster, where she is majoring in graphic design. Her first solo show of photographs was arranged by the M-NCP&PC at the Publick Playhouse in Bladensburg last spring. She has



Photo by Nora Simon

also exhibited her photographs and other art work in numerous group shows, including the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art and Photo Shows and at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center.

Sherill Anne Gross describes her artwork as being made only with paper, glue and patience. She moved to the Metro D.C. area over 10 years ago and started paper cutting exclusively eight years ago. Every part of her art is made only using cut paper, even the signature. The non-straight lines and imperfect circles that are created are layered upon each other to reveal a final realistic image. The challenge of taking a finite color palette of flat square papers and transforming them into realistic final images is an exciting concept each time she approaches a new piece. Her artwork is what happens when you run with scissors.

#### Genealogical Society Holds Meeting Wed.

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet Wednesday, February 2 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Heather Olsen will discuss "Using Old Letters in Genealogical Research."

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For additional information see www.rootsweb. com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063. The society meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June, except for January.

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#### Free Piano Concert At National Gallery

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 30 the National Gallery of Art will present a concert by pianist Victor Goldberg. This free event will take place in the West Garden Court.

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Erica Drezek's excellent set and Malca Giblin's costumes add much to the creation of this topnotch production.

The show is appropriate for older children. It runs 90 minutes without an intermission.

"Doubt: A Parable" will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 28 and 29 (sign interpreted), February 4 and 5 and 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled for January 30 and February 6 at 2:30 p.m.

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