

Full House Sees Emmett Jordan Elected and Inducted as Mayor

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council organizational meeting on November 11 was a “BYOC – bring your own chair” event, quipped City Manager Michael McLaughlin, as he carried more chairs into the packed council chamber. As the councilmembers took their seats, the audience found seats where they could, in chairs, on a table or on the floor.

As he took over as temporary chair, councilmember Edward Putens noted “this is an historic occasion.” Jordan’s predecessor Judith Davis then nominated Jordan to be mayor making him the first African American mayor in the city’s history. As usual, there was just a single nomination for mayor and later for Davis as mayor pro tem as the councilmembers continued Greenbelt’s long-standing practice of electing the top two vote-getters for those positions. The



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Council-elects take the oath of office before new Mayor Emmett Jordan (left). From right are Councilmembers Leta Mach, Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens and Konrad Herling.

vote was unanimous. Jordan was then sworn in by Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County Marilyn Bland. Once done, the signs on the council

table noting Davis as mayor and Jordan as mayor pro tem were switched to reflect their new

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Council Deals with Signage Issues, Transportation Plans

by Barbara Hopkins

A site plan for signage at the Franklin Park apartments, a review of city comments to be made concerning the state’s draft transportation plan, authorization to purchase a diesel truck and an update on the preparation of a Sustainability Plan to be submitted this year were agenda items considered by Greenbelt City Council at its October 28 final meeting before the November 5 city election.

During November the Prince George’s County Planning Board will consider the Franklin Park Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for signage, which includes 27 pole banner signs, two additional real estate banner signs (for a total of four), replacement of two monument signs, eight street signs and validation of four existing monument signs. This plan addresses concerns of city staff by reducing what the owners of Franklin Park originally had requested.

Terri Hruby, assistant director of the city’s planning department, told council the applicant wants to replace signs at two pool centers and to install a new freestanding sign in front of the fitness center. The project is part of the rehabilitation of the

apartment complex.

This plan has been approved by Greenbelt’s Advisory Planning Board (APB) with some conditions. The board has said the Victorian architectural elements on the banner signs should be eliminated, making them consistent with the more modern design of the new monument signs. Council learned, however, that because the signs have already been produced, this condition would be difficult to meet.

APB would add to the plan a condition making the two new banner real estate signs temporary and suggested as well that the signs be redesigned to meet standards of an existing sector plan. APB wants to eliminate pole-mounted banner signs located near existing monument signs and would like the applicant to work with city staff to include references to the city in seasonal banner signs so people know they are in Greenbelt.

Council Discussion

Council suggested the owners find ways to help people find their way around, such as a kiosk for information and guidance, as

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National Education Week

Schools Everywhere Celebrate National Education Week

by Mary Moien

National Education Week – November 18 to 22, 2013 – presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. National Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

For the last several years, schools in Greenbelt and throughout the country have used this week to remind people of the importance of public education, under the banner of: “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.” This year, however, the National Education Association has asked community members to take a pledge to support the nation’s public schools for National Education Week and beyond. The pledge can be found at

www.nea.org. Details of the pledge include that:

- Every child in America should have access to quality public education, regardless of family income or where they live.
- All educators should be respected and treated as professionals and participate in key education policy discussions.
- Parents, families, communities and educators should come together and create partnerships to foster environments that are conducive to student learning.
- Elected officials should do their part to ensure adequate tools and resources for all schools, include educators in key policy discussions and make sure that students have access to a world class education – from pre-k and beyond.
- Public schools should have

smaller class sizes, up-to-date textbooks and safe and clean environments.

In proclaiming last year’s 2012 National Education Week, President Barack Obama said: “All children deserve access to a world-class education and the chance to pursue their dreams. Our schools are a gateway to those opportunities and the key to our Nation’s economic prosperity and civic life. This week we reaffirm our national mission of educating our students and training our workers better than any other country on earth.”

The Greenbelt News Review recognizes the interest of the entire community in the success of its schools and students. Over the next few weeks the newspaper will highlight profiles of a few Greenbelt teachers or school staff members from the five schools that serve our community – Greenbelt, Magnolia and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy, a public charter school. The News Review also provides information throughout the year on local schools, teachers, students and activities and encourages the school staff to inform the paper of special

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Co-op Reports Second Best Year at Its Annual Meeting

by Joe Timer

The 65 members of Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) attending the Co-op’s annual meeting on November 2 listened as Manager Bob Davis and Treasurer Joe Timer highlighted store operations and the financial results for the fiscal year ending on July 31. The Co-op reports financial results following an audit review of store operations and accounting records.

Co-op Board Chair Donna Hoffmeister said the store was now 100 percent wind-powered with electricity supplied by Clean Current. She reported as well that the store now opens on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Timer said the results for Fiscal Year 2012 had been at historic highs but that results for Fiscal Year 2013 were “second best.” Annual revenue totaled \$12.8 million. Income from core operations was \$94,007, the second consecutive year with an operating profit. Total income before taxes, patronage refunds, bonuses and additions to the retirement plan was \$288,941 for FY13.

Davis said the current fiscal year has had its challenges,

including the federal government shutdown. Sales for the first three months of Fiscal Year 2014 are down about four percent, he said.

Davis also mentioned that planned improvements to the store will include second-floor renovations and a new hot-foods deli in early 2014.

Co-op Surplus

Technically, cooperatives report a “surplus,” not a profit. This year’s surplus will be shared with those who had contributed to the Co-op’s successful year – its employees and its members.

The Board of Directors earmarked \$88,216 for employee bonuses for the store’s 51 eligible employees and \$27,926 for additions to the profit-sharing retirement plan. The bonus represents five percent of their wages for the year.

Members will be receiving patronage refunds of \$159,698, with 50 percent of that refund distributed to each member as a cash voucher. GCC plans a late-November mailing of vouchers, which can be used to purchase

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What Goes On

Monday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 20

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on Playground Surfaces, Community Center

Thursday, November 21

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

Letters to the Editor

Thank You, News Review

It was invigorating to participate in the News Review is Me meeting last Sunday at the New Deal Café regarding sustainability of the News Review. One idea particularly resonated with me. So after the meeting, I went home and amended my life insurance beneficiaries to include the Greenbelt News Review.

Hopefully it will be awhile before my demise but I am pleased to commit a future gift to the News Review and I invite others to do the same. The News Review is such an important part of who Greenbelt is and a contribution continues the legacy.

Peggy Higgins

THANK YOU!

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election held November 5. I am deeply honored that the citizens of Greenbelt have returned me to serve on the city council.

My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked so hard on my behalf, especially those who have supported me for over 20 years. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

I congratulate our new mayor and look forward to working with my colleagues in meeting the challenges our city will certainly face in the next two years. I remain, as always, "Committed to Community."

J Davis

THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the election. I would especially like to thank those who supported me. I am honored to have your trust.

During the campaign, I appreciated meeting and talking with many citizens and hearing your thoughts and concerns. As a councilmember, I aim to do my best for all Greenbelt citizens.

I promise to work hard, listen attentively, consider all issues thoughtfully and thoroughly and always act in the best interests of the city.

The spirit of Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better.

Leta Mach

THANKS

My thanks to all the Greenbelters who voted in last week's election. The vitality of our city depends on its residents being informed and engaged. I am gratified and humbled by the support that voters gave to me and by the trust the council has shown by electing me as your mayor. I appreciate this more than you can know.

I thank my fellow candidates for the spirited and heartfelt campaigns that they ran. During the months ahead I hope we can follow up on many of the ideas that were raised. We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us but I feel confident that our residents and council are ready to tackle and respond positively to them.

Emmett V. Jordan

Thanks to a Great Community!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who voted, supported, endorsed and contributed to my campaign for Greenbelt City Council. At about 170 votes away from a seat, this was a very strong campaign for a first run, especially here in Greenbelt where incumbents usually win.

I would like to congratulate the city council, and in particular our new mayor, Emmett Jordan. I am looking forward to seeing council under his leadership.

Since so many people asked, I have already promised to try again next election. Therefore the campaign's Facebook page is still open and I will post something now and then. There's a lot on my platform where progress has already started and we can keep working on. Issues such as the community gardens and better access to mass transit

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, the deadline for the News Review will have to change, since printers will not be available to print the paper Thanksgiving morning. The Thanksgiving issue will be printed on Wednesday. All deadlines will back up by a day to finish the paper in time to be printed before the holiday.

Thanksgiving Week the deadline will be Monday, November 25 at 10 p.m. The usual Wednesday composition work and final proofing will be done Tuesday evening.

Notice to All

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must reach us no later than Monday, November 25 to be included in the November 28 issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the issue of December 5.

and bicycling routes have been put off long enough and are not something to wait another two years before working on. Thanks to the support from the community on these issues. I think the campaign has already made an impact and I hope to see some changes reflected in council from such a close race.

I want to encourage other potential candidates from our fantastic community leaders to run. Presenting challengers to office is an important part of democracy at all levels and should always be promoted. I mean this sincerely when I say that the thing that makes Greenbelt great is the fact that we have so many great leaders within our community, leading the way every day. If any are willing to step up their commitment to this city by running for office, they should have every encouragement to do so.

Until 2015 I will still be here, helping out and volunteering and advocating for the environment, peace, justice and progress. I am available to talk to about

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Grin Belt



"Look, I can make a leaf angel
like a squirrel"

On Screen

From Violinist to Slave

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, November 15 is "12 Years a Slave," a fiercely-limned film that turns the land of the free on its bitter-most heel. Based on a true story, a free-born African American violinist is kidnapped in the 1840s from Washington, D.C., and enslaved on a Louisiana plantation. Solomon Northrop (Chiwetel Ejiofor) never loses sight of his goal to return to his family in New York; a book he wrote was published in 1853. Weighing in with sadistic fervor is plantation owner Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbinder). Director Steve McQueen ("Hunger") ties the demanding strands together.

R, for violence, cruelty, some nudity. Running time: 134 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2013
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM



GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 44A Ridge, 65A-M Ridge, 5A-N Laurel Hill Road, 135A-B Northway, 133 Greenhill, and 43A-F Ridge
- Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- Board Meeting Dates for January to May 2014
- 2014 Operating Budget, 2nd Reading
- Tree Maintenance Contract for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading
- Custodial Contract for Administration Building for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading
- Pest Control Contract for 2014-2016, 2nd Reading

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Community Events

Diabetes Awareness At Beltway Plaza

On Saturday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Diabetes Awareness Month free health education event at Beltway Plaza near the Giant Food Store. Doctors Community Hospital is providing diabetes screenings, education and management tips especially for the holiday season, eye care information, healthy cooking ideas and product samples and giveaways.

Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death in Prince George's County, with 12 percent of county residents known to have diabetes. In addition to diabetes complications, diabetics are two to four times likelier to have cardiovascular disease or a stroke.

There are two kinds of diabetes, identified as Type 1, which usually develops in children or young adults, and Type 2 that usually strikes those age 40 or older, the overweight and those with a family history of the disease. It is important to recognize the symptoms, which may include extreme thirst, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, increased hunger, blurry vision, irritability, tingling numbness in hands or feet, frequent skin, bladder or gum infections, wounds that don't heal or extreme fatigue.

For more information call Doctors Community Hospital at 301-324-4968.

GHI Notes

Thursday, November 14, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

Monday, November 18, 2 p.m., Bylaws Task Force Meeting – GHI Library

7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

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

Tuesday, November 19, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday, November 22, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 3910474-6011

Note: Committee and board meetings are open to all members.

At the Library

Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m., the African History and Culture Lecture Series continues with C.R. Gibbs' presentation on "The Scramble for Africa in the 21st Century."

Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m., book discussion of "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini, who recreates in her novel the historical relationship between Mary Todd Lincoln and Elizabeth Keckley, the slave who became Mrs. Lincoln's dressmaker. Keckley later published her own book, "Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House," which created a scandal that caused Mrs. Lincoln to sever all ties with her. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to participate.

Children's Programs

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, November 21, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies also are welcome. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

Read to Rover

Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover for ages 6 to 11 years. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required, call for details.

Combined Choir Seeks Singers

The Greenbelt Combined Choir is seeking singers for the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27.

Rehearsals for the service will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church Thursdays, November 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. Because there are only two rehearsals, it is important for singers to come to both rehearsals if possible.

Those who have not sung with the Greenbelt Combined Choir are invited to come join the group, which has been singing in Greenbelt for over 40 years. Auditions are not required, just a desire to join neighbors in song; all are welcome.

For more information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Reel 'n Meal Shows Peaceable Kingdom

On Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. this month's Reel and Meal at the New Deal, sponsored by Green Vegan Networking, will screen the film "Peaceable Kingdom: The Journey Home" just ahead of Thanksgiving. A vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

The movie explores the evolution of several people who grew up in a traditional farming culture who have come to question basic assumptions about their way of life. Presented as a tapestry of memories, music and accounts of life-altering moments, the film delves into farmers' connections with the animals in their care and shows the web of social, psychological and economic forces that frames their present dilemmas. More information is at www.peaceablekingdomfilm.org/home.htm.

The discussion after the film will be led by Terry Cummings, co-director of Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville, where 300 rescued farm animals are housed and Jamie Cohen, a Baltimore-area animal activist who is a speaker and coach for the Baltimore Vegan Living Program.

Food Donations

All are asked to bring a vegan non-perishable food item for the Vegan "ThanksLIVING" food drive. Food will be distributed to needy area families. The drop box will be at the New Deal Café through next Friday, November 22.

Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday

Kids will take the stage at the New Deal Café for an Open Microphone session on Sunday, November 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform. Monthly Kids' Open Microphone sessions are held on the third Sunday of each month.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrndr@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters to Meet Wed., November 20

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build skills for success.

GCAN Meeting Focus Is Self-Governance

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in an introductory session on Dynamic Self-Governance (DSG) conducted by Sheella Mierson in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Mierson is a consultant with the Sociocracy Consulting Group.

The meeting will be an opportunity to learn about and observe DSG, as GCAN is attempting to utilize DSG in its meetings and wants to share experiences and lessons learned with the larger Greenbelt community.

DSG, based on principles of sociocracy, is a method of governance and decision-making that uses feedback loops to create a good environment and selects people for positions and assignments in a way that builds transparency, trust, confidence and accountability.

DSG draws out group wisdom and streamlines decision-making to accomplish more. It assists in finding self-organizing solutions for projects and communications.

For more information email or call Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

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Hunger Games, PG-13 (!) 8, 8:30
Delivery Man, R (!) 8

Greenbelt Arts Center
CONTINUING THIS WEEK



See How They RUN

November 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, & 30
Fridays and Saturdays – 8:00pm
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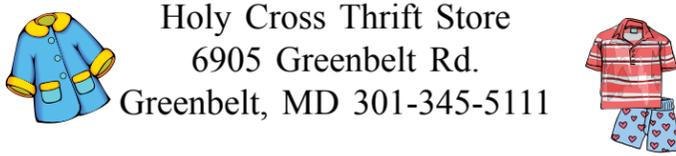
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The Chromatics Concert – December 7-8
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Obituaries

Leo M. Slaughter

Former Greenbelter Leo M. (Dinny) Slaughter, 82, died in Front Royal, Va., on Monday, November 4, 2013, at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester.



Mr. Slaughter, whose Greenbelt reminiscences were printed in a page 12 article in the May 31, 2012, Greenbelt News Review, "Hijinks Carried the Day for Early Town Youth," was born on November 30, 1930, in Easton, Md. He was the son of Leo M. Slaughter and Juliet Berry Slaughter.

Mr. Slaughter was a U.S. Army combat veteran and served his country during the Korean conflict. He worked for over a decade at the Washington National Zoo in Washington, D.C., before retiring as an animal operations supervisor from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal.

In retirement he enjoyed hunting, gardening, writing, photography, traveling and spending time with his family.

Mr. Slaughter was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Helene M. Slaughter.

He is survived by three children and their spouses, Kevin Slaughter and wife Mary Jo; Patricia Atkins and husband Ricky; and Michael Slaughter and wife Jill, all of Front Royal; one sister Joanne Kellaher of Greenbelt; five grandchildren, Brad Drawdy of Winchester; Lori Atkins-Jones of Front Royal; Marissa Slaughter Stalvey of Louisville, Ky.; Jason Atkins and Kellie Slaughter, both of Front Royal; and one great-grandson, Logan Jones of Front Royal

A memorial service was held on November 9 at the Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal with Sammy Campbell presiding. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name can be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Disney Music Next Explorations Topic

On Friday, November 15 at 1 p.m., the Explorations Unlimited speaker will be Frank Pearlman, talking about Walt Disney and its many productions, but especially focusing on its music.

All are invited to see how much Disney Music trivia they know. There will be treats and prizes at this fun trip down memory lane.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114.

For more information call 301-397-2208.



Condolences to the family and friends of Greenbelt pioneer Leo ("Dinny") Slaughter, 82, of Front Royal, Va., who died November 4, 2013. He was a member of Greenbelt High School's class of 1948 whose stories of his "hijinks" as a young boy growing up in Greenbelt were published in the News Review last year. Special sympathy to his sister Joanne Kellaher and her family.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Norman Moraff of Riderwood Village, 86, a former Lakeside resident, on Sunday, November 10. The family plans a memorial service later, in the spring.

Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt's Administrative Assistant Carolyn West on her retirement from the Recreation Department.

– Greenbelter, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Frostburg graduate Tai Lowry, who helped her Stetson University Law team win the Florida Justice Association Mock Trial Competition last weekend in Tampa, Fla., where she is a member of Stetson's Law School trial team and the Black Law Students Association.

Best wishes to Rev. Thomas Crowley in his new post as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Newtowne, Md. The parish, in St. Mary's County, was established in 1640 and is the oldest Catholic parish in the 13 original colonies. Father Crowley was pastor of St. Hugh's parish in Greenbelt from 1990 to 2004.

– Kathleen McFarland

Grant for Home Aids Awarded to GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program has been awarded a grant for home accessibility aids, modifications and their installation to assist qualified residents in remaining in their homes as long as possible.

Among the items covered by this grant are motorized stair lifts, interior stair railings, low-threshold shower entrances, safety grab bars, handicap-accessible toilets, seat risers, standard shower chairs, portable metal ramps, safety floor-to-ceiling poles and bed rails. Awards to each household are determined on the total number of applicants, funds availability, priority and individual need.

Program grants are open to residents who are 62 or over or who are disabled, including renters who have the written approval of the property owner. Applicants need to qualify by income with proof submitted in the form of 2012 and 2013 tax forms and other documentation of income, proof of assets and, if applicable, proof of disability. A home visit will be part of the application process.

To obtain an application, call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 or visit the city website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. The deadline for filing applications is November 29. For further information call GAIL intern Emily Stowers at 301-345-6660, ext. 2029 on Tuesdays from 9 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mishkan Torah Film, Talk on Adoption

On Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mishkan Torah Adult Education will present a free film and talk to commemorate National Adoption Awareness Month led by local adoption reformers Nicole Burton, Dr. Julie Lopez and Linda Clausen. Burton, herself adopted, is a member of Mishkan Torah, as well as the author of *Swimming Up the Sun: A Memoir of Adoption*. She was born in Great Britain and came to the U.S. with her adopted family as a teenager and returned to Britain to search for her birth parents 12 years later when the law had been changed.

The 60-minute film "Adoption—For the Life of Me," by New York Times bestselling author Jean Strauss will be shown, followed by a discussion. All are invited. Strauss, who has been documenting adoption issues for over two decades, uses interviews and humor to show that a continuing culture of closed records and secrecy harms those adoption is meant to help.

Seniors' Menu

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 November 18 through 22 are as follows:

Monday – Apple juice, maple-glazed chicken, rice pilaf, sliced carrots, diced pears.

Tuesday – Grape juice, country-fried steak with country gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, sliced peaches.

Wednesday – Apple juice, Swedish meatballs, whole grain penne pasta, mixed vegetables, fresh orange.

Thursday – Orange juice, turkey breast with gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and ambrosia.

Friday – Cranberry juice, hamburger on bun, lettuce and tomato, crispy cubed potatoes, green bean and tomato salad, apple crisp.

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• Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

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(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays

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

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.



Greenbelt Community Church

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

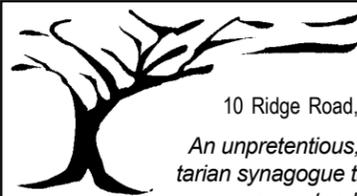
"To Live Is Christ, And To Die Is Gain"

Come join us in exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Sunday Mornings at 11:00am

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Sunday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

Gratitude and Giving: An All Ages Thanksgiving Celebration
Rev. Diane Teichert, Director of Religious Exploration Dayna Edwards and Mary Wester, Worship Associate, with the Youth Group, the Choir and the Children's Choir

Celebrating the harvest with shared cornbread and cider, and our gratitude with shared and varied giving, we will meet the "guests" whose work we support with our Special Collection contributions to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Please bring non-perishables for a nearby food pantry. If you love to bake cornbread, please tell Diane or Dayna!

It is also Signing Sunday – for those who are ready to sign the PBUUC Membership Book, meet the Minister and Board member at the chalice after the service.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, November 14 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., then in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. there is an open microphone session with James and Martha.

On Friday, November 15 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliners The Bad Weather Boys Band from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 16 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jaqui MacMillan will facilitate a drum circle from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with the Akomma Drummers performing from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Djesben finishes the day with music from around the globe from 10 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 17 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly kids' open microphone session is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the entire family. From 6 to 8 p.m. the Fez Tones Hafla offer live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians on the oud, darbuka and riq.

Next Week

Tuesday, November 19 the monthly poetry open microphone session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, November 20 there will be a Pub Quiz session from 7 to 9 - bring a team or form one on the spot to test knowledge on various topics. Thursday, November 21 Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. In the evening there will be an open microphone session with Joe Harris from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, November 22 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliners Frenchy and the Punk with Bohemian folk, world music and French chants from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, November 23 Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Jelly Roll Mortals takes the stage with original semi-acoustic roots rock from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, November 24 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m. Ayreheart will combine lute, wooden flutes and hand percussion instruments to produce magical sound.

GreenBELT Pride Game Night, Potluck Sunday

On Sunday, November 17 at 4 p.m., GreenBELT Pride, a social organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Greenbelters and their supporters, will hold a Potluck and Game Night in Room 202, the Rehearsal Hall at the Greenbelt Community Center.

All are welcome and are invited to bring something for the potluck although people unable to bring something are also welcome.

Those attending are asked to RSVP and let the organizers know what is being brought for the potluck by email to Michael Hartman at michaelhartman23@gmail.com or telephone 301-345-2234.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 18-22

Monday, November 18 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION-City Manager Update** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming.

Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, the Board will be discussing **PLAYGROUND SURFACE MATERIALS**. A panel of experts in the area of playgrounds will be present to offer their experiences and answer questions. For more information on this meeting contact Julie McHale at 301-397-2200.

Wednesday, November 20 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL-see OFFICIAL NOTICE**.

Thursday, November 21 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Announce proposal for FPAB project: to maintain a 4 foot wide access path along the west side of Hamilton Gardens, Report findings on tree survey of Sunday, November 10, 2013 of proposed routine maintenance zone of 8 feet surrounding community gardens, Discussion of Greenbelt Community Garden Club letter/proposal for day lighting and forest gardening 40 foot buffer zone along community garden periphery along forest preserve edges, and Discussion of use of pesticides, herbicides in the forest preserve and community gardens. For more information, contact ccraze@greenbeltmd.gov

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

2013 GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 28 at 9:00am Race Day Registration begins at 8am Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 6th Annual Gobble Wobble. 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attick Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast.



Registration information 240-542-2194 or at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Thank you to Road ID, Greenbelt Co-Op, The Sergeant's Program. Registration form available at www.greenbeltmd.gov Questions? Call 301-397-2200

CITY LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Public Works reminds residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street. Please remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

- November 18 - 22: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village Estates and Windsor Green
- November 25 - 27: Lakewood (November 28-29 Holiday)
- December 2 - 6: Lakeside, Greenspring I & II
- December 9 - 13: Boxwood
- December 16 - 20: Woodland Hills and Greenbrook Village & Estates
- December 23 - 27: Lakewood and Greenspring I & II (December 25 Holiday)
- December 30 - January 3: Lakeside and Windsor Green (January 1 Holiday)
- January 6 - 10: All areas January 13 - 17: All areas

FALL FAMILY FIT NIGHT Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 6:00pm-8:00pm Greenbelt Youth Center Gym

GET ACTIVE! Join family and friends for a night of fitness activities that will get you moving. Activities include inflatable orb racing, hot shot drills, jump rope endurance and hula hoop dance challenges and much more! Families with children ages 5-16 are welcome. Greenbelt, an official Let's Move! City, created the Family Fit Night program in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign against childhood obesity. All participants are eligible to enter a raffle for Recreation Center and Aquatic and Fitness Center day passes!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee For information call 301-474-8000.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Cans, Cash and Cards Help the City of Greenbelt as we sponsor families this Thanksgiving

Look for the Donation Boxes located at all City Facilities and at the Greenbelt Coop. If you would like to make a cash donation or contribute a grocery store gift card, please contact Madison Ferraro at 240-542-2033. Donations will be accepted from now until THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21. Suggested Non-Perishable Foods: Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Rice, Gravy, Cake Mix, Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Stuffing, Pasta, Oil, Foil Pans, Spices, Macaroni, Cornbread

THANKSforGIVING!

Fit 'N'Fun Cardio

M/W/F from 10-11:15am at Community Center Dance, Boot Camp, Weights and Floor Work Drop-In Available. To register call 301-397-2208

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with legal counsel.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk



HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station) **301-474-6124** Come out and visit all of our available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays 4-7pm and on Saturdays 9am-12pm

THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER IS GREATLY IN NEED OF YOUR DONATIONS! The shelter is looking for bedding, wet cat food, dry dog food, dish soap, detergent, paper plates, bleach and more. Donations can be dropped off in front of the shelter or call the number listed above.



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MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH

November is Municipal Government Month. Look for the special flag flying over city hall reminding us that Municipal Government Works!

Fill out our Community Questionnaire and let us know how we are doing.

Check out your knowledge of your city and its municipal government. Play our Greenbelt CityLink game and you could win a \$20 Target gift card.

Game and Questionnaire are both accessible from www.greenbeltmd.gov

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The large crowd attending the council meeting gives the departing mayor Judith Davis a standing ovation. Those included County Councilmember Ingrid Turner and Board of Education representative Peggy Higgins.

status.

In a shift from normal practice, outgoing mayor pro tem Jordan administered the oath to his six colleagues, a duty typically performed by the outgoing mayor.

After his swearing in, Jordan addressed the large crowd and drew laughs when he said he hoped they would make attending council meetings a regular practice. As his colleagues would do in their own statements, he began by thanking the citizens who supported him, their spouses or significant others, those who campaigned for him and challengers Susan Stewart and William Orleans and congratulating the other councilmembers on their reelection. Before talking about his own goals and vision, he acknowledged the service of two of his colleagues. He needed, he said, to acknowledge the service of Davis, the longest continuously serving mayor with 16 years in that position, calling her an extraordinarily effective public servant with a network of public officials that had benefitted the city. "I have learned a great deal from her and will continue to rely on her good advice." He also congratulated Putens who was beginning his 17th term on council, another city record.

Priorities

The new mayor identified several priorities including community and economic development, streamlining city operations, and building upon the city's tradition of open government. To move forward toward the future that we want, we need clear plans, he said. We must do more than rely on the state and county. To stay true to important community values, such as preserving open space and sustainable operating practices, we need to nurture our local economy so that we are in the best position to make the best choices. We must do more, he said, to attract beneficial activities to Greenbelt.

The likely retirement of senior city staff provides an opportunity to organize more efficiently. He called for completing the theater renovations, a project also cited by many of his council colleagues.

Jordan acknowledged that there has been a lot of talk about his being the city's first African American mayor. "I hope that my legacy will be one of a long line of competent, effective mayors of Greenbelt.

This is a small city, rich in diversity. We need to celebrate our diversity.

"I am very excited to be re-elected and to have the opportunity to serve as mayor." He reminded his listeners that under Greenbelt's council-manager form of government, he is just one vote among seven on the council. He pledged to work with his fellow councilmembers to help them achieve their goals for the city.

Davis

"This is kind of strange," said Davis, as she settled into the mayor pro tem's seat after so many years in the center chair. She recounted the city's accomplishments during her tenure as mayor including the establishment of regular stakeholder meetings and the preservation of open space. Looking back, she described her unique accomplishment, convincing council to renovate the original flagpole at what is now the Greenbelt Community Center. While there was broad skepticism that this was the original city flagpole, she said, research bore out her claim and with assistance from the American Legion, the flagpole was renovated.

Her goals for the city included the theater renovations, restoring Greenbelt Lake, continuing to support green goals and sustainability. She'd like to see an outstanding business award. Her pet project, she said, is to turn the tree trunk near the Community Center into a piece of public art. She is also looking forward to welcoming the new residents of the South Core development near the Metro Station to the city and possibly welcome the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which also might locate there.

She closed by saying that although she knows there are naysayers, she still believes that Greenbelt is a great town – "it is my home town!"

Other Remarks

Each of the councilmembers then made their own statements in order of the number of votes they had received. The third highest vote getter, Rodney Roberts went first.

He said that he had learned over his years on council that it is easy to make campaign promises and set goals. The hard part is to have the dedication and

longevity to achieve them. That is why he wanted to stay on council. He is looking forward to getting to work on the people's business and doing the things needed to be done, he said.

Councilmember Konrad Herling, who began by recalling some of the goals he had pursued over the years, said he had one overriding principle – to bring the community together to form an even greater Greenbelt. The accomplishments he noted were not the work of one person but the good work and passion of a community working together. He called for a new committee on diversity, including accessibility of city services for those with disabilities and those who speak limited English. And he encouraged residents to think of themselves more as citizens of Greenbelt than of just members of their own housing developments. He called for more arts programs and council meetings to be held in the east and west portions of the city and for finding a way to bring the Welcome Wagon to the next level.

The other key element of his efforts on council, he said, was economic development, which he is pleased to see is gaining support. He called for an office of economic development to help address issues such as the high office vacancy rate in the city.

175,000 Steps

Councilmember Leta Mach was next. She reported that this year she clocked 175,000 steps during campaigning, despite a hurt foot that forced her to switch vehicles away from her stick-shift model. Most of the people she spoke to had no issues or concerns and liked living in Greenbelt. When they did have concerns, it was usually about a situation facing their fellow citizens, such as a path that is not handicap accessible.



After the ceremony, Mayor Emmett Jordan poses for a photo with his cousins Lynne Hicks (left) and Lecia Eason, both of Washington, D.C.

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She is looking forward to serious consideration of the issues and activities in the best interest of the city. Her priorities include economic development, the theater renovations and welcoming new citizens to the South Core. She said that it is very important to infuse these new citizens with the Greenbelt spirit. Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better, she declared.

Silke Pope thanked the citizens for the opportunity to represent them for the next two years. She promised to work diligently and with dignity with the other councilmembers and to be cautious when making financial decisions. She found it very exciting to be involved in the many projects ahead of council. She hopes to help establish an early morning business roundtable bringing new, realistic ideas and strategies forward.

Putens promised to be brief as his colleagues had already said everything. One of his main goals is to make council more responsive to our bosses, the citizens. One of the comments he hears while campaigning is why it takes so long to get things done. He wants to find ways to make the city more efficient, but also to find ways to help the employees, saying that he never wants to see a city employee laid off or furloughed. Voters don't expect us to be perfect, he said, but they do expect us to fix things when they go wrong.

One thing he has been pushing for the past year is to plan for the arrival of the residents of the South Core. He recalled moving into his first house in Windsor Green where he found that no one knew what the city was about. "Let's plan an event, be there, reach out and have the staff there twice a year," he said.

groceries. Patronage refunds for FY13 represent 1.59 percent of a member's purchases during the year.

Members were reminded to use their cash vouchers before they expire at the end of the 2014 fiscal year, which ends July 31, 2014. Members also have the option of adding the cash voucher to their member capital.

Since starting operations in 1984, GCC has paid members a total of \$2 million in patronage refunds.

GCC has upgraded its membership software during FY13. Currently, the Co-op has 9,910 members, of which 1,847 are voting members (those with \$100 in their member accounts).

Food Bank

Davis said the Co-op was participating again in the "Food for All" program benefitting the Capitol Area Food Bank. From Monday, November 18 through January 10, 2014 patrons can purchase \$1, \$3 or \$5 coupons at any register. In recent years, members have donated a total of \$24,000 to help the less fortunate.

Newcomer Michele Touchet and incumbent Bill Stoddard were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms. Donna Hoffmeister did not run for re-election.

Lore Rosenthal suggested that, for environmental reasons, the Co-op should not use Styrofoam cups for coffee at its annual meeting and that the minutes should be printed on both sides to reduce paper consumption.

The meeting concluded with awarding 11 door prizes, including gift certificates and a newly-designed t-shirt with the Co-op logo.

Joe Timer is the treasurer of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.



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Saturday morning rides all year long!

BAKE SALE

November 23, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Co-op Ramp

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt VFD is having their annual popular Bake Sale just in time for Thanksgiving!

Christianity and...THE ART of STORYTELLING

November 20th, 7:30PM

Why are stories so powerful and compelling? Why do they shape our understanding more than facts, pictures, or ideas? What place do stories have in the Christian worldview? Arcinda Edwards will address these questions. She has a B.A. in Speech Communications and Theater Arts from Dillard University. After Hurricane Katrina, she relocated to the D.C. area, and has performed with Baltimore's Stoop Storytelling and DC's Speak Easy, and has just finished producing a short film.

Join us for lively discussion and light refreshments.

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Telephone: (301) 474-4212

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several members felt the area is confusing. Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the city's logo could be incorporated onto the signs. The developer's representative, Jeff Winter, said the owners would be willing to look at these issues.

Mayor Judith Davis asked that the Greenbelt flag be added to those already displayed at the complex. When she asked about landscaping around the signs, the developer's representative said there is no formal plan but that it will probably be perennial plants. Davis said she would like to have a plan incorporated into the DSP so that if the plants die, they would be replaced and asked that this condition be added to those recommended by APB. Putens' motion to support the DSP with the listed conditions passed unanimously.

State Transportation

Council discussed the state's draft Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) to submit comments before the annual tour meeting on November 6.

The issue of sound barriers and the outdated formula used to determine where they are placed was a concern to council. Neighborhoods that were built after highway construction do not qualify for such sound barriers, a condition council agreed needs to be changed.

Roberts said if sound barriers are built and then the road is widened, the sound barriers may need to be removed. In response Davis suggested that comments should include that the city currently is opposed to widening

the Beltway.

Staff had suggested that council strongly support such projects as the Purple Line, construction of a full Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Station, as well as investing in local and regional transit.

Council also will recommend an increase in funding for transit projects and expansion of the noise barrier program. The comments will also ask that the State Highway Administration reconsider the Route 193 Streetscape Project, which was shelved in 2002.

Also in the comments will be Greenbelt's desire to discuss with the appropriate state agencies in the near future the city's Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Draft Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study. The letter of comments will again state the city's opposition to extending Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).

Truck Purchase

The Public Works Department will soon have a new truck. Council approved its purchase to replace an 11-year-old truck with over 103,000 miles. It will be a Ford F-350 pickup with a crew cab, snowplow and towing capabilities. Available through a State of Maryland bid for \$30,256, it will be covered by funds in the Fiscal Year 2014 Replacement Fund.

The new truck will use diesel fuel and Public Works Director Ken Hall told council he wants to seek a grant of between \$7,500 and \$10,000 to convert the vehicle eventually to use

compressed natural gas (CNG). The conversion package itself will cost an additional \$315. Hall said the Ford Motor Company has guaranteed the conversion would not void the truck's warranty.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Hall said he would talk to the city manager about sending staff for training to do the conversion in-house. So far, however, he had found such training only "out west" and he didn't think it would be cost-effective to send someone. The cost of the equipment is high, he added. Councilmember Edward Puten's motion to approve the purchase passed unanimously.

Sustainability

To update council on the city's Sustainable Maryland Certification, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) has taken on the task of being the city's Green Team for now but it hopes to have members representing additional sectors of the city in the future.

The team has met with representatives from the Environmental Finance Center of the University of Maryland, he said, and has connected with students who will assist the team in aspects of the plan. McLaughlin said he thought the plan should be submitted by the end of the year.

Davis suggested that perhaps the sustainability framework already put together by GreenACES could be the city's Sustainability Plan.

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school activities.

Greenbelt is the home of two U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools – Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Parent and teacher associations are active in all of the local schools and are always seeking parent

and community participation. Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education, a volunteer city organization, is a testament to the importance of education in this city. The committee has affirmed that "Greenbelt is a community committed to the education of our children."

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Sunday, November 17, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,
 Christ Congregational Church, Main Church Building,
 9525 Colesville Road,
 Silver Spring
 Tuesday, November 19, 1 to 6:30 p.m.,
 Moose College Park Lodge #453, 3700 Metzert Road,
 College Park
 Friday, November 22, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
 Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Avenue,
 Takoma Park
 Friday, November 29, 12:30 to 6 p.m., Greenbelt
 American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road,
 Greenbelt

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Police Blotter

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Arrest

November 2, 11:18 p.m., 6460 Capital Drive. A 42-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault and disorderly conduct after he allegedly assaulted an employee at T.G.I. Friday's and began shouting obscenities inside the restaurant. He was transported to the Department of Corrections to a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI/DUI

November 2, 2:55 a.m., Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Terrace. A 45-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 3, 9:39 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Six nonresidents, five men and one woman, were arrested in separate incidents and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after traffic stops within city limits.

Theft

October 31, 9 p.m., 7200

Hanover Drive. Unknown person(s) removed money from a person's hotel room at the Holiday Inn.

November 1, 8 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A man approached a person who was outside of a residence and asked if he could use the person's cell phone to make a call. The person handed the cell phone to the man, who then fled on foot with the phone. He is described as a black man, 5'7" tall, 180 pounds, with a light complexion, wearing a dark blue coat and blue and grey hat.

November 5, 7:35 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. A woman saw a man running out of an apartment building carrying a package. She later discovered that a package left at her front door was missing.

Miscellaneous

October 31, 11:30 a.m. and November 2, 8:40 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. Unknown person(s) passed counterfeit money at Wendy's restaurant.

October 31, 4:15 a.m., Beltway Plaza. A 40-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle after officers responded to a citizen's complaint. She was released on citation pending trial.

November 1, 1:50 p.m., Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt

Road. A 48-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed urinating in public. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

November 1, 5 p.m., Crescent Road near Ridge. Unknown person(s) broke into a storage room and stole a plumbing snake.

November 1, 7 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. An attempted burglary occurred when unknown person(s) tried to gain entry by prying on the front door. Entry was not gained.

November 6, 11 a.m., 6100 Block Breezewood Court. A man got out of the shower and found three men inside his apartment, one armed with a handgun, who ordered him to lie on the ground. The men ransacked the residence and took two laptop computers, a wallet, shoes and clothing before they fled. The gunman is described as a black man, 5'11" tall, wearing all black clothing, gloves and a facemask. The other two men were dressed in the same manner. The homeowner was not injured.

Vandalism

November 3, 5600 block Cherrywood Lane. Unknown person(s) spray painted a bus stop bench.

Vehicle Crime

Two motorcycles were stolen, a 2009 Suzuki GSX motorcycle with Va. tag 762125, taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a blue 2007 Suzuki GSX motorcycle taken from a trailer in the 6400 block Capitol Drive. This motorcycle was stolen on October 26 but was not reported then because the owner did not have registration information at the time and no tags were on the motorcycle.

Three other vehicles were stolen. A red 1998 Ford Windstar van with Md. tags 7BE2086 was taken from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A red 4-door 1998 Dodge Neon with Md. tags WLY941 was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Court. A gray 2005 Ford F-250 pickup with Ia. tags 418MHG was taken from the 7200 block Hanover Parkway.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 200 block Lakeside Drive (rear window was broken out and stereo equipment was taken) and in the 7100 block Greenbelt Road (catalytic converter).

Multiple vehicles were spray-painted. Two occurred at Beltway Plaza and one each in 14 Court Ridge, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 6 Court Ridge and 12 Court Crescent.

A vehicle was scratched in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Albert Herling Bench Dedication Is Nov. 23

Saturday, November 23 at 4 p.m. outside the library there will be a dedication of the bench, stone and plaque to honor Albert Herling.

The sculpture is a of a grand piano – built from stone 16 years ago, commissioned by the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council for Herling's work founding Council, and his sustained commitment to the arts in Greenbelt and Prince George's County. Concave and convex surfaces represent the black and white keys of a piano and represent the notes of the first two bars from "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

Herling, who was a concert pianist, and his wife Frances would invite new Greenbelters over for dinner, take them on a quick tour of the historic part of town and wrap up the evening with Herling playing "Twinkle, Twinkle" as Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and sometimes the Beatles would have played the piece. It was a great welcoming treat for new Greenbelters, especially their children, and fulfilled the Herling tradition of reaching out to new Greenbelters.

NAMI Support Group

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New Carrollton Area Support Group will meet at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton, on Monday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. For details contact Edward R. Bowles at 240-606-4352 or ohat2@gmail.com.

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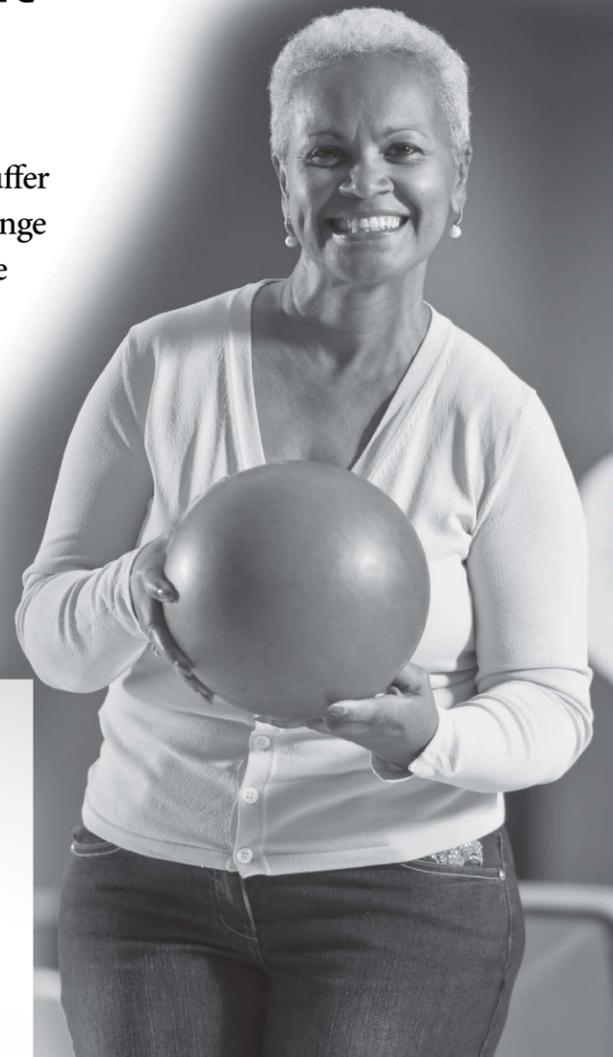
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A Review

An Assortment of Characters In Screwball English Comedy

by Jim Link

Like the three blind mice of the catchy nursery rhyme, the cast of See How They Run races, collides, tumbles in an orgy of ineptitude and futility. But this screwball comedy, now at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), is executed with precise timing, racy dialogue and huge dollops of epitude and effectiveness.

Set in a vicarage in Merton-Cum-Middlewick, England, during WWII, See How They Run features Lionel Toop, an earnest, slightly unctuous vicar who tries wincingly to rein in his new American wife Penelope's garish behavior – she wears trousers, for heaven's sake! – while placating the righteous, prissy Miss Skillon, properly outraged by Penelope's cheeky cluelessness.

The arrival of Clive, Penelope's former fellow thespian in the American USO troupe, catalyzes the action exponentially when the eavesdropping Miss Skillon mistakes their re-enactment of a compromising scene from Noel Coward's Private Lives as actual near-adultery.

Toss in an escaped Russian spy, who coerces Penelope at gunpoint to disguise him in her husband's clergyman's cloth, and our blind mice are launched on a roller coaster of hilarious entertainment.

Sure-footed Cast

The cast is impressively

surefooted. In a play with so many entrances and exits, so many sight gags and droll one-liners, it's almost guaranteed that lines will be flubbed, toes will be stubbed. But I detected nary a one. And after opening night, the cast can only be smoother.

Brendan Perry is excellent as the beleaguered Lionel; if you've never seen a vicar sprint past in his boxer shorts, now's your chance. Elizabeth Dapo shines as Penelope, hiding and disguising two men as she strives to be the vicar's good wife. Carleigh Jones is a superb, prudish church lady, hilarious when her Miss Skillon morphs into a vamp when accidentally drunk. Mike Larson is pitch-perfect as the good friend Clive, mistaken for a roué.

"In the army there is never any reason for anything," Clive explains military intelligence to Penelope.

Rachel Duda is a hoot as the flirty Cockney maid amazed at the shenanigans of the clergy, both real and disguised. Tim Caffrey, the Russian spy, is menacing and funny as a maladroit fake vicar.

In the finale there are three claimants to the title of vicar and the bishop urges detective Sergeant Towers (producer William Powell, Jr.) to "arrest,

uh, some of these vicars."

Bob Kleinberg's period set design is spot-on. The tea service, furniture, French doors all radiate 1940s comfy, plump vicarageness. Kleinberg had a big boost from the talented Rachel Wallace and others.

Director Anne Lowe-Barrett has coaxed the best from her troops; to see what she has conjured, visit the GAC on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through November 30. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on November 17 and 24.

Dems Club Meeting, Election Is Nov. 22

On Friday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet at the Greenbriar Community Building. The club will elect officers and board members for the coming year. Nominations from the floor will be accepted, so those who'd like to "step up to the plate" can still have the opportunity to help. In addition bylaw changes will be proposed for first reading, including a possible increase in annual fees. The fees have not changed since the 1970s when the club began.

State Senator Paul Pinsky will be the speaker. A consistently progressive voice for Greenbelt's state legislative district, he has worked diligently to reduce

growing income disparities between the wealthy and working class and has been a strong supporter of a more sustainable, greener environment. He often shares his thoughts on these and other issues with Greenbelt and dialogues with his constituents. He will also share his view of what he sees as key issues for the coming legislative session beginning in January.

The date marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy – those attending will be invited to remark about where they were when that national tragedy occurred and the impact of JFK's life on them as individuals.

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P&J-Sierra Leoneans Join in Relief Efforts

The Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition (P&J) and Sierra Leonean activists Abdul and Fatima Turay are making a final request before the holidays for area residents to donate shoes, clothing and other goods. Cash donations are also sought to help with the trans-Atlantic shipping costs of nearly \$1,000.

Sierra Leone is still torn by the brutal "blood diamond" wars of the 1990s, when hundreds of thousands of children were pulled into the war, which destroyed villages, crops and rural commerce.

From Friday, November 15 through Sunday, November 24, donors are asked to place donations in carts at the rear of the Club 125 location at Roosevelt Center. The loading dock is directly across from the Co-op Supermarket. The Club's hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

P&J will ship the donations to Sierra Leone's capital of Freetown in time for the 2013 holidays at the end of the year.

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Susan Stewart

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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Alonzo Washington Brings State Reps to Meeting Here

by Yevgeniy Trapeznikov

Constituents were enlightened on current issues as a member of the House of Delegates held a public meeting in Greenbelt on June 7.

Alonzo Washington, Democrat representing District 22 which includes Greenbelt, brought together representatives of environmental, transportation and social services representatives to hear citizens' concerns at the meeting at Greenbelt Middle School.

A survey conducted by Delegate Washington indicated that the community's top priority was the educational system.

According to Washington, the recent study shows an increase in the school dropout rate in Prince George's County amid decreased dropouts in Maryland as a whole.

The delegate, whose brother was a special needs student, said the reasons were complex, ranging from financial to administration issues.

"During the last session [at the House of Delegates] we were able to change the formula that negatively impacted county schools for many years," said Washington. "This change will bring about additional \$12 million."

According to Washington, the county has been also implementing school board reforms to ensure that the school superintendent has the ability to facilitate the public educational system and reinforce the community's trust in it.

"I believe that education should be one of the top priorities for Prince George's County," said Rebecca Wilson, a graphic designer at a library at the University of Maryland.

Wilson's daughter was able to attend the university through one of the county's high school science and technology programs.

"That was an excellent program. I'd love the county to implement more programs like that. They're really helpful allowing students to excel. I'd love to see an equivalent arts program, too," Wilson said.

Water Management

Prince George's County is also one of the nine jurisdictions, including the city of Baltimore, which have responded to the recent state legislation that requires local governments to implement productive measures to improve water management facilities and water quality as well as to reduce pollution.

Jeffrey Dehan, representative of the county Department of Environmental Resources, told residents how they could benefit from rebate opportunities arising from active participation in the Rain Check Rebate Program (RCRP).

Participation in the RCRP includes installing and maintaining devices on residential property that help fight the consequences of the rainwater runoff. Community residents using such devices can apply for credit and receive rebates for their efforts.

Frank Gervasi, a private home improvements contractor, was particularly interested in the water quality and runoff impact. He said he liked the idea "about rebates for green innovations."

The meeting also featured Shirley Jacobs, community outreach and resource program manager at the county's Department of Social



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Delegate Alonzo Washington

Services, who highlighted important benefits of the new health insurance program implemented under the Affordable Care Act.

People applauded her saying that "starting 2014 no one can be denied coverage with preexisting conditions."

Jacobs also addressed the issue of eligibility, deadlines and penalties for those who fail to sign up for the insurance. At the meeting trained health insurance navigators assisted people in navigating the new procedures.

Purple Line

However, the construction project of the Purple Line drew the greatest attention.

Michael Madden, representative of the Maryland Transport Administration (MTA) and planning manager for the Purple Line, spoke about the latest developments.

The Purple Line project is a 16-mile transit line connecting downtown Bethesda with New Carrollton.

According to Madden, unlike Metro that uses radial spokes to take people from the suburbs into Washington, D.C., the Purple Line will create an east-west transit connection.

The predominantly surface line will run about two miles outside D.C. into the capital beltway and will have 21 stations.

"I used to live and work in NIH [National Institutes of Health] in Bethesda. Now I live in Greenbelt. It takes an hour to drive to NIH by the beltway," said Vijay Kowtha, an engineer from Greenbelt East. He criticized bureaucratic delays that have deferred construction for over 15 years. "The whole area is heavily congested. It should have happened a long time ago."

In December, Madden said, the MTA is anticipating the receipt of the Record of Decision (ROD) from Federal Transit Administration that considers the project in detail, including its environmental impact. After the ROD is released, the project will move toward a tentative construction date in 2015.

The project is designated as a public private partnership (P3) meaning that financing, construction and operation of the Purple Line will involve federal and state entities and a number of independent concessionaires.

Concessionaires are represented by a group of companies who will design the project, help provide financing and operate and maintain it likely for about 30 years. According to Madden, this approach will allow the state to save money.

Advisory Committee on Education Meets with Schools' PTA Officers

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) meets monthly to discuss issues related to schools located in Greenbelt or public schools serving a significant number of Greenbelt students. Once a year, special meetings are held with either school administrators or parent-teacher associations (PTAs). On October 22 ACE met with representatives of the parent-teacher groups. Susan Breon, the ACE chair, presided over the meeting.

Parent Teacher Groups

Representing school PTAs were Melinda Brady, president of the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) PTA; Dawn James, president of the Magnolia Elementary School (MES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO); Donna Nelson, president of the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) PTA; and Amy Hansen, president of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Turning Point Academy Charter School was not represented.

Breon noted that the meeting offered an opportunity for various PTA officers to meet each other and discuss projects, accomplishments and problems; to share information and learn from successes at other schools. Each PTA president had a chance to summarize their group's activities.

James summarized projects and issues at MES. The Magnolia PTO sponsored volunteer fingerprinting and achieved the number needed to have the county pay for the cost. (All parents and others who work directly with students must be fingerprinted and undergo a background check.) Another project was a magic show for younger students that proved to be a very successful fundraiser. Another fundraiser held with Papa John's Pizza raised money for the PTO to buy a laptop computer to track volunteer activities and hours. The PTO also sells "spirit-wear" T-shirts and sweatshirts with the school logo, and a parent has volunteered to help develop a school website. Despite these successes, James said overall parent involvement is always low. The need to increase parent participation has been a recurring theme among schools at this meeting and over the years.

At Greenbelt Elementary Melinda Brady reported on the PTA activities over the year.

The school had a 5K race, Raphael's Race, in memory of a student who died four years ago. The race was very successful and raised \$4,000 which will be used to fund field trips. Brady indicated that Raphael Martin loved field trips. She described how the PTA is trying to make volunteering more parent-friendly, trying to come up with volunteer activities that parents can work on at home in the evenings. She mentioned the success of the Scholastic Book Fair and how the fair allows them to obtain free books (and purchased books) that can be used for positive reinforcement rewards for the students. Like the other schools, Brady commented on poor attendance at most PTA meetings. She added that GES fingerprinting for adults will be held in November. ACE member Jon Gardner commented that the school might advertise that parents from other schools who missed

being fingerprinted could come to GES. This would help parents as well as the school meet the goal of getting fingerprinting at no cost.

Donna Nelson, PTA president at Greenbelt Middle School, said the PTA would like to increase the diversity of the PTA, especially finding more men to participate in activities. She said that school staff provided a display case for PTA activities and awards. So far this year the PTA has sponsored a back-to-school dance and a fundraiser at Silver Diner, and plans to sponsor guest speakers on self-esteem and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs.

Long-time PTA leader Amy Hansen has followed her children through school. She has been the PTA president at GES, GMS and now serves as PTSA president for ERHS. Hansen indicated that a goal of the ERHS PTSA is to

enhance better communication between the school and parents. The PTSA hosted a meeting at which the school guidance staff talked about applying to college. They also held "help nights" when volunteers came to the school to help students with projects.

Attendees held a long discussion on grants and grant writing. The city funds certain activities with small grants but it became apparent that some schools have parents who are more experienced in grant writing. One PTA member indicated that she had taken the grant-writing workshop but still felt intimidated by the grant application process. ACE members reviewed the process and PTA members who had written grant applications in the past offered suggestions. Some collaboration among the PTAs may be possible in developing project ideas and writing the applications.



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