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## Reuse of Old Middle School Leaves Council in a Quandry

by James Giese

Prince George's County School Board member Peggy Higgins is in a quandry. As the member whose district includes the City of Greenbelt, she wants to represent the city's interests as they relate to reutilization of the soon-to-be-vacated original Greenbelt Middle School.

With the new school building, located on the same site, to be completed in time for a fall opening and the old school building then to be vacated, the Board of Education rapidly approaches a time when it must decide what to do with the old building. Higgins thus sought the advice of Greenbelt City Council at a worksession on March 5.

Also in attendance were members of the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force (GMSTF), which had presented an update to council of its interim report on reutilization of the old school building.

As to the city's use of all or

some of the old building for city purposes, both council and the task force are also in a quandry. They do not know how much the county school system plans to spend to fix up the old building. (They now know that the \$6 million once allocated for historic restoration is not really there and that the school system will spend only as much as necessary to satisfy requirements of the Maryland Historic Trust.)

### Ownership Unchanged

They also know it is unlikely the school system will release building ownership, as it once had done with Greenbelt Center School, now the city Community Center.

Apparently, if the city would utilize part or all of the old school building, it must be by means of a lease with the school system. And while the rental cost of such a lease might be nominal, its potential terms are unknown.

Would it be long or short term? What expenses would the city require to make the building useable and code compliant? How would the building be utilized and how would these uses be funded?

While the city council has not officially taken a position, Mayor Judith Davis pointed out several times during the meeting that a number of members of council have stated they will not commit the city to any obligation to utilize the old school without the utilization proposal first being approved at a city referendum. While a referendum election could be held in a month's time, there is not adequate information to provide city voters in order to make a decision.

### Turning Point

Apparently not in a quandry are the representatives of Turning Point Academy, a charter

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## All that One Needs to Know To Vote in Coming Primary

by Kathleen Gallagher and Mary Moien

Many Marylanders were expecting to vote in the presidential primaries on Super Tuesday in February as in 2010. The primary, however, had been moved to April 3, a still critical time, especially for Republicans.

In addition to going to their polling places on April 3, registered Maryland voters will again have two additional options for casting their ballots in this year's presidential primary: In-person early voting will be available for six days before the election at specified locations and all voters may now also choose to vote absentee, not only those who cannot come to the polling place on election day.

It is now too late for anyone to register to vote in the general election who has not already done so. People may check their registration status, as well as locate their polling place and preview the ballot by going to <http://www.elections.state.md.us> and clicking on "Find Out Here!"

Note that other contact information for the Prince George's County Board of Elections is given at the end of this article.

### Early Voting

Voters may vote at any early voting center in the county in

which they are registered. Prince George's County has five designated centers, the closest one to Greenbelt being the College Park site. Early voting centers will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Saturday, March 24 through Thursday, March 29, with the exception of Sunday, March 25 when polls will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

### Early Voting Process

Voting during the early voting period is the same as voting on election day. Voters will check in as usual and use the touch screen voting system. The ballot is identical to the one on the voting machines on election day.

Instructions will be available at the early voting centers. Election judges will also be available to answer questions or to provide help.

Though not required for voting, it is a good idea to bring identification showing the current address in case of a problem with a voter's registration. For additional information call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

### Absentee Voting

Any registered voter now has the option to vote by absentee

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## March Sector Plan Workshop Focuses on the North Core

by Thomas X. White

The fifth community workshop on the developing Greenbelt Metro Area and Maryland Route 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (Sector Plan) was held on March 15 at Springhill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt West. The workshop was fairly well attended with residents and elected representatives from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and North College Park.

Councilmember Ingrid Turner, Prince George's County Council District 4, was also in attendance, along with a number of staff members from the Prince George's Planning Department led by Sector Plan Project Director Chad Williams, as well as representatives of the City of Greenbelt and

Metroland Developers, LLC. The workshop focused on the expected alternative development scenarios proposed for the site immediately adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

As the Sector Plan process has evolved since its inception in early 2011, the lack of progress on previously ambitious development plans for the North Core Metro site, the sagging economy and legal battles between the developers and Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA), which owns the site, has severely dampened the likelihood that the planned Mixed-Use Development (MUD) at the North Core would take place any time soon.

In fact, the current agreement between WMATA and Metroland Developers, LLC for development at the site expires in 2014; if not extended, it is likely that WMATA would reconsider options for the proposed development.

### FBI Site

In the meantime, the Greenbelt Metro site has been touted as one of several I-495 Beltway Metro sites the federal General Services Administration (GSA) might consider for a proposed consolidation project for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters (GNR, February 9, 2012). That potential possibility for the North Core site has somewhat complicated the Sector Plan planners' task because it presents two dissimilar visions for the North Core.

In the words of Williams, "what happens at the Metro Station North Core essentially drives the types of development in the other sector plan areas." Thus, the March 15 workshop elucidated two visions: one, a MUD scenario with a transit district development overlay; the other, a potential site for a GSA tenant.

Setting the stage for discussion of the alternatives, Williams noted that the Conceptual Site Plan approved for the North Core runs with the land and does not expire. It could be amended, however, through an initiative taken by the owners but cannot be amended by

See **SECTOR PLAN**, page 6

## Speed Cameras Coming, Public Hearing March 26

by Kathleen Gallagher

Greenbelters who have racked up one or more tickets from a College Park speed camera (and, no, that's not a confession from this reporter) may be pleased to learn they will soon have the opportunity to entice unwitting College Parkians into the path of speed cameras right here at home. At its regular meeting on March 12, the Greenbelt City Council introduced two pieces of legislation necessary to continue down the road to adoption of speed cameras in school zones.

Discussion of the topic was largely deferred to the March 26 meeting, when a public hearing will be held and such legislation returned to the agenda for adoption.

The State of Maryland's law enables municipalities to introduce photo speed-monitoring systems within designated school zones, which are defined as being within a half-mile radius of a school. State law requires that the city not enact its own law without giving reasonable notice and holding a public hearing.

### Law Provisions

The city's new law must comply with a number of requirements

of state law. Speed cameras are allowed to operate only from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prior to activation of such a system, the city must publish notice of camera locations on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

The city must also ensure that school zones are designated and that each sign designating a school zone must also announce that speed-monitoring systems are in use in local school zones. For a period of at least 30 days after activation of the first speed camera, enforcement of any violations would be limited to issuing a warning.

### Penalties

The civil penalty for a speed violation will be \$40, the maximum permitted by state law. Additional fines would be imposed if payment is not timely. Violations will not be considered moving violations for the purpose of assessing points and will not be recorded on the driving record of the owner or driver of the vehicle.

State law specifies that speeds of 12 or more miles per hour

See **CAMERAS**, page 8

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, March 24

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

#### Monday, March 26

8 p.m., Council Meeting, FY2013 Budget Presentation, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbelt.gov](http://www.greenbelt.gov)

#### Tuesday, March 27

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

#### Wednesday, March 28

7 p.m., Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Rm. 114

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession re: Overview Revenues and General Government, Community Center

## Letters to the Editor

### Too Much Information

I am a Greenbelter and normally read this as it provides good community information and updates. However, in the March 8, 2012 (Vol. 75, No. 16) issue, I think it would be helpful if prudence were better used. Specifically, on Pg. 8 in "Two Attempted Burglaries Occur at Roosevelt Center," it would have been better to omit that "Glare from the service station windows prevented the capture of usable information."

Also, in the next paragraph, it begins "Novick said the glass in the windows and doors are 4-ply."

I just think it might have been better not to disclose so much so as not to 1. regarding glare – should not let the criminals know that they are not even suspected or going to be pursued and 2. regarding the 4-ply glass – the same or potential criminals who might want to attempt the same (or a similar) burglary could ascertain what it would take to break through a 4-ply (or greater) window for future reference.

It is not necessarily wise to disclose all info.

Lacey Ghoulson

### Critical Voter Info Omitted?

In a copy of his letter to the Prince George's County Elections Administration, Mandan Road resident Bruce Knight writes:

Dear Ms. Alexander,

My household recently received an official specimen ballot in the mail entitled PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. Unfortunately it appears to be in error; there are no Republican Party ballots in the specimen. Since the cover does not specify this to be a Democratic Party only specimen ballot this could be misinterpreted in several ways, not the least of which is to suggest to Republican voters that they do not need to go to the polls.

If this was intended to be a Democratic Party only specimen ballot, then the cover page should be corrected. If the Republican Party specimen ballots were inadvertently omitted then they should be added.

Either way the specimen ballot should be re-issued. If I am misreading the specimen ballot, please accept my apology in advance.

Bruce R. Knight

**Editor's Note:** As Mr. Knight has likely been notified by the county elections office, primary election sample ballots for the Republican ticket are sent only to registered Republicans, while sample Democratic ballots are sent only to registered Democrats, who are the only persons who can vote in Maryland's primary for selection of party candidates for the coming fall election.

### Correction

In the front page article "No Smoking Issues Absorb GHI Board and Members" last week the number of members who must petition the board to add an item to the annual meeting agenda was erroneously stated. The number of members who must petition the board to add a business matter to the annual meeting agenda is 10.

### Greenbriar Assoc. To Meet March 27

The Greenbriar Community Association will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

Those unable to attend are asked to turn in their completed proxy ballot, sent or faxed to CVS Management Office, dropped off to their building representative or dropped in the "proxy drop" envelope pinned to the bulletin board in their building.

### Gallery Music Honors Women's History

On Sunday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. to honor Women's History Month, the National Gallery of Art will host a performance by soprano Meri Siirala and pianist Danielle Hahn playing music by women composers in the West Garden Court. Enter on Sixth Street until 6:30 p.m.

Call 202-842-6941 or visit [www.nga.gov/programs/concerts.htm](http://www.nga.gov/programs/concerts.htm) for more information.

### Native Plants on Sale At BARC March 31

Streamline spring plant shopping by visiting the Friends of the National Arboretum Native Plant Sale. Several regional nurseries offer an extensive selection of native plants and growers will be on hand to share garden information. Admission is free for the sale, held at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville on March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sale is part of the annual Lahr Symposium on native plants, for which there is a fee.

### Prizes for Reading 30 Minutes/30 Days

Middle-schoolers are encouraged to join Read Across Maryland: 30 for 30 Program by reading for 30 minutes each day for 30 days. Participating students in the middle school with the most reading minutes will be awarded prizes.

The county library system is partnering with area Title I middle schools to launch the program. The Maryland State Educators Association is sponsoring the program. More details may be found at [www.readacrossmaryland.org/](http://www.readacrossmaryland.org/) or [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info).

### Women's Heart Support Group Held at Doctors

Doctors Community Hospital holds bi-monthly Woman Heart support groups for women with heart disease or related issues like high blood pressure or who support someone with heart disease. Sponsored by the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease, the sessions will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of every other month, with the next group on March 27.

Guest speakers will discuss issues related to heart disease. Participants are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to the meetings, which will be held in Doctors' North Building, DSE Room A.

For more information call Cecily Ludka at 301-552-8058 or email [cludka@dchweb.org](mailto:cludka@dchweb.org).

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAR 23

#### FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R)

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

SUNDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

MONDAY – THURSDAY

\*5:15, 7:30

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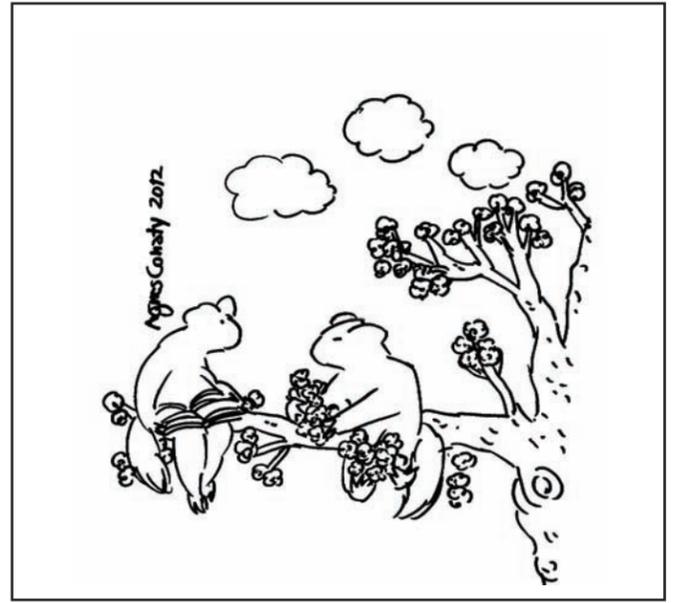
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### Grin Belt



"I heard drinking cherry blossom tea counteracts pink goo from my cafeteria hamburger."

### On Screen

#### Friends Galore and More

"Friends with Kids," a new take on having a baby, opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, March 23. Not to be confused with "Friends with Benefits" or "Friends with Money," this slickly-packaged comedy features two best friends (played by Jennifer Westfeldt and Adam Scott) who decide to stay single while doing the necessary to start a family. Nor will they get bogged down in such wise like their married pals in the Big Apple, no sirree.

Can they bring it off? Can the cross-hatched dialogue get it on without sexual content and profanity?

R. Running time: 108 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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## BIG BAND TRADITION AT THE NEW DEAL!

Come join us for an authentic Big Band performance inside the New Deal – 17 musicians in and around the stage! In commemoration of Greenbelt's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Sunday March 25. 5 to 8pm



New Deal Café – 113 Centerway  
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 26 through 30:

Monday – Apple juice, baked chicken drumsticks with gravy, lima beans, baby carrots, diced peaches.

Tuesday – Orange juice, cheese lasagna roll with meat sauce, green beans, escalloped apples.

Wednesday – Orange juice, meatloaf with beef gravy, black-eyed peas, stewed tomatoes, fresh pear.

Thursday – Apple juice, roasted turkey with gravy, sage dressing, seasoned spinach, tropical fruit salad.

Friday – Cranberry juice, breaded pollock with tartar sauce, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

1 to 3 p.m., Woodlands Annual Spring Thaw – Hamilton Place  
Monday, March 26, 7 p.m., Communications Task Force – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, March 27, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, March 29, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, March 30, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011

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

## Casual Game Night At Café March 30

Greenbelt Pride will host a casual game night at the New Deal Café on Friday, March 30 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bring a game to share, see old friends and make new ones, while supporting the Café. Previous game nights have featured various member-shared games including Apples to Apples, Pictionary, Cranium, Scrabble and Uno. Both adult and kids' games will be available for play.

A member of the GreenBELT Pride board will be there with a small rainbow flag on the table.

## Global Warming Role Of Sun Is ASG Topic

The March 29 meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will feature a presentation at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Keith Strong on "The Sun's Role in Global Warming," at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road. Has the sun changed sufficiently to explain global warming? Dr. Strong will present some of the arguments pro and con to support a major role for the sun in global warming.

Strong received degrees in astronomy from University College, London and in astrophysical x-ray spectroscopy from Mullard Space Science Laboratory. Arriving in the U.S. in 1976 as a student, he is a widely published, prolific author and he worked for Lockheed Martin for 32 years, retiring as director of space sciences at their Palo Alto Research Laboratories.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club meeting on March 14 had a rather small group attending. Some of us were on the trip with Karen Haseley to the Hagerstown Museum and outlets. It was a really interesting trip and we walked and shopped a lot.

We will play bingo on March 28 and have the Chinese Auction on April 11. This is a fundraiser for the club and lots of fun. Come enjoy and bring an article to be auctioned off.

Another reminder – the anniversary luncheon is on April 19 at the Holiday Inn on Route 1 near IKEA. We have a deadline the first week in April, so members need to come to the meeting and sign up in advance. The New Dimensions singers will be at the luncheon this year with a new program.

Let's all try to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Be very quick to enjoy this beautiful spring weather in Greenbelt.

## Greenbriar NARFE Meeting on Exercise

On Wednesday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. the Northern Prince George's County Chapter 1122 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at the Greenbriar Community Building in the Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Physical Therapist C.J. Onyeji from the Professional Sports Care and Rehabilitation Association will talk about which exercises will do most for his listeners.

Prospective members are welcome. An executive board meeting follows the chapter meeting, with chapter members invited to attend.

For directions call 301-441-1096 and dial "O."

## Explore Military Film, Spring Cleansing

The next two Explorations Unlimited programs will offer on Friday, March 23 a look at military film history and on March 30 a demonstration of spring cleansing foods for the body.

Military and film historian Larry Suid will discuss his experiences interviewing people while doing research for his several books. Titled "Conversations with Gods and Lesser People," it is about people whose fame and importance are known worldwide, including John Wayne, Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong and Curtis LeMay.

Suid has written about the relationship between the film industry and the U.S. military and the Army's nuclear power program and the history of the armed forces radio and television service. He is finishing a biography of High Noon, From Here to Eternity, A Man for All Seasons and The Day of the Jackal.

### Spring Cleansing

The following Friday Explorations Unlimited will focus on a presentation by Co-op health stalwarts Kim Rush Lynch and Ellen Siegel on "Spring Cleaning Foods for Your Health." They will talk about making the transition into spring with foods that cleanse the liver and blood and focus on antioxidant-rich foods to help slow toxins that speed the aging process. They will also discuss household cleaners and body care products formulated to reduce the body's toxic load.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. All are welcome to attend; questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, March 23 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Wharf Rats, a Grateful Dead Jam band, plays from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 24 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by jazz and blues piano from John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Then the Stoney Run String Band plays traditional and progressive bluegrass from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, March 25 Big Band Tradition plays jazz from the 30s swing band era in celebration of Greenbelt's 75th anniversary.

### Next Week

On Tuesday, March 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Steve Haug plays imaginative folk and covers. Wednesday, March 28 the Cajun Music Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, March 29 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. An open microphone session with Tom Gleason is on from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, March 30 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Hard Swimmin' Fish follows with rockin' blues from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, March 31 schedule begins with Greg Meyer's monthly community Jazz Jam from 1 to 5:30 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliner The Keshvar Project with tribal belly dance from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m., Mateo Monk brings a special blend of world music, electronica and reggae.

## Synagogue Blood Drive Is Sunday

Mishkan Torah Synagogue's Social Action Committee will hold a Red Cross blood drive at the synagogue on Sunday, March 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prospective donors may call 1-800-733-2767 or simply come to Mishkan Torah, at 20 Ridge Road, during the blood drive. All blood types are urgently needed.

More Community Events on pages 2 and 5



## Continuing at The Greenbelt Arts Center!



## PIPPIN

March 23, 24, 30, 31 at 8:00 PM  
March 25 at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$17 Students/Seniors

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### Coming Soon:

April 7, 2012 - Celtic Concert with The Homespun Ceilidh Band  
April 27 - May 19 - The Graduate

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A Thousand Words, PG-13  
11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50, 10:15  
Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 2D, PG (!!)  
11:35  
Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 3D, PG (!!)  
1:40, 3:45, 5:40, 7:35, 9:30  
Hunger Games, PG-13 (!)  
11:30, 12:15, 3:10, 3:55, 6:15, 7, 9:40,  
10:10  
John Carter in 2D, PG-13 (!)  
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Safe House, R  
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## Fundraiser/Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sat., April 7 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

At the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. (125 Crescent Rd.)

Donation: \$20 for 1 table/2 chairs

\$10 per additional table/2 chairs.

And a \$5 Donation to display any Motorcycles for sale during event.  
There will be a special spot to see them all.

Participants may sell anything motorcycle-related of any brand.

All sales are between vendor & buyer, not the G.V.F.D.

Contact Randy Krob at 240-304-1951 for tables or info.

# St. Hugh Bids Farewell to Father Hurd

by Kathleen McFarland

On Saturday, February 18 several hundred St. Hugh's parishioners lined up to say goodbye to the Rev. R. Scott Hurd at a reception following the 5 p.m. Mass. Father Hurd, who has served for over 11 years as pastoral associate at the parish, has been reassigned by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, to head up a new national office which will work with Episcopal parishes in the United States and Canada that are seeking entrance into the Catholic Church.

The responsibilities of the new assignment make it necessary for Father Hurd to step down from his other position in the Archdiocese, director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, as well as his St. Hugh duties. In the new position, he will work out of an office in the Pastoral Center in Hyattsville. He and his family will continue to live in Alexandria, Va., and he remains a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Father Hurd, formerly a married Episcopal priest, was received into the Catholic Church and given special permission to study for the Catholic priesthood. After three years of instruction, he was ordained a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Washington by Archbishop James Hickey in 2000. The post at St. Hugh's was his first assignment.

Commuting from his home in Virginia, he has become part of the parish family, assisting the pastor in saying masses each weekend, hearing confessions, presiding at funerals and weddings, attending community events and fundraisers. He has been especially known for his cogent, appealing homilies and his popular Bible study workshops and seminars.

Father Hurd's recent book on forgiveness has received excellent reviews. He knows all the people of the parish and their love and respect for him was evident by the large crowd that turned out for his farewell Mass and reception.

St. Hugh's pastor, Father Walter Tappe, delivered a touching speech to start off the reception in Grenoble Hall, thanking his longtime colleague and friend for his service and assuring him that he would be welcomed back at any time.

The people of the parish then lined up to give Father Hurd their own personal good wishes. It was apparent he will be greatly missed.

Father Hurd's departure leaves a large void, hard to fill. Father Tappe said it seems unlikely that an assistant priest will be assigned to St. Hugh's but that the Dominican fathers from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington will continue to provide assistance at the four weekend masses.



PHOTO BY LOIS GORMAN

Father Walter Tappe (at microphone) leads farewell reception for Father R. Scott Hurd.

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
 www.greenbeltucc.org  
 Sunday Worship  
 10:15 a.m.  
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
 301-474-7573  
 6301 Greenbelt Road  
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
 berwynpresbyterian.net

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
 Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
 Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services  
 • Sundays  
 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
 10 a.m. main service  
 (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays  
 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
 www.myholycross.org • myholycross@verizon.net

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m. Informal Worship  
 In-day School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday – April 8th  
 Special Festival Service at 9:30 a.m.!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
 Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff report two dogs were found running at large. There was one injured falcon and one noise complaint was filed regarding a barking dog.

Planning staff met with representatives of WMATA, South Core and North Core to discuss a pedestrian-bicycle connection from the South Core to the Metro Station.

Facilities/Building Maintenance crews assisted a contractor with replacement of the water heater at Old Greenbelt Theatre and installed a door bell at the Community Center outside the News Review office.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crews stabilized the eroded hillside at Public Works and the Youth Center with grass seed and erosion matting.

Recreation staff report asphalt was laid on Braden Field tennis courts 1 through 4. It is expected that the asphalt will need to cure for 30 days before the color coat is applied.



Condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy ("Dottie") Mason of Green Ridge House, who died March 10, 2012.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Rev. David Conway, 86, on March 15, 2012. Father Conway served as pastor of St. Hugh's church in Greenbelt from 1982 to 1984. His last assignment before retirement was as pastor of historic St. Mary's on 5th Street, N.W. in Washington, where funeral services were held.

Congratulations to former assistant recreation director Harry James and wife Kathy (Fern), who were grand marshals of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ocean City. In retirement on the Eastern Shore, the couple has been active in the Delmarva Irish-American Club and have hosted children from Northern Ireland through a program called "Project Children."

To send information email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
 www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10am

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
 Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday, March 25, 10 a.m.  
 "How to Greet the Day" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associate Marilyn Pearl, the Chalice Dancers and the Choir  
 Balancing Work, Play, Spirit and Survival

O Son of Being!  
 Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee. Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than Me. For I have created thee rich and have bountifully shed My favor upon thee. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
 Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
 Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
 Opportunity for leadership development.  
 Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
 Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
 Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

**At the Library**

**Storytimes**

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

Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

**Read for Health**

Children in grades pre-K to three are invited to join a program that uses storybooks to focus on key nutrition and physical activity messages. Included are mini-lessons, food tastings and parent newsletters. All the lessons are hands-on and engaging for learners.

The program is co-sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension and Food Supplement Nutrition Education.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info).

**District 22 Senatorial Scholarships Open**

Students who live in the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Greenbelt, and are planning to attend a Maryland university or trade school are encouraged to apply for a Maryland taxpayer Senatorial Scholarship through the office of state Senator Paul G. Pinsky.

Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving undergraduate and graduate students, judged by a volunteer committee of community members who review applications for academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Most scholarships are awarded for four years or until the recipient completes his or her degree, whichever is first.

Last year Senator Pinsky's scholarship committee awarded a total of 80 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 and these automatically renew each year once awarded.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.senatorpinsky.org> or from the senator's office at 301-858-3155. All applicants must submit an application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of their application. Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 5.

**Hospice to Hold Volunteer Info Day**

Hospice of the Chesapeake will hold a volunteer information day for prospective volunteers on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon in their Prince George's County office at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Staff and volunteers will discuss the many opportunities available. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to register contact Julie Medlin at 301-499-4500 or [jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org).

**Bonsai Procedure Free at Arboretum**

Watch a museum curator report a tree from the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum's permanent collection. This procedure, usually done behind the scenes, will be performed free for visitors on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum.



# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FY 2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION  
March 26, 2012 - Municipal Building - 8:00 p.m.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

- International Year of Cooperatives Proclamation
- Proposed FY 2013 City Budget
- FY 2012 Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation

**Public Hearing**

- Speed Cameras

**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**

- \* - Work Session,
- \* - Work Session,
- \* - Work Session,
- Executive Session, March 19, 2012 – Statement for Record
- Executive Session, March 21, 2012 – Statement for Record

**Administrative Reports**

**Council Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**LEGISLATION**

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" Article VI "Automated Enforcement Program" of the Greenbelt City Code -2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Implementation of an Automated Speed Enforcement System with Brekford Corporation of Hanover, Maryland -2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Award of Purchase – Police Vehicles
- Award of Purchase – Pickup Truck
- Other Reports

**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](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE SYMPOSIUM:  
SUSTAINING GREENBELT'S LEGACY**

**Friday, April 27, 9:30-5:30 & Saturday, April 28, 9:30-2:30**  
Symposium: Academics from several universities, city staff and Greenbelt residents examine the city's enduring legacies in terms of community planning, recreation, cooperative ventures and citizen activism. Dr. Mervyn Miller, an English planning historian, delivers a keynote address, "From The British Garden City to Greenbelt and Back to the English New Towns" at 1:00 pm, Saturday. For additional information contact Dr. Isabelle Gournay at [gournay@umd.edu](mailto:gournay@umd.edu) or [www.greenbeltmd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/75) or Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-507-6582. There is a fee.

**Registration Forms Available at  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/75)**

**FIT-N-FUN CARDIO**

**Spring Session is from March 26-June 1**  
Get yourself moving in the morning with a variety of high/low cardio, Latin moves, interval training with weights, kickboxing, boot camp and floor work set to a variety of great music. Bring a mat and hand weights. Register now! Drop in also available.  
Info: 301-397-2208 or Recreation Activity Guide at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)



**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**  
550-A Crescent Road  
(behind Police Station)

**Marty is a dapper young fellow who is friendly and loves to play with toys. He is anxiously awaiting his new forever home! Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!**

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26-30**

**Monday, March 26 at**

7:00 p.m. **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE WORK SESSION, Interview for Ethics Commission.**  
7:20pm **INTERVIEWS FOR ADVISORY GROUPS**  
8:00pm, **REGULAR MEETING/FY2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES) at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.**

Wednesday, March 28 from 7-8:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, room 111.

**Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Distribution of Financial Disclosure Forms: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, Revision to Detailed Site Plan – Proposed monument sign at CVS at Greenway Shopping Center, Revision to Detailed Site Plan – Friends Community School, .Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan (If time allows) – Next Steps

**Wednesday, March 28 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION** re: Overview, Revenues & General Government at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

***This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.***

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**Apply Now for Artist's Studio Space**

Greenbelt Community Center  
24-hour access  
Details and application at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)

**HEY KIDS!**

Your artistic talents are needed!  
We are inviting all children, ages 4-12 to participate in the Greenbelt Recreation

**SUMMER POSTCARD CONTEST!**

We need you to draw a picture of the theme "SUMMERTIME IN GREENBELT!" Submitted drawings will be posted on the city's Facebook page. Everyone will be invited to "vote" for their favorite by "liking it!" The winning design will be featured on the Greenbelt Recreation Summer postcard that is mailed

out to ALL GREENBELT RESIDENTS! GOOD LUCK!  
Drawings posted on the Facebook Page will not feature the child's name. Drawings must be submitted by April 2, 2012 to the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Voting will take place the week of April 3-10.  
Entry forms for the contest can be downloaded from [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) or at the Greenbelt Recreation Center.

**EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 7th at 10:00am Sharp Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road**

Bring your basket and help the Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden! For Ages 18 months-6th Grade. Immediately following the Hunt, we invite you to stay for the MAYHAM MAGICAL CIRCUS SHOW, featuring Greg May.

Please call the Weather & Information Hotline at 301-474-0646 the morning of the hunt for updated information. In case of inclement weather, festivities will be held on Monday, April 9th at Buddy Attick Park.



**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Info: 301-474-8308

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the Sector Plan.

In addition, Williams characterized current development agreements between the developers and the City of Greenbelt as valid only between the current owners and the city; that is, those agreements would expire with different owners. Nor could those agreements be enforceable by county regulations.

No matter what development takes place at the North Core, Williams noted other overarching concerns: too much development or inappropriate development at the site, the design or character of development, the importance of connectivity with the larger community and the provision of open public space and amenities.

With any development scenario at the North Core, there would be significant infrastructure requirements, especially for the additional on-off ramps to the Beltway from and to the East.

### Planning Concerns

Williams also listed the basic planning assumptions, no matter what development takes place at the North Core. For example, a full Beltway interchange would be necessary to serve the site; the Indian Creek watershed would have to be designated as a preservation and conservation area and there would be a South Core build-out, generally based on its current approvals. In addition, a pedestrian bridge from the site to North College Park neighborhoods, enhanced connectivity within the site and incorporation of public spaces and overall reduction of impervious pavement surfaces would be required.

Next, Williams listed some pros and cons for the mixed-use-development scenario. Among the pros for the MUD at the North Core was its providing maximum use of the Metro system and reducing car use. It would also be the best approach in creating a sense of place for the Metro site. The mixed use approach, assuming a continued viable partnership between WMATA and Metroland Developers, LLC, would result in a substantial increase to Greenbelt's tax base.

The listed cons for the MUD scenario included current marketing constraints and competition with local shopping, restaurant and hotel businesses and other town center types of development at Metro stations and a significant increase in the number of parking spaces for the new development. The over 3,000 existing surface parking spaces would require replacement with structured parking.

Other issues would be the longer, drawn out time for the total build-out on the site and the possible negative outcome that the types of development would not drive Metro ridership.

### GSA Tenant

The scenario for a GSA tenant to be placed at the site (not necessarily the FBI) would likely assume approximately 2.0+ million square feet of office space among several buildings, a range of 11-12,000 employees at the site, some possibility for mixed-use development, nearly 8,000 structured parking spaces and the site development taking place nearly concurrent with such infrastructure improvements.

The pros for such a scenario would include so-called-spin-off tax benefits for increased housing and retail demand, ancillary office demand in or near Greenbelt and limited disruption. GSA-occupied buildings would also likely be

LEED certified with energy and environmental benefits.

On the con side, security requirements might limit public access in areas and the sheer size of the development might preclude other uses. In addition, depending on the specific GSA arrangements, tax benefits might have only a limited, finite time (say up to 20 years).

Williams' initial presentation also included graphic examples of various positioning scenarios for proposed building locations on the site to demonstrate the possible resulting shading and obstruction scenarios that could affect North College Park neighborhoods if the envisioned development took place. The demonstration generally positioned buildings of three to four stories or five to six stories close to the Metro line, buildings of six to seven or eight to 12 stories in the middle of the site and another array of three to four or five to six-story buildings in a third row closer to the open-space conservation area.

Following Williams' introductory presentation, attendees broke up into four groups to discuss what they had learned. Williams asked participants to respond to the general question: How do you feel about the development elements – sustainability, transportation, connectivity, housing, neighborhood preservation and quality of life issues?

### Breakout Summaries

Table #1 reported the following issues or concerns: The height of the buildings; connectivity with surrounding neighborhoods; whatever goes in should be compatible with existing neighborhoods; environmental concerns; attracting "good" retail and ultimate design of the additional Beltway access ramps and adjustments of existing ramps from and to the west.

Table #2 expressed the concern with the GSA scenario that a large single employer, operating mainly from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., would require Metro to address a huge opposite flow back to center city in the evening period, thus stressing the station. They also noted the need for substantial additional parking and wondered about traffic increases on Route 193 and the Beltway.

They felt there should be no tall buildings adjacent to the Metro station. They also expressed concern about air pollution from the Beltway, yet argued that sufficient parking for Metro should be ensured. They also suggested the site could be left as is.

Table #3 reported there was too much density, even with the CSP MUD scenario. This table questioned the modeling of building heights and the shadows cast, indicating that they thought the modeling was deceptive regarding such impacts. The feeling was that the North College Park neighborhoods' view-shed would be drastically diminished by the staggering of heights as shown. They contended that the view shown in the graphics were as if neighbors were located about 50 feet above their back yards.

They also urged a better mix of housing for the North Core to accommodate lower salaried workers. They felt that the current market was not strong enough for anything. They urged attention to connectivity and suggested smaller blocks within the North Core grid. A specific concern for the GSA scenario was that it might attract terrorism attacks.

Table #4 noted concerns with the height of the buildings, connectivity, security and the need for a pedestrian bridge to North College Park. Overall they urged a mix of retail, cafés and restaurants creating a desirable place to live and to visit. They wanted the MUD to be the preferred development scenario, with good transportation access, user-friendly conditions for pedestrians, public spaces with amenities, open space and environmental features.

### A Future Workshop

At the close of the workshop, Williams thanked everyone for their participation, reminding them that another community workshop would be held on March 22, again at Springhill Lake Elementary School. That workshop is intended to discuss refined versions of the two development concepts based either upon a GSA scenario or a MUD scenario.

The final community workshop on the Sector Plan is scheduled for April 19 at Springhill Lake Elementary School. At that workshop there will be a wrap-up for what would be the preferred Sector Plan concept.

The current schedule has the county planning staff publishing a proposed Sector Plan in the June/July time frame and a Joint Public Hearing of the Prince George's County Planning Board and the county council on the proposed plan in September or October. Final approval of the Sector Plan would likely occur sometime in the first quarter of 2013.

More details are available at [www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm).



Greenbelt, Maryland apartment building, circa 1947.

## Tickets Now on Sale for 75th Anniversary Symposium

On April 27 and 28 the city will sponsor a two-day 75th anniversary multi-disciplinary symposium, "Sustaining Greenbelt's Legacy" at the Greenbelt Community Center: on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Friday city staff, Greenbelt residents and university academics will examine the city's enduring legacies in community planning, recreation, cooperative ventures and citizen activism, diversity in the city and public transportation in a pedestrian city. A panel of past curators of the 25-year-old museum will look at accomplishments and consider future enhancements.

The Saturday morning ses-

sion will study recent initiatives such as the pilot program for energy efficiency led by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; tree preservation efforts and heritage tourism. Saturday afternoon well-known English planning historian Dr. Mervyn Miller will give a free keynote address on "From The British Garden City to Greenbelt and back to the English New Towns."

There is a fee. For information on registration, see ad on page 12 or contact Dr. Isabelle Gournay, Chair, University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at [gournay@umd.edu](mailto:gournay@umd.edu), [www.greenbeltmd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/75) or call 240-542-2058.

## EASTER MENU

*Roasted Spiced Ham with a Bourbon Reduction  
Herb Crusted Turkey Breast with a Thyme and Shallot Gravy  
Carved Herb Crusted Leg of Lamb with Rosemary Mint Sauce*

*Fresh Omelets Cooked to Order  
Breakfast Potatoes, Crispy Bacon, and Sausage*

*Waffles made to Order with Your Choice of Toppings: Fresh  
Berries, Whipped Cream, Butter & Maple Syrup*

*Freshly Cut Fruit  
Artisan Cheese Display*

*Spring Garden Salad Bar  
Pasta Salad with Roasted Vegetables, Feta Cheese  
& Plum Tomatoes Vinaigrette  
Three Bean Salad  
Ambrosia Salad*

*Peel and Eat Shrimp with Spicy Cocktail Sauce and Lemon*

*Baked Tilapia  
with Lemon and White Wine Caper Reduction*

*Baked Ziti with Marinara and Pepperoni*

*Mac and Cheesy Casserole, Wild Rice, Broccoli and Carrots,  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Willy's Famous Collard Greens,*

*Assorted Gourmet Breads*

*An Arrangement of Specialty Holiday Desserts  
Soft Drinks, Juices, Tea, and Coffee*

*\$29.95 per person plus tax and gratuity  
\$14.50 for children ages 5-12*

Seating begins at 11:00AM through 1:30PM on 4/8/2012  
Call for Reservation: (301) 441-3700



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ballot; there is no longer a requirement to certify one's illness or absence from home on election day.

**Requesting a Ballot**

If the request for an absentee ballot is being submitted by mail or in person, it must be received at the county board of elections office no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27; if faxed, the request must arrive by 11:59 p.m. on March 27.

The request form may be downloaded and printed at <http://elections.state.md.us/voting/absentee.html>. For those without internet access, the application form may be requested by contacting the county board by phone or mail. Copies of the ballot request form are also available at the Greenbelt City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building.

If the March 27 deadline for requesting a ballot is missed, the only alternative is to go to the county board of elections office in person by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 to fill out a late ballot application.

**Submitting a Ballot**

The absentee ballot will include instructions for completing it. The voted ballot must be returned by mail or in person.

**Early Voting**  
**March 24, 26-29 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;**  
**March 25, noon to 6 p.m.**

All five of Prince George's County's early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities:

**College Park Community Center**  
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

**Bowie Library**  
15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie

**Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Center**  
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover

**Oxon Hill Library**  
6200 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill

**Upper Marlboro Community Center**  
5400 Marlboro Race Track Road, Upper Marlboro

If hand-delivered, it must be received at the county board of elections office no later than 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, April 3.

If mailed, it must be post-marked on or before election day, April 3, and must be received by the county board of elections

no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, April 13.

The Prince George's County Board of Elections is located at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Phone: 301-430-8080 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fax: 301-340-8080/8081.

**Where to Vote On April 3**

The Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, April 3. The Prince George's County Board of Elections advises that voters can avoid delays by voting between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Delays are most likely after 5 p.m. due to after-work voting.

Greenbelt's five precincts are served by five polling places:

21-03  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

21-06  
Greenbelt Elementary School  
66 Ridge Road

21-08  
Springhill Lake  
Elementary School  
6060 Springhill Drive

21-13  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
High School  
7601 Mandan Road

21-18  
Turning Point Academy  
7800 Good Luck Road

All registered voters should have recently received an official sample ballot from the county Board of Elections. The voter's precinct number and assigned polling place are shown in the top left corner of the back cover of the booklet. Those needing more details can call the Board of Elections office at 301-430-8020.

**Children Make Arts Buttons at Drop-In**

On Sunday, April 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange will sponsor a free Arts Drop-In for children with arts specialist Aaron Springer at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Children can make a fun badge to wear when they select a picture to crop from a magazine or choose to write their own message using 2.25-inch buttons.

For more information send email to [melissa.j.sites@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.j.sites@gmail.com)

**Civil Air Patrol Seeks Cadets**

Youth age 12 to 18 who are interested in aviation and emergency services are invited to join the Civil Air Patrol Cadet leadership training program. Cadets learn about aviation, participate in search and rescue missions and develop leadership skills in a variety of activities including flying, camping and first aid training.

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## Police Blotter

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### Robbery

March 8, 8:16 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A man displayed a handgun and took money from a cash register. He is described as a black male in his mid 40s, 5'10" tall with a medium build, bald, wearing a green jacket, blue jeans and black shoes.

### DUI/DWI

March 9, 2:07 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 42-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

March 10, 11:57 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 24-year-old Beltsville man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Disorderly Conduct

March 7, 10:40 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 27-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

March 8, 6:02 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Furniture was taken.

March 9, 1:32 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Jewelry and electronics were taken.

March 12, 6:10 p.m., 7200 block Morrison Drive. Electronics were taken.

March 12, 7:14 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a blue 2002 Ford Taurus with MD tags from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and a black 2000 Honda Civic with VA tags from the parking lot at Greenway Cen-

## Police Assessment Open Meeting Set

On Monday, April 2 at 6 p.m. a public information session will be held by a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The assessors arrive March 31 to examine all aspects of Greenbelt police policy and procedures – management, operations and support services. In addition to on-site assessment, employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments.

The CALEA team verifies that Greenbelt's police meet all Commission standards as part of its accreditation process, a voluntary process awarding certification, a highly-prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The accreditation team is composed of law enforcement personnel from similar, non-Maryland agencies and is led by Chief Thomas Bennett of the Suffolk, Virginia police department.

Anyone wishing to speak but unavailable at the public session can provide comments by calling 240-542-2104 between 1 and 3 p.m. on April 2.

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A set of Maryland tags was reported taken in the Unit block of Southway.

A rear license plate reported stolen from Bowie was recovered in the 6400 block Ivy Lane. No arrests were made.

Vandalism was reported in the 7900 block Mandan Road where tires were cut on several vehicles. In the 6000 block Springhill Drive graffiti was found on a vehicle.

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above the limit are subject to ticketing. When Councilmember Edward Putens asked whether Greenbelt could ticket at a lesser speed, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he thought that could not be done but that staff would get an answer before the next meeting.

### Vendor Contract

The city council also introduced for first reading a resolution to purchase and implement the new automated speed enforcement system with Brekford Corporation of Hanover, Md., which provides such service to the City of Laurel and to at least seven other jurisdictions in the state. Staff of Greenbelt's Police Department had recommended selection of Brekford after interviewing all vendors who provide such services in the state and then visiting and getting a close overview of the system in Laurel.

Council met with Brekford representatives in a worksession on February 15 and Brekford's capabilities were judged superior on a number of fronts, including the fact that its location and work in Maryland have given the company experience with the interaction needed with the State Highway Administration.

According to Assistant City Manager David Moran, the city has thus far only informally discussed specific plans for locations and numbers of cameras since doing the evaluations enabling the city to make such decisions that will be part of Brekford's job. Nor is estimation of likely revenues from the cameras possible until then.

The project is running somewhat behind schedule. The current year's city budget includes \$200,000 in projected revenue from cameras for this fiscal year, which ends June 30. Especially given the 30-day violation warning period, it now appears unlikely that tickets will be issued prior to the start of the 2013 fiscal year.

## Council Votes to Oppose Widening of B-W Parkway

by Kathleen Gallagher

The city council at its February 27 regular meeting agreed to postpone action on a motion to oppose the widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to its next regular meeting on March 12. The State Highway Administration (SHA) held the last of three public meetings of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening Feasibility Study on February 16. Among other findings were that the road would carry more vehicles but not lessen congestion, that there could be significant environmental, safety and community impacts and that the cost would run anywhere from \$343 million to \$565 million depending on the options chosen.

In light of those findings, Councilmember Leta Mach said on February 27 that she believed the time had come for the city council to take a stand in opposition to the project. Her motion to that effect, seconded by Councilmember Rodney Roberts, was postponed following a request from Mayor Judith Davis that council not take a position without first providing an opportunity for public comment. She noted that prior to the feasibility study, Greenbelt residents had come down on both sides of the question, since for many people the congestion on the parkway at increasingly extended hours was indeed a serious inconvenience.

The topic had been contentious among the public at the

time that Roberts first placed it on a council agenda in December 2010. When the mayor asked if anyone wished to speak, resident Chris Shuman broke the silence by saying that he had come to speak on a different agenda item but was willing to comment on this one, too. He said, "The costs seem astronomical, the benefits marginal" and that much more could be accomplished by directing the money elsewhere.

Ben Fishler then spoke to say it appeared that the feasibility study itself had concluded there was not much point in undertaking the project. He encouraged council to support Mach's motion. Since no one else wished to speak, Davis concluded by reading an email message from resident Liam Forrester expressing opposition to the project, which he said would increase noise and pollution in an already environmentally sensitive area. Forrester said, "Let I-95 be the corridor between D.C. and Baltimore." Later on the agenda, the council voted unanimously to send a letter in opposition to the widening, citing the many concerns that had been raised.

The SHA presentation on the study is available at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov). Click on "Government," then "Watch Council Meetings Live," then "Agenda" for the March 12 meeting. Then follow the links for "Baltimore Washington Parkway Feasibility Study" (agenda item #7).

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# Spring Is Indeed Springing and the Robins Are Back

by Don Comis

If we have any doubts spring is coming, wildlife has no such doubts. I saw a robin on the Prince George's Audubon Society bird walk around Lake Artemesia on a very warm Thursday on March 1. We couldn't find a turtle there but the next day I saw five more robins along the Greenbelt Lake trail and peninsula and one turtle sunning on a branch in the lake, the first I've seen in months. One robin on the lake peninsula got a worm from the soil left wet from the heavy rains. On the morning of March 6, I counted six robins and again a robin on the peninsula scored a worm, this time a fatter one. I also saw another turtle sunning on a fallen tree with a mallard, just like my earlier sighting.

Fortunately, on Thursday, the walk was led by Don Messersmith, who has taught bird identification and an introduction to ornithology at the Graduate School USA (formerly Graduate School USDA) since long before I came to this area in 1976 to work at the school's bookstore. When we saw that robin, I asked Messersmith to solve the mystery of whether "our" robins migrate south for the winter or merely flock together and huddle in the woods out of sight – or whether they are different species.

### Robins v. Robins

It turns out that our robins do migrate south and the large flocks of robins we stumble into over winter are "winter robins," a different sub-species, that come from further north to spend the winter in our south, replacing our lawn robins. Messersmith thinks they may have already left our area as the "spring robins," our robins, start arriving. You can spot our returning robins because they tend to be alone when they first arrive and they aren't shy even in busy places like Lake Artemesia or the Greenbelt Lake trail on a nice day.

The northern robins are usually in flocks and they are very shy and wary. I know they haven't left Greenbelt as of Friday, March 2 because I saw a flock of about 50 of them plumbing the soggy Braden Field for worms. Unlike the five spring robins which were seen mostly one at a time and let me get close, the Braden Field bunch wanted that field all to themselves – after all they have a big trip ahead of them. The flock was down to 15 on Tuesday, March 6 so they may be starting their return trip.

Messersmith explained that the northern robins will go north to New England and Canada to breed on their home territory while our robins will soon begin to pair up and breed right here in our Greenbelt home.

Besides the early blooming of crocuses and daffodils, trees and shrubs are budding, with small leaves emerging on some of the new shrubs planted as part

of the Hillside-Greenhill Stream Renovation project. The willow plantings are also sprouting, first flowering with silvery catkins and now developing leaves on green shoots that are several inches long. And, squirrels are using their aerobatic skills to feast on tree buds, when they're not chasing each other, as some of the first wildlife to catch spring fever. Birds are also feasting on new leaves emerging.

### March Madness

On March 4 I also saw three tufted titmouse birds in close contact near my house on Laurel Hill Road, making me guess there were two males and one female, more signs of spring madness. And on March 6 three chickadees were at it, and I mean AT IT! My recent walks around the Lake make me think the winter visiting ring-necked ducks and hooded mergansers are beginning their departure, since I could only see a lone female hooded merganser and five ring-

necked ducks. This fits with the March 1 Bird Migration Forecast (BirdCast) that, "The exceptionally warm winter across much of the Eastern US means that migrants may be on the move earlier than usual this year and we are already seeing this in many places." This new feature, at [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org), is a collaboration between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology.

The good news is that two wood duck couples appeared on the Lake on March 6.

An experienced Greenbelt Lake fisherman told me that crappie and other fish begin spawning between now and June, starting when the lake warms to about 50 degrees.

The Lake Artemesia walks occur on the first and third Thursdays each month and are advertised in the News Review. The walks from April through July start at 6 p.m.



PHOTOS BY DON COMIS

## Garden Club Speaker Will Tackle Weeds

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. John Peter Thompson will speak on "The Price of Liberty: Weeds" and what the British left behind when they retreated across the pond. Thompson is a fourth-generation nurseryman who is involved in the gardening world nationally.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).



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elementary school located in a church on Good Luck Road. Although there has been little communication between the school and the city, the school's representatives have made known their wish to lease the entire building for use by the school with the intent of expanding to become a kindergarten to 12th grade school.

As a charter school, Turning Point is a part of the county school system, funded on a per-pupil cost basis. Apparently, the school leaders have less concern about the building's condition or its operating costs. It is already in use as a school.

School directors appear prepared to take the building, with or without the 1969 wing which the school system may take down to enlarge the school bus parking lot.

When asked if a charter school would have first rights to the vacated building, Higgins said it was not clear. There is recognition on the part of both school board and staff of the city's help in achieving the new school. However, if push came to shove, she said, it would be hard to get five votes (a majority) of the board to vote against a proposal for the building's use as a charter school. For that reason, she felt it necessary to work something out to satisfy the city's interests before such a proposal is put forth.

### Option III

The task force has put forth four options for city use of the school ranging from leasing the entire building to provide for community services to leasing none of it. The greatest interest of council and the task force seemed to be Option III, in which the city would lease only specific desirable space, sharing other

portions with another tenant.

The task force identified such desirable spaces as the original 1939 high school building (classrooms), the 1953 gym addition but not the rooms under or behind the gym and the 1969 administrative office wing.

From this list, city recreation staff proposed eliminating the second floor of the original school because it lacked an elevator for handicap access but to use some space behind the gym for secured storage. Some members of council felt the city should take possession of all the original 1939 building in order to ensure proper historic preservation.

Shared use with another user, such as Turning Point, was also discussed. It was felt the school system would not permit the city to sublease on a rental basis without the system getting rental monies. Those parts of the building most desired by many in the city, the gym and offices, would also be important features for school use.

Assistant Recreation Director Joe McNeal, staff liaison to the committee, said that for shared use to work, secured storage space for each use would be necessary. Otherwise, he said, needed equipment must either be hauled in or, not secured, it will disappear. However, the Recreation Department would consider shared use if this building were obtained by the school and would like shared use in the new middle school.

### Survey Required

Members of council felt they could not reach a decision until a survey is completed by the Maryland Historic Trust to determine what measures would be required for historic preservation. Such a survey is not scheduled until

**"If push came to shove, it would be hard to get five votes against ... a charter school."**

— Peggy Higgins,  
school board member

August.

The task force recommended that it be carried out at an earlier date. Councilmembers agreed to write letters urging an immediate undertaking of such a survey.

The task force and council also felt more information was needed on how the school bus lot would be extended and what part of the school building would be torn down to accommodate such an extension. Other questions dealt with the feasibility of extending the lot because of topographic conditions. Concern was also expressed concerning significant tree loss. Higgins said the matter had been studied by school system engineers and found to be feasible. Councilmembers expressed a wish to see the engineer's report. Higgins said she would try to acquire it for council.

### Commentary

Molly Lester raised questions about a section of the task force's update report that listed policy changes by the school system that greatly affected the decision process for city use of the building. She wanted more detail on when such changes had been made.

It was agreed that rather than actual changes of policy, the school system's policies had been misrepresented to the city and the task force by school officials. Lester felt the city and task force should have verified such policy matters.

David Whaples and Shane Wisdom of the task force and David Shuman of the audience all expressed support for another school being located within the city, noting their beliefs that the more choices available to residents, the better. Whaples also said that full utilization of the building was the best alternative and the greenest. A school would accomplish that purpose, he felt.

Rosemary Pezzuto of Camp Fire USA, Inc., a member of the task force, told of that organization's loss of space in the old Giant store in the commercial center at Franklin Park apartments for its programs. She is now operating out of a 635-square-foot townhouse, she said.

This downgrade limits and

severely cramps the programs she can offer residents of that area, she said. She will have to hold summer camp programs in Hyattsville, busing participants there at significant expense.

She has undertaken a survey of resident programming needs, she said. However, she must tabulate the data herself in between other activities and a high turnover rate in the apartments makes such survey results questionable, she added.

Significantly, she found that households with foreign-born members are more interested in programs for families while non-foreign-born families prefer non-family programs.

### Health Care Center

The owners of Franklin Park are trying to get a federally qualified primary health care center for the old Giant store building, Davis said. She thought that might be a good use for part of the old school building.

All members of council attended the worksession, as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Also attending from the task force were Dave Lange, chair; Beatrice Rodgers, vice-chair; Keith Chernikoff, Brenda Cooley and Barbara Simon. Higgins and Councilmember Leta Mach serve as liaisons to the committee from the school board and council.

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