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Black History Month

Recreation Leader Brian Butler Is Role Model

by Altoria Bell Ross

Combing hair, helping with homework, teaching dribbling skills and just plain listening is how Recreation Specialist Brian Butler influences the lives of the youth who frequent the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. He leads by example.

Butler, who grew up in a disadvantaged community of Lakewood, N.J., said basketball not only kept him off the streets but garnered him a college scholarship. The 36-year-old hails from Delaware State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications, specializing in television production, with a minor in black studies. Upon graduation, Butler joined the Portland Trailblazers but was cut when the team signed Scottie Pippin instead.

Butler nevertheless rebounded in Maryland, where his wife, Camille, grew up. The couple has four children - two boys, Traevon. 14 and Jaamir. 10, and two girls, Journey, eight; and Tive, six. Butler's Springhill Lake "family members" can number up to 30 youth spanning in ages

See BUTLER, page 6



Recreation Specialist Brian Butler is flanked by his mentees (left to right) Qwyne Jenkins, 12th grade, James Herbert Blake High School; Elijah Kamara, 5th grade, The Foundation School; Everald Clarke, 9th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; and William Lucky, 6th grade, Greenbelt Middle School.

ERHS Named Exemplary School on AP Performance

The College Board in its 2011 Advanced Placement Report to the Nation named Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) one of 14 leading two in Maryland.

The annual report recognized these schools for helping to prepare African American and/or Latino students to succeed on Advanced Placement (AP) College Board Exams. In its report the other Maryland school is Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville. The College Board focuses on Maryland's success in incorporating the AP program in high schools across the state.

The announcement, made by schools in the nation, one of videoconference on Wednesday morning, February 9, was greeted by State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick, Prince George's County Schools Deputy Superintendent Bonita Coleman-Potter, ERHS Principal Reginald McNeil and College Board officials in a meeting at the school held simultaneous with the video conference release of the report.

What Goes On

Saturday, February 12

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Between City Office and the Community Center

Monday, February 14

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov

Saturday, February 19

10 a.m., Council Worksession on Visionary Goals and Objectives Update, Municipal Building

March 2 Forum Is Early Step In September Update Process

by Thomas X. White

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has initiated a process to update the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment. On December 22, M-NCPPC staff members met in worksession with the Greenbelt City Council to preview plans for the update. Subsequently on February 2, the planning staff made the same presentation to the Advisory Planning Board.

Now the M-NCPPC staff has scheduled a community forum on updating the Sector Plan. This information gathering meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2 in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. The public is invited.

All councilmembers were present for the briefing, by M-NCPPC staff on December 22 as well as Assistant City Manager David Moran and Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Craze. M-NCPPC participants were Chad Williams, community planner, and Robert Duffy, planning supervisor for the Prince George's County Planning Department.

Williams led the discussion, outlining the rationale for the planning effort, the boundary for the planning area, some identified challenges and opportunities within the planning area and the planning project timetable.

Considering issues raised by the city regarding Beltway Plaza's recent rezoning request and Conceptual Site Plan Submittal (News Review, January 20), the initiation of a review and update of the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan is timely.

M-NCPPC staff envisions a planning timetable of about 18 months beginning with community information-gathering meetings, initiation of the planning process around April 2011 and continuing community outreach and planning through November. There would be a Public Hearing in early 2012 with a target for plan approval by June 2012.

Boundaries

Williams presented a map of the proposed boundary for the revised sector plan, which has been expanded eastward since the approved 2001 Sector Plan. In effect, the planning area now includes all commercial, retail and office development in Greenbelt with the exception of Roosevelt Center and some apartment complexes.

The western portion of the plan includes all Greenbelt development west of Kenilworth Avenue (Rte. 201), as did the original plan.

Eastward along Greenbelt Road the proposed planning area has been expanded to include the Golden Triangle and Belle Point, Charlestowne Village and University Square developments. The planning area continues eastward across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to include all Greenbelt commercial and office development south of Greenbelt Road and along Hanover Parkway.

Listed as planning opportunities in the presentation were the following: lessons learned and best practices from historic Greenbelt, emphasizing walkability, connectivity and sustainability; leveraging the transit-oriented development opportunities offered by the Greenbelt Metro Station and incorporating new state and county environmental regulations

See M-NCPPC, page 9

GHI Members Question Experts On Proposed Upgrade Issues

by Tom Jones

Following formal presentations by committee chairs at the meeting for GHI members (See February 3 News Review) concerning a planned homes upgrade in 2015, those attending the January 23 session were invited to ask any questions they might have.

First was Lois Gorman, who requested that GHI identify windows that members could purchase now to improve efficiency. Assistant General Manager Eldon Ralph responded that this was possible for frame and brick homes. On the other hand, insulation under consideration for the block homes might add about three inches to the thickness of walls and should therefore be done at the same time as the replacing of doors and windows.

He added that the study conducted by Ardently Green on GHI homes showed that energy savings from replacing windows are small compared to savings from insulation or other improve-

Phillip Payette asked the committee to identify a specific payback period for improvements and whether technologies used in Europe had been reviewed. Outside expert Joe Wiehagen of the National Association of Home

Builders explained that different improvements are expected to have different payback periods.

"Insulation is expected to have an infinite lifetime," he said, so the payback is really different from a water heater, which would have a 15-year lifetime." technologies are being considered, including several pioneered in Europe. Among these are on-demand (tankless) water heaters, although they raise questions about long-term maintenance and longevity.

Rodney Roberts expressed a variety of concerns. During the rehab 30 years ago, he said, his 'windows were installed incompetently, eliminating much of the benefits." "What are we going to do to ensure that the workmanship is done right?" He asked.

Roberts also criticized the insulation, which "has fallen out of my crawlspace [and] should have stayed in indefinitely." He expressed further concern about electrical circuits that he claimed are insufficient for electrical codes. He concluded, "Why aren't we talking about gas ser-

Quality Control

Buildings committee member

Steve Skolnik responded that the committee is "very concerned with quality control, [which] is going to be critical." He assured Roberts that monitoring the quality of improvements would be a high priority during the upgrade.

He disagreed with Roberts, He added that a wide variety of however, regarding the electrical capacity required by building codes. He said the code Roberts referred to applies to new construction, not to existing homes.

Regarding gas service, Wiehagen said that gas heating installation is complex - including questions such as "Do you deliver [heat] through the walls? Duct systems, pipes, hot water - it is a very complicated process to try to adapt [to existing] homes.'

Ralph added: "In 1997 the co-op hired a consultant to look into heating. They recommended GHI look into . . . gas furnaces. Washington Gas was prepared to bring gas to GHI if there were at least 600 homes ready for gas but it was very uneconomical, he said "based on the bids that were obtained."

Midge Cruz asked if the onebedroom upper or lower units present special problems. Ralph

See **UPGRADE**, page 6

Letters

THANKS!

I would like to thank the city council and staff for their hard work in researching and funding the installation of the new crosswalk signal outside St Hugh's on Crescent Road.

It has definitely made a difference. I have noticed that drivers are slowing down as they approach the crossing, even before I press the button, because the signs are so much more visible now. The poles with the buttons to press are much more conveniently located and visible to the traffic. Also, the unusual rapid flashing light at the side of the road draws drivers' eyes to the pedestrians standing there waiting to cross and cars are actually stopping for us!

Hurrah! Anne Gardner

THANKS!

I am writing this open letter to the younger folk of 13 Court Hillside Road who helped me dig out of the snow. Both this year and last year it was nice to walk Wednesday morning to find my walk shoveled clean.

Then when I went out to clear the car one of our young fellows came over and helped me clear it and dig out the snow behind it. When I returned he had completely cleared my parking space. I don't know his name but I wish to thank him.

Last year it was John Mc-Bride who cleared my walk and in the morning he was out at 5 a.m. and dug out my car.

It is this kind of spirit that makes Greenbelt great.

Once again I wish to thank these young men who were so kind to help an old man of 79 with a bad heart get out and about the city.

Bill Souser

THANKS!

Thanks to the many volunteers and professionals of the Greenbelt News Review for all their efforts in getting the News Review to the presses and out to residents of Greenbelt despite the many obstacles caused by last week's snowstorm.

Your hard work is much appreciated!

Kathy Labukas

Greenbelter's New Book Boosts Afghan Women

Due out in March, "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana," by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, a 1991 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, tells of a young Kabul student she had met whose fledgling business succeeded despite Taliban strictures. The book, says the Harvard Business School Alumni Bulletin, grew out of reporting from Afghanistan between Lemmon's first and second years at the school.

It describes how 16-year-old Kamila, left in charge of younger siblings when the Taliban took over, learned to sew, developing a business that primed jobs "and desperately needed income to hundreds of women and families in her community."

Lemmon wrote the non-fiction book on leaves of absence from her job at PIMCO, an investment-management company.

"Inspired by Kamila and women like her," the Bulletin says, "Lemmon . . . argues that too often we are comfortable with a narrative that sees women as objects of pity (instead of) 'change makers."

Lemmon adds that story-telling

"is just a start; you have to mobilize people and support the push for change through policy."

Last year she became deputy director of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council of Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank headquartered in New York.

"I want to raze and help reshape the development model," she says. "Everyone in the trenches of development knows that the current model is broken. Mission and geographic overlap, poor coordination and follow-up and a lack of market linkages are only a few of the problems.

"Investing in women creates a safer, prosperous and more stable world," she says.

As for Afghanistan, "A true peace cannot be achieved if it is brokered on the backs of women and at the cost of the gains women have made."

Lemmon grew up in Greenbriar, attending Magnolia Elementary and high school at Eleanor Roosevelt, where she was a cheerleader. She then attended the University of Missouri, where she obtained a B.A. in journalism.

– Eli Flam

In photos accompanying fire stories on January 6 (page 1) and February 3 (page 12) we failed to properly credit the photographer. Those photos were taken by Jim Davis. Our apologies for the omission.

Correction



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2011 Registration Dates

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Saturdays: Feb. 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

<u>DRAFT DAY</u>

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

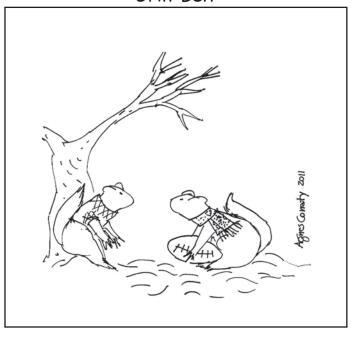
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On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

Wednesday, February 16,

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

Thursday, February 17, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children

Children's Program

Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m., Read to Rover, Children ages 6 to 11 can build reading confidence by reading aloud for 15 minutes to trained therapy dogs. Registration is required. To register call 301-345-5800.

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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

GAIL Holds Housing Focus Groups

In March, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will hold a series of focus groups on housing options and needs for seniors and disabled adults to obtain information on the types of housing, services and programs that should be included in the next wave of senior/disabled housing. GAIL needs input in helping shape the kinds of services wanted and needed by seniors and the disabled in Greenbelt.

The focus groups will each be limited to 12 participants and will be held at the Community Center on March 9, 10 and 23. Those interested in participating are asked to call Christine Anchan at 240-542-2031.

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 Feb. 14 to 18:

Monday - Grape juice, chicken breast with fruit sauce and stuffed with cornbread dressing, Brussels sprouts, roasted red potatoes, spinach salad with mushrooms and bacon dressing, cherry pie and vanilla ice cream (premium meal).

Tuesday - Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, broccoli florets, brown rice, fresh

Wednesday - Apple juice, Italian sausage on a bun with green peppers and onions, macaroni and cheese, chopped spinach, angel food cake with strawberries.

Thursday - Navy bean soup, Swedish meatballs with gravy, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail.

Friday - Cranapple juice, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, stewed apples.

GHI Notes

Tuesday, February 15, 8:30 a.m., Ad hoc Yard Lines Committee - GHI Library

7 p.m., Website Work Group -Board Room

Wednesday, February 16, 7 m Woodlands Committee GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Weatherization Volunteers Training – Board Room

Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., Finance Committee - Board

Friday, February 18, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-

Monday, February 21 Offices Closed for Presidents Day. (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

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

More Community Events see pages 2, 4 and 5.

Ask the Experts Show Greenbelt Nursery On Overmedication

The next Ask the Experts show will be on the subject of prevention of overmedicating oneself and will be taped at Green Ridge House on Tuesday, February 15 at 11 a.m. The show will be presented by Candace Carter.

Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP to Sharon Vanzego at 301-412-2480.

Int'l Mediation Firm Here Adds Mediator

JAMS, the largest provider of mediation and arbitration services worldwide, with a resolution center in Capital Office Park on Ivy Lane, has announced the addition of retired Judge Dennis M. Sweeney to its Greenbelt mediation staff.

Sweeney served as a trial judge for nearly 20 years handling a variety of civil and criminal matters including complex multi-party commercial, business and personal injury cases. Since retiring in 2007, he has continued to preside on a recall/temporary basis on a variety of high profile cases in Central Maryland.

JAMS has more than 260 neutrals who are resolving thousands of cases around the world. Contact 1-800-352-5267 or visit www.jamsadr.com for details.

Free Look Good, Feel Good Talks

On Sunday, February 13 at 2 and 4 p.m., free participatory talks will be given at Pleasant Touch Spa on the newest techniques for feeling good and looking good. The two seminars will be presented back to back, each an hour in length.

"Feel Good" will show how to let go of past hurt, anger, trauma and other emotions that that hold people down. Participants will learn how to unlock an ability to soar. In honor of Valentine's Day, the talk will be on anger and hurt from past or current love relation-

"Look Good" will present three new concepts in skin care; a procedure called needling, the use of peptides and an instant lift product. Try one or all three in the hour demonstration.

Pre-registration will guarantee a seat but is not required. Call 301-345-1849 to pre-register.

Pleasant Touch is in Roosevelt Center, at 133 Centerway.

Franklin Park Co-op Tots Morning Care

Camp Fire USA is starting a program for parents and toddlers living in the Franklin Park Community beginning on Tuesday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. to

Pre-registration is required. There may be fees for field trips, T-shirts and special events. This program is for families with children 3 to 5 who are not currently enrolled in school. Parents must participate with their children. Activities will include age-appropriate enrichment activities including creative arts, outdoor activities, safety programs, community service, occasional field trips and health and wellness activities. It will also provide opportunities for sharing resources and meeting neighbors.

For details contact 240-391-6246 or info@campfireusa-patuxent.org.

Holds Open House

The Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual open house on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning in September.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative in its 68th year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The school offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the open house, meet the director, teachers and other parents, view the classrooms and get information about the classes.

For details visit www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call 301-474-5570. See ad on page 9.

Explore Wisdom

On Friday, February 18 Explorations Unlimited will feature a presentation by Katrina Boverman on the "Wisdom of Our Elders," an interactive workshop in which participants explore the origins of their own wisdom.

Boverman has been a licensed clinical social worker for over 30 years and holds a Master's degree in the applied healing arts. She has a private practice in Greenbelt that focuses on empowering, guiding and facilitating personal and professional change

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club had its business meeting on February 1. Participants decided to be guided on inclement weather by county school system policy. There will be no Golden Age Club meetings if the schools are one hour late, two hours late or closed for the day. If it's dangerous for students, it's dangerous for seniors. It is better to be safe than sorry.

The anniversary luncheon will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt on April 20. Members' dues must be up to date to attend. Feel free to bring a guest for a slightly higher fee.

AARP will do income taxes again this year at the Greenbelt American Legion post. Call GIVES at 301-507-6580 for an appointment. Call soon, as openings are filling up. Have your tax statements with you.

Energy Training Is Offered by GEAC

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) will provide clean reusable energy training sessions each Monday in February to inform Greenbelters how to reduce energy bills and their carbon footprint. Two sessions will be held On February 14 in the Windsor Green Conference Room, 7474 Frankfort Drive. From 7 to 7:30 p.m. Nadine Davis of Better Life Network, LLC talks about "Retail Energy Providers." From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Denny Kougianos of Supreme Air, LLC, will focus on "Geothermal Power for Your Home."

For details email Roody Rosales at rrosales3@comcast.net, Joyce Gladstone at joyce@joycegladstone.com or Gregory Lawson at gemal28@msn.com.

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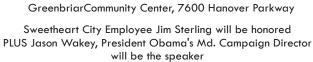
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Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt

Democratic Club

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Annual Sweetheart Meeting of Dems

The Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club Annual Sweetheart Meeting will be held on Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

This year's Greenbelt city employee chosen as the Sweetheart honoree is Assistant Community Development Director Jim Sterling, in the Department of Planning and Community Development. Sterling will explain his handling of code enforcement, etc. to make Greenbelt government function efficiently. In addition to praise by Mayor Judith Davis and others, Sterling will answer questions about his work.

The speaker for the meeting will be Jason Waskey, the Maryland campaign director for President Obama's 2008 campaign, who will talk about where the Democratic Party stands today.

Membership Renewals

It is time again to renew memberships and add new members for the 2011 official roll call of the Roosevelt Club. Membership is open to all, including those beyond Greenbelt's borders. The fee is modest and is reduced for seniors and students. To join or renew send name, address, email and phone number along with dues to Roosevelt Club, Box 824, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Members receive email notice of local Dems events or a phone call for those without email. For questions call 301-577-8907.



Berwyn Concert Will Honor Black History

Saturday, February 12 at 2 p.m. is the next in the Berwyn Concert series and will focus on a celebration of the African American experience from the spiritual to the art song. Entitled "Over My Head, I Hear Music In The Air," it will feature soprano Marilyn Moore, accompanied by pianist Darya Gabay. They will perform an array of traditional spirituals, "Three Dream Portraits" by Langston Hughes and songs of separation by William Grant Still.

Moore, a native of Brunswick, Ga., is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., and took advanced studies at Temple University and the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia. She is on the voice faculty at the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C., and Delaware State University.

All concerts in the series are free to attend, although a freewill offering is requested to support the series.

The concert will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, in Berwyn Heights.



Community of Greenbelt **MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building



South - Sterling



Dale and Melanie South of Mathews, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter Dawn Marie to Evan Wesley Sterling, son of Brian and Rosalind Sterling of Greenbelt. South is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Baltimore School of Law. She is an associate at the law firm of Bremner, Janus & Stone in

Richmond, Va.

Sterling is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and has an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore. He is a financial advisor with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

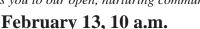
A wedding is planned for May 21, 2011, at the Ware River Yacht Club in Gloucester, Va.

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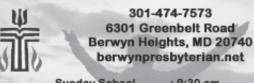
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The completed application must be postmarked no later than April 15. Scholarship awards will be announced in June 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

NAMI Workshop **Examines PG Courts**

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will offer its monthly workshop on Thursday, February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton.

This month's topic is "Prince George's County Mental Health Court." The presenters are Judge Patrice Lewis and the mental health court team, who will explain how the court works within the Prince George's County Correctional System. Also, benefits and services for mentally ill inmates and their families will be presented.

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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 DePlatchett.

On Thursday, February 10 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose, storytelling and comedy is from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, February 11 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. rootsy swing Galt Line Duo offers R&B, Rockabilly, Western Swing, jump blues and Gypsy jazz, along with Indie acoustic band The Nice Trys.

On Saturday, February 12 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Jelly Roll Mortals take the stage with original semi-acoustic roots rock.

Sunday, February 13 the weekly Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 to noon, while Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a special Cupid's Caper Jazz Revue with Pete Reppert and friends serenading Karim and Maria's special Valentine's Day buffet from 5 to 9 p.m. There is a fee (details were on page 9 last week).

Next Week

On Tuesday, February 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. original singer-songwriter duo Russ 'n' Paul offer classic American vocals. This Hyattsville native duo played together in the 1970s to 1980 and now are back. On Wednesday, February 16 Doug Way plays from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 18 the Lonesome Pine Bluegrass Band plays from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, February 19 from 8 to 11 p.m. Stacy Brooks, known to Greenbelt from the Greenbelt Blues Festival, brings the blues and traditional R&B to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, February 20 the Not-2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m. The Akoma Drummers, a diverse group of drummers, percussionists, singers and dancers led by DC drummer Kristen Arant and Ghanaian master drummer Michael Kweku Owusu will play. They present music of the African diaspora and include a range from traditional West African to funk and DC's own go-go. The group plays djembe, kpanlogo, conga and dun-un drums; their compositions include percussion, dancing and songs.

For details call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Winter Bird Walk At Lake Artemesia

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on Thursday, February 17 at 3 p.m. on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail at Lake Artemesia, College Park and Berwyn Heights. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome. Binoculars are suggested. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

School System Meeting on Youth Violence

The Prince George's County meeting on Gang and Youth Violence Education and Awareness Forum, rescheduled from February 2 will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. (snow date March 8). It will be at

Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. This is a call to action for students, parents and the community to join in helping stem the unprecedented outbreak of violence in the county.

Birding Field Trip to Assateague Island

On Saturday, February 12 join the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society members for an all-day field trip to Assateague Island and Indian River Inlet coastal locations to view wintering waterfowl, gulls

and other coastal birds. Eiders, scoters, Harlequin Ducks and rare gulls are possible. Dress warmly. Meet at 7 a.m. at the Bowie Park and Ride to carpool. Call 410-721-1744 for reservations and details. All levels are welcome.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 14, 2010 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

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 Administrative Reports *Committee Reports LEGISLATION – None

LEGISLATION – None OTHER BUSINESS

- 75th Anniversary Committee, Report 2011-1
- Prince George's County Health Department Closed Point of Dispensing Initiative
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2011
- 9/11 10th Anniversary Commemoration Referral to Community Relations Advisory Board
- Legislation
- County CB 1-2011 Delegation of Powers
- State
- Washington Post Editorial County Ethics Reform
- Other Report
- *- Reappointment to Advisory Groups
- *-Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

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

INVITATION TO BID

HVAC Units at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is seeking sealed bids to replace two 15 ton rooftop HVAC units. Interested contractors can obtain a detailed Invitation to Bid Document by visiting the City's website at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov

This is a Federally-assisted project subject to appropriate Federal, State and local laws and implementation regulations as follows: Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u; 24 CFR 135 (Code of Federal Regulations); Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246; the Clean Air Act of 1963, as amended; 40 CFR 15; Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a--276a-5; Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act, 48 Stat. 948, 40 U.S.C. 276 (c), Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-332; 24 CFR Part 35 (Lead-Based Paint Hazards); Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI, Public Law 88-352; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended; Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352); and Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." Additional provisions may apply depending upon the nature of the work to be performed and the contract price.

Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Sealed Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 3/2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 2:10 p.m. on 3/2/11.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

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

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 14-19

Monday, February 14 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming.

Saturday, February 19 at 10am, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: Visioning Goals & Objectives Update at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road in Greenbelt.

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@greenbeltmd.gov.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Facility Renovations at Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.
The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is seeking proposals for a Community Development Block Grant funded renovation project. Interested contractors can obtain a detailed RFP Document by visiting the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/SHL-RFP.pdf

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Proposals must be RECEIVED no later than 3/4/11 at 10:00 a.m. There is a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on 2/15/11 at 10:00 a.m. at the facility for any contractor wishing to submit a proposal.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
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said the pilot program does not include those one-bedroom homes but that lessons learned from the pilot program would apply to them regardless. "Once we determine which types of insulation should be placed in pilot homes," he said, "those improvements will be transferred to one-bedroom homes.

"The same will apply to siding, insulation in crawl spaces," he said. He pointed out that other uncommon home types also are not included in the pilot program, including larger homes.

Dirk R'Kingsley asked whether insulation between units was being considered. Wiehagen said that computer models for insulation consider adjacent living spaces together because the temperature does not vary significantly as between inside and outside spaces.

Wiehagen added, "There may be other reasons to insulate between units."

Mold an Issue

Michael Chesnes inquired if there would be any lead or mold abatement when windows are replaced. After confirming Chesnes' home type, Ralph said, "I am not aware that there is a problem with mold in frame homes." He encouraged Chesnes to contact GHI Maintenance about that issue.

He continued, "Regarding lead . . . there is undoubtedly lead paint and there are regulations in force whereby contractors have to follow certain procedures to ensure that lead paint is properly controlled when they're doing any type of remodeling." He said GHI would ensure that contractors follow these procedures.

Cary Coppock asked whether new home additions could be installed in coordination with the upgrade and suggested that such a program could reduce the number of different construction techniques used on additions.

Ralph responded, "That's one of the issues that the task force must address When you have six to seven hundred different additions, it's very difficult to maintain them."

Andy Carruthers asked about expanding the electrical capacity of GHI homes and whether the pilot monitoring program would track power outages. Agans responded that Pepco power outages are not an area of concern to the Buildings Committee but that the Board of Directors might take up the issue.

Skolnik said that the monitor-

ing equipment would detect outages which lasted long enough to appear on their 15-minute periodic monitoring. He also said that the original wiring remains in place in brick, frame and five single-family pre-fabricated homes and that "consultants have given us 90-year useful lives for these components. Replacement . . . will begin around 2027," he said, in accordance with the replacement reserve program.

Disaster Issue

Velma Kahn asked about preparing for disasters. Specifically she wondered about long-term electrical and water outages, including whether natural gas or propane might help with preparedness.

Skolnik said that county code prohibits propane in row houses. He indicated that even a gas furnace generally requires electricity to distribute heat throughout a house.

Audience members laughed when he continued, "I have a woodstove and you can come over."

Mary Ernsberger asked if GHI might establish a program for members seeking to initiate some upgrades earlier than 2015. "Can we replace doors now to get five years of benefits?"

Ralph replied, "This question has been asked a few times. We as a committee are going to see if it's possible to do what you've been advocating."

The meeting concluded with Finance Committee member Bill Jones saying the reserve had been designed to be paid into through 2015. Withdrawing funds earlier to start improvements, he said, would decrease the money available for replacements planned for 2015. "Whatever we get [before then] we need to pay for as individuals," he said.

Buildings Committee and board member Tokey Boswell said the committee will review all cards submitted by members at the Town Hall. They will consider those concerns in planning the upgrade, he said. He added that the committee will also be listing many questions and answers on the GHI website and they will seek member input throughout the upgrade process.

A handout distributed to members at the meeting is available at the GHI offices and also on the ghi.coop website, by clicking "Pilot Program" in the left menu and then "Press Releases."

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from seven to 25.

After-school activities vary for the group. Homework, foosball and ping pong in the game room, basketball in the gym and discussions about local news, hip hop and life weave in and around the

Butler started HIP HOP (Having Invested Presence Helps Our Parenting) Fathers in June for young men 17 and older. The purpose of the group is to talk about the importance of modeling for younger children, whether or not the young men are actually biological fathers.

During the meetings Butler sometimes has participants recite lyrics from popular songs and explain their meaning. At this point he asks the guys whether they would like their sisters or mothers to be addressed in such a demeaning manner. Butler said, without exception the answer has

always been a resounding, "No." **Music a Tool**

Music is a recurring teaching tool at the community center. Butler said kids identify with songs on the radio and with music videos which have the effect of "life choosing to imitate art." Music is an integral part of the annual community shows Butler produces. Storylines include peer pressure and gangs, along with the use of poetry.

Butler said another ingredient for youth success is learning more about black history. "We have to identify with our historical contributions of our people. It means a world of difference."

Butler is a part of this difference. The Rev. Greg Carter of the Cultural and Sports Peace Ambassador Network and a sponsor of the women's basketball team, Greenbelt Lady Angels, said, "I think he is doing a good job."

Fourteen-year-old Everald Clarke, a ninth grader at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, said of Butler, "He's a great teacher." Clarke said Butler has taught him how to dribble and other fundamentals on the 15-and-under Greenbelt Raiders basketball team

In addition to the activities within the center walls, Butler, who has been a city employee for 11 years, takes the kids to various museums. "Exposure is the key," he said. "It saves lives."

Some of the lives Butler has helped salvage are men who once were the center's youths. Butler said these young adults often come back to visit, including those who had been incarcerated.

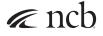
Even in these cases, Butler's mantra is the same. "People come in and need to be heard," he said. "I'm listening. Someone needs to listen."



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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.

Drug Arrest

February 3, 7:55 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane, a resident youth was petitioned for possession of marijuana and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Disorderly Conduct

January 28, 3:17 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident youth was petitioned for disorderly conduct; a nonresident youth was petitioned for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Both youths were released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

February 1, 5:25 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

January 30, 11:33 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, an unknown object was thrown through a window. The suspect is known to the victim.

Burglaries

January 27, 4:01 p.m., 45 Court Ridge Road; it is unknown what was taken.

January 28, 6:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a game system, laptop and bookbag were among the items reported taken

February 3, 3:54 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, two televisions, a GPS, jewelry, a laptop and cameras were among the items reported taken.

February 3, 11:59 p.m., Greenway Center, it was reported that currency was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A silver 1999 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags was stolen from Beltway Plaza.

A white 1989 Mercedes 300E with Maryland tags, reported stolen through the Maryland State

Barrett is Promoted To Lieutenant



The Greenbelt Police Department has promoted Sergeant John Barrett to the rank of lieutenant effective January 28.

As the newest member of

the department's command staff, Barrett runs the Office of Professional Standards. He will conduct internal affairs investigations and is responsible for maintaining the department's accreditation status with the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Barrett has been with the Greenbelt police since 1989 and worked previously as a dispatcher, a patrol officer and as a detective. He was assigned as a patrol squad supervisor prior to his promotion.

Police, was recovered in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive. No arrests were made.

January 31, 7700 block Greenbelt Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$100 after being found in possession of a stolen registration sticker. He was released on citation pending trial.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (car stereo); Beltway Plaza (tools); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS unit, currency, charger); 7500 block Mandan Road, (rear Md. tag); 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (GPS); and 6200 block Springhill Court (GPS).

Vandalism was reported at 100 block Westway (cut tires) and Beltway Plaza (scratched vehicle).

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.

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Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 held its annual Pinewood Derby on January 29 at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, with 24 derby cars and almost 700 attendees. Winners are shown holding their trophies – Tiger Den: Devon Kaelberer, first place; Wolf Den: Yusef Khan, first place; Will Godfrey, second; and Ibrahim Khan, third. Bear Den: Malik Hill, first place; Jason Kalshoven, second; and Alexander Marshall, third place. Webelos: Zyed Khan, first place; Nicholas Mulvey, second; and John Ahalt, third place. For the Arrow of Light Den: Matthew Dickerson, first place; Michael Wilson, second; and Garrett Brown, third. Overall pack winners were Yusef Khan, first place; Zayed Khan, second; and Matthew Dickerson, third.

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to restore the Indian Creek Stream Valley.

Other included issues were facilitation of active and passive recreation; investigation of new design and development approaches; the assurance of a safe, connected, multi-modal Greenbelt Road; increased resident participation in the process and support for relocation of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Station.

Planning challenges for the sector included the need for a full interchange from I-95/495 to provide access to the Metro North Core area and maintaining Cherrywood Lane as a two-lane roadway. which unfortunately constrains access to adjacent developable areas. In addition the expected benefits of transit-oriented development, density and diversity of housing choices and pricing may not be clear to all stakeholders.

Williams warned that, throughout the process, close coordination will be required among multiple agencies with jurisdiction in the sector plan area. In addition, the countywide office market may pose challenges, he warned, with achieving new and/or revitalized nonresidential development at the metro center.

He pointed out that connectivity is lacking throughout the sector plan area and is further constrained by major roadway/ highway barriers. Portions of Greenbelt located west of Kenilworth Avenue also have a significantly different character than portions located to its east.

Council Reactions

Following the presentation, councilmembers either had questions for Williams or comments on the process. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his concern with the widening of Cherrywood Lane and turning Greenbelt Road into a multi-modal route.

Councilmember Konrad Herling expressed the need for a circulator type of bus system for improving connectivity between Greenbelt East and West. He asked about best practices used nationwide that could be applied to the area. As a best practice, Duffy cited the city of Portland, Ore., in the area of transit and sustainability practices.

In response to a question from Mayor Judith Davis regarding the process, Duffy said M-NCPPC was excited about the opportunity to work with council and city staff, as well as residents, to address Greenbelt's future needs and "to re-knit the planning sector area with historic Greenbelt." Davis suggested that city staff could provide Greenbelt's stakeholder list to M-NCPPC.

Councilmembers Roberts, Herling and Edward Putens expressed interest in data or sources of data for commercial office vacancy rates specific to Greenbelt. This issue arose when M-NCPPC staff indicated a 23 percent vacancy rate in the current environment. Williams said their data had been obtained from Costar Group, which provides analysis and forecasting for commercial real estate.

APB Briefing

At the suggestion of Davis, the M-NCPPC provided a briefing on the Sector Plan update to the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) on Wednesday, February 2. APB members received the same presentation provided council and their comments reflected those made by the city council.

Like council, they were concerned with the importance of adequate pedestrian and bicycle

connections among the various parts of the sector. They had similar concerns as well with adding extra lanes on Cherrywood Lane and possible effects on the existing successful bikeway and traffic calming features on Cherrywood.

APB members pressed the M-NCPPC planners to identify any

applicable Transportation Overlay Development Zone examples that could be applied to the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector planning. M-NCPPC staff indicated their willingness to provide APB with monthly updates and issue sessions during the evolution of Sector planning.

Following these meetings with council and the APB, the M-NCPPC staff's next step is the community forum on March 2.

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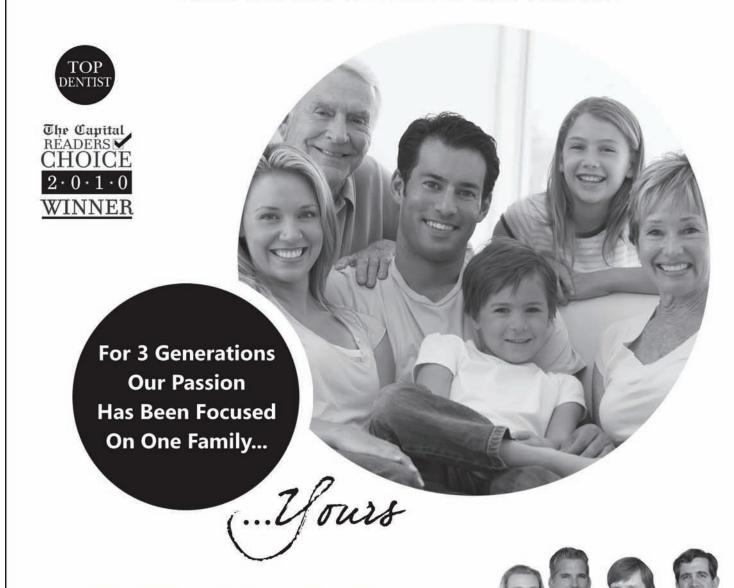
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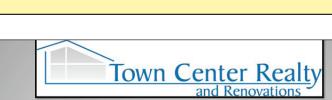
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Fox Trot, Merengue Dances Now In a Part of 5th Grade Repertoire

by Anne Gardner

Trading balls and jump ropes for dancing shoes, the 5th grade at Greenbelt Elementary has just finished a unit on ballroom dancing. They combined their music and physical education classes for several weeks to learn the fox trot, merengue, swing and tango. Each week the students danced for two or three 30-minute sessions, taught by music teacher Dara Case and physical education (PE) teachers David Manfredi and Elise Moscati.

Parent Dawn Mooney was "pleased to see a creative program made available to the children that provided a learning experience different from traditional paper and pencil teaching. The music and PE teachers deserve a lot of credit for their willingness to participate in something new and different!"

There were varying reactions among the students themselves, some of them reluctant to touch students of the opposite sex and some unhappy about missing their regular music or PE activities. Case jokingly told parents that the students liked the tango best, because during that dance they were not supposed to make eye contact with their partner. However, other students loved every minute of it. Pam Bernier claimed that the dancing particularly inspired her son Daniel.

Six couples were chosen to participate in the first ever Ballroom Dance Competition sponsored by Prince George's County Public Schools at the Bowie



Justin Mooney and Sofie Dabelko win the highest score for the Fox Trot at the Prince George's County Schools Ballroom Dance Competition.

Center for the Performing Arts on January 23. The selected students were Justin Mooney, Sofie Dabelko, Ambe McKinney, Athena Jones, Desmond Britt, Yanaii Wilson, Hyung Joon, Shania Miller, Daniel Bernier, Lexi Onuoha and Cameron Latson.

Seven schools participated in the event. Each couple performed one dance; Greenbelt Elementary students Sofie Dabelko and Justin Mooney scored the highest, 98/100, for their fox trot. Overall the school came away proudly with a bronze trophy from the event. Parent Crystal Jones reported, "The audience was very excited and really thought all the competitors looked great and did an awesome job."

According to one of the Greenbelt Elementary participants, Athena Jones, "The dance competition was exciting. We were nervous but once you were done you felt so relieved." Sofie Dabelko said, "In the end, when you know all the dances, it's fun. It was fun to just be part of it. Just to get a chance to compete in it."

The judges were Tess Minnick and Jumarcelon Castro from Arthur Murray Dance Studios, threetime Professional Rising Star Smooth Champions, two-time Open Professional Lindy Hop Champions and five-time Open Professional Smooth Finalists. They performed two dances at the event, which were described as "beyond good" and "totally awesome" by the Greenbelt Elementary students.

All of the 5th grade students were given the opportunity to show off their skills at a show-case performance for the parents at the school on the evening of Monday, January 31. Twenty-four students, boys wearing ties and girls in pretty dresses, moved confidently round the school gym, to the great delight of their parents and friends. They then pulled up audience members to teach them the merengue, followed by some line dancing to finish off the evening.

Case was very positive about the whole experience. "This is a lifelong skill that students will be able to use in high school and beyond. I am hopeful that this will be an annual tradition in which our school participates."

PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

Elizabeth Gardner and Justin Mooney dance the Tango at the Greenbelt Elementary Ballroom Dancing Showcase.



Aryonne Williams and Se'Von Anthony dance the Tango at the Greenbelt Elementary Ballroom Dancing Showcase.

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