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# ERHS Musical "Into the Woods" Premieres Here Next Week

by Anne Gardner

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will present the musical "Into the Woods" in the school auditorium on December 5, 6 and 7. The musical, by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim, brings favorite storybook characters from Brothers Grimm to Broadway in an epic fairytale full of dark comedy.

The play follows the stories of Cinderella, Jack, Little Red, and a baker and his wife. The characters all begin the show with wishes, such as going to the ball or having a child. Throughout the play they have to decide what lengths they will go to in order to fulfill these wishes and when the wishes are granted, they have to deal with the sometimes disastrous consequences.

The production is directed and designed by drama teacher Christopher Mannino. It has a smaller cast than the shows the school has put on in the past few years but there have been many opportunities for students to work on the set and other technical aspects of the show. According to Mannino, "The kids have been working very hard and this is Roosevelt's first attempt at a difficult tech show with an adult-designed set. In a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) school with



Daisha Abdillahi as Jack's mother, Teresa Johnson as Milky White and Montana Monardes as Jack rehearsing for Eleanor Roosevelt High School's production of Into the Woods.

one of the D.C. region's largest drama programs, I really wanted to expand our incorporation of drama and construction at once." Expect dramatic effects.

Several of the young actors will be familiar to Greenbelters, since they have starred in youth productions at the Greenbelt Community Center under the direction of Christopher

Cherry. Aaron Goldstein and James Fahey share the roles of the wolf and the charming princes, Megan Winner plays the baker's wife and Emily Anderson is Cinderella. The voice of the giant is done by Allison Lehman, who also plays Cinderella's mother and Little Red's grandmother. Sound and lights are designed by Greenbelt

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# American Education Week November 18 to 22, 2013 In a celebration of American education, these columns will be

telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Springhill Lake Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High, Greenbelt Middle School, Greenbelt Elementary and Turning Point Academy.

# Stephen Mitchell Finds Home at SHL Elementary

#### by Stephen Waldron

S t e p h e nMitchell has been teaching at Springhill Lake Elementary School for over a decade but he did not always think he would end up working in the classroom.

He studied criminal justice at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore but coordinators at Springhill Lake

thought he would be a good fit as a specialist at the school because he is patient and caring.

Springhill Lake is the only school Mitchell has ever worked in and he said that every day at See MITCHELL, page 7

work is a positive experience. "They love me here, and I love

them right back," Mitchell said. "I give as much as I get and I get a lot."

These days, Mitchell is teaching special education to children 5 and under, the youngest students at the school. He works in a

**Stephen Mitchell** 

program known as Community Referenced Instruction (CRI). This program acts as a transitional tool for students who are not

# Young Jan Knutson's Jazz Guitar Warms Café Sound

by Max Bennett

Jan Knutson is not your typical 14-year-old boy. He possesses skills that most adults spend decades attempting to harness. Knutson began playing jazz guitar every second Sunday at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt back in March. He said sometimes he draws a crowd and other times it may only be one person. But that doesn't matter to him. "If that one person is satisfied, I'm happy," he said. "Just getting out there and expressing yourself is what I enjoy about it. All I really want to do is entertain people." Aside from playing at the New Deal, Knutson attends Eleanor Roosevelt High School where he plays the trombone in the Wind Ensemble and in a Dixieland jazz combo as well as



### What Goes On

**Tuesday, December 3** 7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building 7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board

# SHL Language Teacher Grooms English Speakers

### by Stephen Waldron

When Maria Frontanes was working as a student teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School, she did not know that she would be staying on after she graduated from college. Now in her fifth year as an ESOL specialist at the school, she says that the dedication of her fellow teachers is what drew her

to Springhill Lake.

long.'

"It's great here," Frontanes

As an undergraduate at

said, "and the staff is a big part

of why I have stayed for so

the University of Maryland,

Frontanes wanted to become

a Spanish teacher. But she

ultimately went on to receive her

master's degree to teach English

Springhill Lake hired

Frontanes right after graduation

as a second language.



and she has been working with students at the school since August 2009.

Frontanes says that she is

pulled in a lot

of directions

between

meetings,

Jan Knutson demonstrates his enthusiasm for the mellow sounds of jazz.

> playing guitar for the school's jazz band. He is also an active member of Greenbelt Community Church.

Knutson is planning on entering a competition with

See KNUTSON, page 6

Meeting, Community Center Wednesday, December 4 2 to 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Capital Cadillac 8 p.m., Council Worksession Re: Standing Rules/ Council Process for Selection of Members for COG and City Advisory Board/Goals for next Term, Community Center

#### Friday, December 6

7 p.m., Christmas Tree Lighting, Community Center Lawn Saturday, December 7 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center Sunday, December 8 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Community Center **Maria Frontanes** 

planning and testing. But her favorite part of her job is still working with the kids.

As a special-

ist, Frontanes teaches groups of students in every grade who need help getting accustomed to the English language. She says that many of them were born in the United States.

'They just don't have parents that speak English at home," Frontanes explains. "It's our goal to get them to not need the ESOL service."

Frontanes has always wanted to be a teacher. She says that

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# Letters to the Editor

# Congratulations Extended to Council

I write to congratulate my municipal colleagues in Greenbelt on their re-election earlier this month. Like Bowie, the citizens of Greenbelt saw fit to return their entire City Council this election. In addition, I want to recognize Emmett V. Jordan as the new Mayor of the City, a historic first, and also thank Mayor Pro Tem Judith F. Davis on her distinguished service and leadership to the city over the past 16 years as mayor. The city will continue to be served well by their leadership and experience.

I also want to congratulate all the members of the Greenbelt City Council – Ed VJ Putens (now longest serving councilmember), Rodney M. Roberts, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Silke Pope – on their re-election.

I look forward to working with them as they continue the good work of the City Council on the important issues facing your city and Prince George's County. We can take the November 5 results as an affirmation of the good job council has done over the past two years.

I hope the residents of Greenbelt enjoy Thanksgiving, the upcoming holiday season and I wish all a great 2014.

> Todd M. Turner City of Bowie Councilmember-at-large

Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us!

### Thanks and Veterans Day Story Correction

I want to thank the News Review for all the good work year round making our neighborhood happy to read the paper. The photo on the front page of the November 21 issue isn't of the playing of "Taps" – because everyone is standing tall when Taps sound.

The reason I write this is because I was present, too, and enjoyed the beautiful sunny morning service with my dad, Bruce D. Kuhl, who is also a veteran. It made my day to see him standing so loyal to his comrades when they were asked to please stand if they had served, which is what was shown in that photo.

It was also Judith Davis' last official act as our mayor to deliver the speech. I reached for her warm hand and told her congratulations to vice mayorship.

Raised alone by my mother, I have had a chance for a small family reunification after 35 years with my father's recent move to the same neighborhood. On Veterans Day we went together to the American Legion luncheon to honor the date.

Michael Jawer

# Corrections

Our apologies to University of Maryland journalism student Cierra McDonald, whose article on the varying views of what should be done about the Lake's beaver population on page 7 in the November 21 issue had the wrong byline, erroneously crediting a different writer.

About Education Week, it turns out we needed educating. For a long while it's been running as National Education Week. Then we began getting things about American Education Week intermittently with National Education Week and were for consistency using the wrong word. Henceforth, the News Review will be using the correct name of American Education Week for the week and for the series that profiles teachers at each of the local public schools serving Greenbelt students.

In the announcement last week on page two for this week's women's heart-healthy eating workshop at Doctor's Hospital, we provided the wrong telephone number to register. The correct number should have been 301-324-4968. We regret problems for those trying to use the number printed.

# Happy Thanksgiving From the Pantry

Friends of the Pantry, you never cease to amaze the Pantry with your donations of food and monetary contributions!

Special thanks to Jordan Choper and the Mishkan Torah community. To Suzanne Lomax and the Greenbelt Boy Scouts and thanks also to all of you who shop at the Co-op and keep the green Pantry bin filled there. You are a blessing to all.

Solange Hess Pantry Chair

### THANKS!

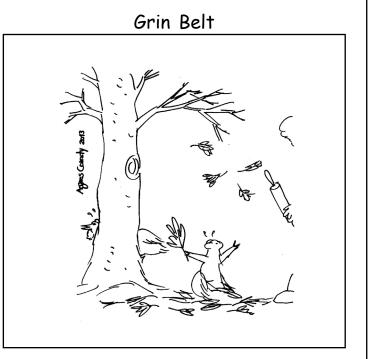
I want to thank the person who found and returned my lost library books.

That is what happens when you place the books on top of your car and head for home.... Off they must fly.

So, during this week of Thanksgiving, I wish the best to the kind person who put my books in the drop box and to "Deb" from the library, who called me.

Only in Greenbelt! Happy and peaceful holidays.

Linda Guttman



"Just cleaning our garden gnome . . Happy Thanksgiving Chef!"

# <u>On Screen</u> Gone Baby Gone

Philomena starts this Friday, November 29 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Judi Dench is the title character, who searches for the illegitimate son she was forced to give up years earlier by the Irish Catholic nuns who took her in as an indentured servant. She teams with journalist Martin Sixsmith, acerbic English comedian Steve Coogan and eventually they do find the now adult Anthony in the USA. Stephen Holden calls this movie "a comedic road movie, a detective story, an infuriated anti-clerical screed and an inquiry into faith and the limitations of reason."

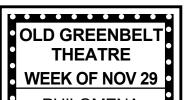
Director Stephen Frears; rating PG-13. Running Time: 94 minutes. – Jim Link

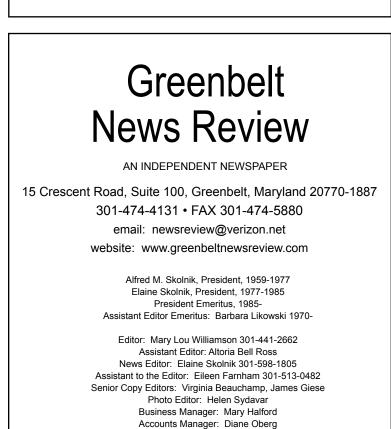
### Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.







# GUTTER CLEANING

Gilbert General Contractor, Inc. and Petria, Inc. have begun fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week of December 2-6, work will be in this approximate area: 31-41 Courts Ridge, 56-62 Courts Crescent, & 2-5 Courts Eastway

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

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(PG-13)	
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<u>SUNDAY</u> *1, *3, *5:15, 7:30	
MONDAY-THURSDAY *5:30, 7:30	
*These shows at \$6.50 Tuesday is Bargain Day. All Seats Only \$5.00.	
Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for tickets and concessions 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745	
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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# **Community Events**

### At the Library

The library is closed on Thanksgiving.

#### Storytime

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities, including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are also welcome.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the Greenbelt branch library or go to the library system website at pgcmls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

### **GHI Notes**

Thursday, November 28, Office Closed Thanksgiving Day. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 29, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Saturday, November 30, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Friday, December 6, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, December 9, 7 p.m. Member Outreach committee meeting – Board Room

Monday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. Marketing committee meeting – GHI Lobby

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

### Annual Breakfast With Santa Is Dec. 7

The Greenbelt Lions Club and American Legion Post #136 will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa at the Legion on Saturday, December 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. It will include all-youcan-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages.

Those attending are invited to bring cameras to photograph their little ones with Santa at this family outing that will include meeting and visiting with Greenbelt friends and neighbors.

There is a fee. For more information call Lynda Varda at 301-474-8964 or see ad in the November 21 News Review.

### Arts Advisory Board To Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.



Visitors peruse offerings at the 2012 Festival of Lights Craft Fair.

### Art & Craft Fair Begins Sat., Dec. 7

Next weekend is the annual Art & Craft Fair held during the Festival of Lights. The festival begins on Friday evening, December 6, with the lighting of the tree on the Community Center lawn near the Municipal Building. A juried show of more than 60 artists, the fair continues on Sunday with Festival of Lights-themed Artful Afternoon programs.

The Art & Craft Fair in the Greenbelt Community Center Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. features a broad range of regional artisans with a diverse array of wares.

On Saturday, painter Mary Wang will be in her studio, Room 303, from noon to 5 p.m. to meet visitors. And from 1 to 3 p.m. Artist-in-Residence Loraine DiPietro will hold a free, all-ages workshop on making decorative ornaments with paper in Room 113. Registration is not required.

The Community Center Gallery on Saturday opens a new exhibit by luminescent watercolor painter Valerie Watson, whose works transcend traditional watercolor with vibrant colors and bold gestures. Watson will teach a watercolor painting class at the Community Center starting in January.

### Blood Drive Coming To Capital Cadillac

Capital Cadillac, 6500 Capital Drive, will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Wednesday, December 4 from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood. org.

### Greenbelt East Tree Lighting Is Sunday

On Sunday, December 1 at 6 p.m., the Greenbelt East annual tree-lighting ceremony will be held at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

All are invited to come and join in singing carols, drinking hot chocolate and eating cookies.

### Comm. Foundation Now on Facebook

The Greenbelt Community Foundation now has a page on Facebook.

Photos of Foundation grantee activities will be there to "like" and coming activities announced.

Information about the Foundation, the grant award cycle and application forms are still available at the Foundation website at www. greenbeltcommunityfoundation. org.

### Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, seeks new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9.

For more information email goddard@bivio.com.

### Toastmasters to Meet Wed., December 4

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, December 4 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.

### Writers Group Holiday Party Date Changed

The Greenbelt Writers Group, having previously announced that its annual holiday party would be held next week, has changed the date to December 20 at 6:30 p.m. due to problems finding an available location.

Matt Arbach will coordinate food and other arrangements. Members are asked to RSVP at mparbach@verizon.net.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School presents the musical Into the Woods By Sondheim and Lapine December 5, 6, 7 at 7pm http://itshotaspancakes007.wix.com/rooseveltdrama Tickets \$9 at the door



### ACADEMY STADIUM THEATRE 6198 GREENBELT ROAD CENTER COURT OF BELTWAY PLAZA 301-220-1155 www.academy8theaters.com Most features are \$5.00 all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D R = ID Required (!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend WEEK OF NOV 29 FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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American Legion Post #136 is at 6900 Greenbelt Road.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

The Community Center is at 15 Crescent Road.

### LAST CHANCE - November 29 & 30 Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Child (12 and under with adult)

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770** or email: *info@greenbeltartscenter.org* or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at *www.greenbeltartscenter.org* 

Coming Soon Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean Auditions – Dec 5, 7 & 8 The Chromatics Concert – December 7 – 8 A (Comic) Christmas Carol – December 13 -22

Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Greenbelt Unit #136 American Legion Auxiliary presents our annual

Saturday, November 30, 2013 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hand Made Items • Bake Sale • Refreshments • Raffle Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 6900 Greenbelt Road Tables still available For info: Rusty Beeg 301-602-7214 or email: rbeeg@verizon.net

# Greenbelt Museum's Dorothy Sucher Awardee Announced

#### by Sandra A. Lange

Allison Hartley, an undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, works two days a week as an intern at the Greenbelt Museum. She is the first recipient of the \$1,000 Dorothy Sucher Memorial Award. a program set up by Sucher's husband Joseph Sucher to honor her memory as a founder of the Greenbelt Museum in 1987. (Note: Dorothy Sucher had also been a former editor of the Greenbelt News Review and a similar award program is set up for this newspaper.)

At the Greenbelt Museum, Hartley has focused her research on women living in Greenbelt from 1937 to the 1950s. She is fascinated by the accomplishments of Greenbelt's pioneer women. She points especially to Ruth Taylor who was elected to Greenbelt's second town council in 1938. Hartley says Taylor developed leadership skills by working with the Better Buyers Club, an early cooperative group.

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt was not just an auxiliary to men's clubs, Hartley notes, but a place where women learned about politics and used this knowledge to exert influence in the city. Hartley is writing her senior capstone project on the defining influence of such women in Greenbelt.

At the same time Hartley is working on other projects for the Greenbelt Museum. She is helping to create a "hands on" exhibit for kids in the child's bedroom in the museum house as well as a summer program for kids.

Together with museum educator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, Hartley is assembling a "trunk show," a traveling exhibit with period artifacts that can travel to local schools to demonstrate the kinds of clothes, toys and other items a family moving to Greenbelt in the 1930s might possess. She is also helping middle school students who might want to focus on Greenbelt for their History Day project.

**Earlier Internships** 

### **Gingerbread Houses** At Darnall's Chance

From noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, and Sunday, December 1 the 14th annual Gingerbread House Show will be at Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro. The display continues over the next two weekends, December 6 to 8 and 13 to 15. There is a nominal fee. Visitors are invited to vote for their show favorites. For details call 301-952-8010.

Hartley's past internships at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site at Hyde Park, N.Y., and at Ford's Theatre make her uniquely qualified for her position with the Greenbelt Museum, according to Megan Searing-Young, Greenbelt Museum Director/Curator. Hartley said she enjoyed her work with these larger museums, where she had learned a lot about caring for historical artifacts and being a docent and teacher.

But she is most enthusiastic about her work with the Greenbelt Museum, where she can engage her museum skills with her interest in history and the role of women in one setting.

Hartley's internship ends in December. She will graduate from the University of Maryland in May 2014 with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature and history. She said she is applying to Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University for a master's degree in museum studies. She plans to return to the Greenbelt Museum whenever possible, she says, where she has learned so much and where she still has much to give. Plus, she really loves the Greenbelt Museum.

# City Notes

Animal Control staff reported that two roosters were found running at large; three kittens were left on the stoop; one dog was left tied to the gate at the shelter; and three cats, two dogs and one rabbit were adopted.

Horticulture staff met with the DNR wild-life response manager to discuss management strategies related to beavers at Attick Park. In addition, staff met with citizens who had sustained beaver damage to trees on their property, helped assess trees' survival and presented several methods used to protect the remaining trees.

Building Maintenance crews installed a new hot water heater at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and painted the club house at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Staff is finalizing orders for purchase of new equipment for the fitness center, which includes new rowing machines and Lateral X machines.

### **Belair Holds Holiday History Happy Hour**

The Belair Mansion in Bowie is hosting a free Holiday History Happy Hour on Saturday, December 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a lecture on holiday history and wassail to drink.



### St. Joseph School Fetes 50th Year

St Joseph Regional Catholic School in Beltsville will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school with a pasta dinner on Friday, December 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. See ad on page 5.

On Saturday, December 7 at 8 a.m. the school will hold a 5k race and 1-mile fun run.

There will be course marshals along Sellman and Montgomery Roads for a short time during the race. Roads will not be closed but the marshals may temporarily direct traffic to be sure runners have a safe path to run.

There is a fee. For more information visit the 5k race website at http://stjos5k.org or call race director Austin Conaty at 240-568-3059.

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is at 11011 Montgomery Road and is the Catholic parochial school that has served children in this area since the closing of St. Hugh's in 2010.

Services

Sundays

Wednesdays

10 a.m. main service

St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

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

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

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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

### **Holiday Brass Concert** This Sunday in CP

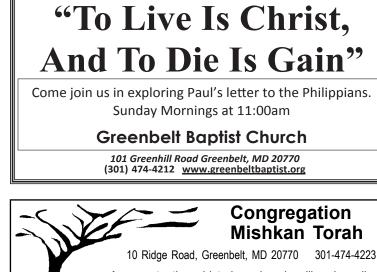
On Sunday, December 1 at 7 p.m. there will be a free Christmas concert by the Dominion Brass at Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park.

Dominion Brass is a large brass and percussion ensemble made up of professional musicians and music educators from the Washington, D.C. area. Founded in 2002, the ensemble has raised over \$30,000 in support of various local, national and international ministries and charities.

The concert is free but those attending are asked to bring canned food donations for the College Park Food Bank or monetary donations for World Vision.

Wallace Presbyterian is at 3714 Metzerott Road at the intersection of University Boulevard and Adelphi Road. For more information call 301-935-5900 or visit www. wallacepca.org.

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# Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the café will be closed.

On Friday, November 29 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by WAMMIE awardwinning band The Hall Brothers headlining with a mix of rock, blues, country and swing from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 30 Greg Meyer's Jazz Jam is 1 to 5 p.m., with all invited to come and join in this community jam session. Guernsey plays uptempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Little Red and the Renegades play zydeco, R&B, funk and Cajun music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, December 1 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m., Cooking with Gas will play acoustic jazz, blues, swing and gospel.

#### Next Week

Tuesday, December 3 Ruthie and the Wranglers host the New Old Jamboree from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, December 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. jazz ensemble Apothecary plays. Thursday, December 5 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session at 7 p.m. hosted by Paige Powell.

Friday, December 6 Guernsey will play classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Moxie Blues Band plays blues and a touch of Southern rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 7 the TV John Show is on from 11 a.m. to noon. In the evening Brian Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the U-Liners headline with a wide variety of roots-rock, folk, blues and soul.

Sunday, December 8 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Jack Couldn't Make It will perform Americana from 5 to 8 p.m.



### **MVA Will Be Closed** Until December 2 The Maryland Motor Vehicle

Administration (MVA) will close all full-service and express offices and all Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations from Thanksgiving, November 28 and will reopen Monday, December

The days before and after holidays are especially busy, and customers are urged to check wait times on the MVA website before visiting any MVA location. The use of online transactions where possible is also encouraged. Visit www. mva.gov for routine MVA transactions, including driver's license and registration renewals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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### **Congratulations to:**

- Greenbelt Toastmasters Club President Dave Alexander, who has been named Club President of the Year for the 209-club District 36. His development of Labor Day floats for the club in 2012 and 2013 won special praise.

- Greenbelt Toastmasters member John McCoubrey, who won three awards at the club, area and division level for impromptu "Table Topics" speeches. At the division level he opened by raising his arms and bellowing out an elephant's trumpet call.

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### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



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**City Information** 

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA **GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING** Thursday, December 5

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### **GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Presentation of Prizes for ARC's Kitchen Renovation Photo Contest
- Exception Request to Allow a Fixed Window at 4M Plateau Place
- Exception Request to Allow an Exposed Stove Flue at 135A Northway
- Expenditure Authorization for 2014 GHI Budget, 1st Reading
- Business Owner's Insurance Policy Renewal, 1st Reading
- Review of the 2013 Community Beautification Program
- Finance Committee's Recommendation Re: Allocation of Investment Interest to Reserve Funds
- Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee's Recommendations for Changes to GHI's By-Laws
- Proposed Revision to Formal Hearing Procedures

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**Catholic School** Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Pasta Dinner Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30-9 p.m. (\$5 at the door)

5K Race & 1 mile Fun Run Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m.

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Wednesday, December 4 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK **SESSION re: Standing Rules/Council Process for** Selection of Members for COG and City Advisory Boards/goals for Next Term, at Greenbelt Community

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

# **UPCOMING 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. Please do not park in front of leaf piles.

December 2 – 6: Lakeside, Greenspring I & II December 9 – 13: Boxwood December 16 - 20: Woodland Hills and **Greenbrook Village & Estates** Program will continue into January. Full schedule available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Leaf bags available at local hardware stores.

# City Teams Up with U. Md. On Tree Maintenance Tool

Those who have recently noticed bright, safety-vested teams of people hovering around city street trees with measuring equipment have witnessed the creation of the City of Greenbelt's latest endeavor to maintain the health and wellbeing of its street trees.

As part of a Tree Master Plan, inventory teams are measuring and documenting the city's street trees using a Geographic Information System (GIS) designed by Taylor Keen, University of Maryland (UM) GIS coordinator. Keen and teams consisting of UM team leaders, city employees and student volunteers mapped and collected data on street trees using smart phones running mobile GIS software. The process, completed during October and early November, documented a total of 2,764 city maintained street trees.

The street tree inventory was funded through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, which was obtained by the city in partnership with CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society). Information collected included tree species, DBH (diameter at breast height), height, crown height and general health.

This inventory is the second phase of the city's goal to create a Tree Master Plan. The first phase of the project consisted of the Public Works Department working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resource to survey the tracts of wooded areas that comprise the Forest Preserve, Schrom Hills Park and Buddy Attick Park. The data collected during this phase was also entered into the GIS program. Information collected on the forested areas included tree species composition, soil, water, understory and wildlife.

When completed, the Tree Master Plan will provide public works with information on the health, condition and size of city trees. It will help track possible insect infestations to determine where forested areas are compromised. A current concern is the Emerald Ash Borer. This



Project developer, Taylor Keen, right, prepares to measure trees in Greenbelt East with students Greg Koepping and Victoria Griffith.



insect has affected the health of ash trees throughout the area and tracking it would enable the city to address the issue before further damage can occur. In addition, the program will help contribute to maintaining the biodiversity or Greenbelt's street trees. For example, if one particular area has an abundance of one type of tree, this information will be considered when replanting.

The final stage of the Tree Master Plan GIS program will be to add a layer of information that includes Greenbelt's significant trees and trees acquired through the Adopt-A-Tree program. In addition to being accessible to the Public



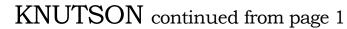
On left, Luisa Robles takes tree measurements near Franklin Park.

# Above, Victoria Griffith takes a measurement of the diameter of the tree.

Works Department, the program will also become available to the public through a link on the city's website. It should be available in the spring of 2014. Using the program will allow residents to locate, identify and learn about the trees along city streets in their area and throughout the city.

Assistant Director of Public Works Jim Sterling said, "Through this program, we will now have a tool that will allow us to easily track the health and well-being of Greenbelt's natural landscape."

More information and program updates are available from Brian Townsend, Luisa Robles or Jim Sterling at 301-474-8004.



Downbeat magazine. He wants to record something to submit for the best jazz soloist contest.

"It's going to be tough, it's going to be pretty competitive," he said.

He is still taking lessons despite his prowess. He said like any activity, practice always makes you better and there is no peak.

Knutson takes lessons once a week from alternating instructors.

Greenbelter Heather McKay helps him focus more on being loose and has an emphasis on jazz-fusion.

He wants to take music to a career level, whether it's teaching or playing professionally.

Tucked away in the back of his family's home with sheet music on the computer screen, Jan grabs a custom-built guitar his father Jeff made and flips the power switch of an amplifier.

He sets the guitar to produce a warm, smooth tone that sings with clarity and suaveness.

What happens next is nothing short of magical as his hands work together in a duet of dexterity. His left hand fingers form chord shapes, find melodyaccentuating notes and traverse the entire neck. His right hand fingers dance over the six steel strings, finger-picking the tune, giving it the most eloquent phrasing possible.

A few minutes later, he hits the final notes and smiles. "That was Joy Spring by Clifford Brown," he said. For non-music cognoscenti, Joy Spring is a jazz standard, written by jazz trumpeter and composer Clifford Brown in 1954.

Where does a 14-year-old kid get the idea of playing songs written by jazz greats like George Gershwin and Charlie Parker?

Jan's parents Jeff and Laura are musicians as well. "Everyone in the family plays music, except me," father Jeff said, "I'm a trombone player." He is the principal trombonist with the U.S. Navy Band. Mom Laura plays piano and is a violinist with the U.S. Army Band. Jan's sister Alma plays violin and oboe.

Knutson began playing violin at six years old and said he was never a big fan of it.

"I absolutely hated playing violin, up until last year," Knutson said with a grin. "I always really felt that way about music but it was always around me. It's always there."

"Things started to change

unts from Frank Latino," Jan said.

Latino was working toward a doctorate degree in musicology at University of Maryland, College Park.

"He really just egged me on to this stuff, like Django Reinhardt, Joe Pass, Wes Montgomery," Jan said. "It took me a while to break out from just rock guitar."

So in eight years, Jan made the transition from classical violin, to rock 'n' roll, to jazz.

Every turn Jan has taken comes with a new set of rules, scales and theories. But Jan seems to thrive on building his musical repertoire.

With violin, Jan says you play what's written on the page. When he learns a jazz song, his method is quite different.

"It really depends on what song it is," Jan said. "Usually I'll read the melody first just to get an understanding. I'll probably listen to it."

Jan said he will often personalize the songs because he generally only has the chords and melody. "You have to add your own dynamics, your own articulation," Jan said. "Usually what I do is open and close with the melody, then I'll have a mid-section. I'll follow some guidelines because I'm the only person playing. I'll find different ways to play the chord, I'm not going to always play them the same way."

Frank Vignola recognized Jan's skills after Jan attended a workshop with him.

Vignola has worked with a slew of artists, from guitar pioneer and designer of the eponymous guitar Les Paul to hip-hop singer-turned-actor Queen Latifah.

Jan sat in on a gig with Vignola at the Mainstay in Rock Hall, Md., back in September.

"I've never been so excited about playing," Jan said about playing with Vignola. "Playing with him is just such a pleasure."

### Snoring Subjects Sought for Research

Researchers in a joint research study by the Johns Hopkins Sleep Center and Doctors Community Hospital Sleep Center are seeking snoring participants for a study to reduce snoring.

Eligible candidates must be 18 year of age or older, must snore and must not have obstructive sleep apnea. The paid study includes free testing and requires up to four nighttime sleep studies within a four-week study period. The studies will be conducted at either Doctors Community Hospital or the Johns Hopkins Bayview Asthma and Allergy Center in Baltimore. For more information and screening, interested participants should call Michelle Guzman at 855-854-5822 or email mguzman4@jhmi.edu.



Public Works employees Michael Jawer, left, and Michael Fox read off measurements to student team leader, Rebecca Robinson.

around fifth grade," Jan said.

It was that time when he heard a Van Halen record.

"I was just entranced by the guy's playing," Jan said.

Most young musicians have the idea of being a guitar god, like Eddie Van Halen, playing stadiums with legions of fans. Jan, however, moved quickly to jazz.

"When he was younger, starting off with his rock 'n' roll stuff, we'd have to yell at him after five or 10 minutes," Jeff said. "We'd find ourselves getting aggravated by the distortion. But the jazz thing: no problem with the jazz stuff. You know, it's mellow."

Jan was encouraged to take up jazz playing by his first guitar instructor.

"I think it was around sixth grade I started taking lessons

### Help Santa Spot Trains in Bowie

Come to the Bowie Railroad Museum on Sunday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to join Santa Claus and look for unusual rail cars. This is Amtrak's busiest day of the year. The Ntrack Modelers will have a model layout in the caboose. Santa will join the fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is free.

# Citizen's Coyote Complaint Gets Attention by County

#### by Cierra McDonald

After a Greenbelt resident complained about the response to her August report of an apparently sick coyote, many ears perked up, including those of Greenbelt's Animal Control and the Prince George's County Animal Management Division.

According to the unsigned complaint, the resident caught sight of a "rather sick coyote" in the backyard during early August but then said she got the runaround when contacting Greenbelt Animal Control, Greenbelt Police and the county. The county advised that "they do not service Greenbelt, since they have a 24hour animal control."

However, after budget cutbacks, Greenbelt eliminated its 24-hour animal control service leaving a gap in coverage.

"We are full-service animal control so we patrol: we respond to calls from citizens for animals running at large or in distress. We handle cruelty cases and we deal with wild life," Greenbelt Animal Control Officer Susie Hall said.

#### Weekend Hours

When asked if Greenbelt offers 24-hour animal control services, Hall answered, "No, our hours are nine to five . . . and then we have some limited hours on the weekend."

After Greenbelt's Animal Control hours of operation had been reduced, adjustments were made so the county department that provides 24-hour animal control services would also serve Greenbelt after hours.

"We service areas of Prince George's County that do not have municipal animal control programs. Going forward, we will serve the City of Greenbelt when there is no City of Greenbelt Animal Control Officer on duty . . . The county provides 24-hour, seven days a week service to the community," said the county department's Associate Director Rodney Taylor.

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students David Gardner and Scott Candey. Sofia Zocca is choreographer and assistant director as well as plays a couple of small parts. Kyla Sellers is in charge of props and Charlie Fahey is in the run crew. Sam Goldstein will be playing percussion.

Greenbelt resident Montana Monardes plays Jack. St. Hugh's parish is represented by Elizabeth Bailey (narrator), Hannah Cetuk (tech) and Amelia Benson (construction lead). The student pit orchestra, directed by band teacher Sally Wagner, includes Greenbelt residents Katerina Sanders (horn) and Jose Martinez (clarinet).

The show will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 5; Friday, December 6; and Saturday, December 7 in the school auditorium.

For more information go to the drama department's webpage at http://itshotaspancakes007.wix. com/rooseveltdrama.

There is a fee; see ad on page 3.

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used to a school environment. Mitchell said that the students are so young that most of them have never sat at a desk before. He said that the goal is to get them used to school and prepare them for the next step in their education.

"I just want them to grow," Mitchell said. "They have to find their niche in life. I found mine."

The CRI program focuses on engaging with children through activity. Mitchell said this includes taking students on trips and being active in the community.

While Mitchell said there was no history of teaching in his family, both his mother and aunt worked in the Prince George's County school system. He said that his main inspiration for becoming a teacher came from the encouragement of coordinators at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

And even though teaching was not in the original plan for Mitchell, he feels that he is making a difference and enjoys spending time with the children.

"I love coming to work every day," Mitchell said.

As for the students, Mitchell wants to make sure they are ready for the next step in their schooling. He also wants them to realize their potential.

"I just want them to know that somebody loves them and that they can make it," Mitchell said.

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when she was younger, she would pretend to grade papers and teach classes.

"My best friend's aunt was a secretary," Frontanes says. "She would give us the old books so we could take them home and write in them."

Her grandmother was also a teacher. Frontanes was never able to meet her but says that the teaching gene could be in her bloodline.

Frontanes also grew up with four brothers and says that her love of teaching may have come from wanting to keep them in line.

These days, Frontanes is working with students with the goal of getting them to a nearnative level of proficiency with English. She moves around during the students' reading time, working with different groups in the classroom.

She says that it is important to work with the students in their own classroom, so as not to isolate them from the other kids.

At the end of every year, students take an English test, where they must show their skills in reading, listening, speaking, and writing. If they score high enough, they are able to leave Frontanes' program.

"Their success for me would be to exit out of ESOL," she says.

Frontanes says that she wants to get her students ready for their next step in education, so that they have all the resources they need to succeed in the future.

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# **Police Blotter**

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

#### Robbery

November 13, 5:45 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A man approached a woman leaving the Bank of America and asked for money. She said she had none and the man became agitated and again demanded money. The woman, afraid for her safety, withdrew money from the ATM and gave it to the man, who then fled. The suspect is described as a black male in his 40s, with grey hair, wearing a dark-colored suit.

November 14, 10:58 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Three men approached a man standing at the bus stop. One of the men asked for the time, then announced a robbery, instructing the man to leave his belongings and run from the scene. The man complied, leaving his groceries and a gym-type bag. The robbers were last seen walking west on Greenbelt Road.

### Sexual Assault

November 18, 8 p.m., Springhill Drive at Springhill Lane. A woman reported that she was walking home when a vehicle pulled up alongside her. An occupant of the vehicle told her to get in the car. When she refused, one of the men got out and forced her inside. She was driven to an unknown location, where she was sexually assaulted. The men then drove her to a Metro station in Temple Hills and ordered her out of the car. She refused any medical attention. The suspects are described as a black male, 21 to 23 years of age, with a beard and hair in dreadlocks, wearing a Redskins jacket, and a black male, 21 to 23 years of age, wearing a black V-neck shirt and black jeans. There are no descriptions for the three other men.

#### Assault

November 18, 6:06 p.m., Ora Glen Drive at Ora Court. A man approached another man who was walking down the street asked, "What's your problem?" and produced a knife. The man walking down the street fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 18 to 25 years of age, 5'9", 160 to 170 pounds, wearing a white winter hat, a black coat and dark pants with stripes on the side. Theft

November 19, 10:43 a.m., 7541 Greenbelt Road. An iPad and accessories were removed from a woman's bag at Starbucks.

November 19, 6:54 p.m., 6100 Greenbelt Road. A wallet was removed from an unattended purse at Target department store. **DWI/DUI** 

November 14, 7:25 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A 22-yearold nonresident was arrested and charged with alcohol-related offenses and other traffic-related charges as a result of a motor vehicle accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 19, 11:59 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Capitol Drive. A 31-year-old resident female was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses and other traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic stop. She was released on citations pending trial.

#### Trespassing

November 14, 5:30 p.m., 7595 Greenbelt Road. A 44-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with trespassing after she was located inside the Safeway. She had previously been banned from the establishment. She was released on citation pending trial.

November 20, 5:45 p.m., Greenway Center. A 33-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with trespassing after he entered the Dollar Tree after having been banned from the store. The man was released on citation pending trial.

#### Burglary

November 18, 2:20 p.m., 99 Centerway. A window at the Youth Center was forced open. Nothing was taken.

November 14, 8:30 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Money and shoes were taken. Entry was gained into the residence, possibly by breaking out a bedroom window.

November 15, 9 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A laptop computer, a notebook computer and a watch were taken. Entry was gained into the residence, possibly by breaking out a window. November 16, 8:05 p.m., 8100 block Craddock Road. A laptop computer and credit cards were taken. Entry was gained into the residence by breaking the rear basement sliding glass door.

November 18, 10:22 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Money, jewelry and an army-style cot were taken. The residence was entered by breaking the sliding glass door.

November 20, 1:42 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Tools, jewelry, money and an iPad were taken. The residence was entered by breaking out the sliding glass door.

#### Vandalism

November 18, 8 a.m., 22 Ridge Road. The main elevator at Green Ridge House was vandalized with a marker.

November 19, 8:50 p.m., Crescent Road at Hillside. A marker was used to put graffiti on a city-owned park bench.

November 14, 7:30 a.m., 6915 Hanover Parkway. The men's bathroom at the Schrom Hills Park was vandalized.

#### **Automotive Crime**

November 14, 8100 block, Bird Lane. A gold 4-door 2000 Mercedes Benz, Md. tags 8FFA85, was stolen. The vehicle had been left running. A witness saw a black male wearing a hat get into the car and drive it away.

November 15, 9100 block, Edmonston Court. A black Caravan Industries brand trailer, Md. tag 004890X, was stolen. A witness observed the trailer being towed away by a vehicle described as a dark colored SUV.

November 14, 16 and 19. Thefts from vehicles occurred in the 100 block of Westway (rear tag, Md. 1AS4683), 7200 block Hanover Drive (tires and rims), and 6200 Greenbelt Road (a cable television meter was taken from a work truck).

November 18. A 2005 Ford Econoline van, reported stolen to the Prince George's County police, was recovered. No arrests were made.

# Historian Gibbs Presents Benjamin Banneker Lecture

#### by Tisha Claudia Lim

A sense of community was honed and developed as African Americans gathered at the Greenbelt library to listen to another C.R. Gibbs' weekly African lecture on October 29.

Gibbs, an award-wining historian, lecturer and founder of the African History Culture Lecture Series, provides free presentations at libraries, churches and schools in the Washington-Baltimore area.

In this lecture, Gibbs talked about Benjamin Banneker's achievements and talents in the scientific world. He highlighted struggles that Banneker faced due to his race in his contemporary era.

Banneker, born in 1731 in Maryland, was a free African American scientist, surveyor, and almanac author. He was born to a white mother, a former indentured servant, and a free black father. He received little formal education but through his effort and self-education, he was able to garner substantial knowledge in different areas, especially in the scientific field.

"He borrowed every book he could and improved his knowledge. Before reaching the years of middle age, he was a man of good English education," Gibbs said.

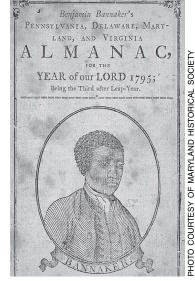
Gibbs said Banneker loved the natural sciences and was a quick observer of all natural phenomena. "At first his knowledge was only known to his illiterate neighbors by bits and piece . . . but by degrees it became the wonder of wider circles," Gibbs added.

#### **Clock Maker**

Gibbs also said that Banneker was known for completing a wooden clock by modeling it from a pocket watch by the age of 22, which Gibbs said displayed "an extraordinary genius." The clock was still in use when he died in 1806.

Banneker also corresponded with and challenged Thomas Jefferson about racial issues, equality and freedom.

In one letter, he urged Jefferson "to embrace every opportunity to eradicate that train of absurd and false ideas and opinions, which so



#### A portrait of Benjamin Banneker on the cover of his 1795 Almanac.

generally prevails in respect to us African Americans," Gibbs read out from Banneker's 1791 letter to Jefferson.

The lecture itself was not solely about Banneker; there was an underlying meaning behind it. In Gibbs' words, his goal is "to acquaint people with the historical achievements and modern-day challenges of people with African descent around the world." Throughout the lecture, he addressed his audience by referring to them as "brother" or "sister" to develop closeness within the community.

#### Immersed

Since all the members of the audience shared the same heritage with Gibbs, they were fully immersed in his lecture that related to their African American background. A strong sense of pride was showcased as the audience applauded whenever Gibbs mentioned that Banneker proved to be a talented man that his contemporaries underestimated, just as when he highlighted that Banneker completed the clock on his own.

The way Gibbs presented the lecture enabled the audience to experience what Banneker had been through. It was as if he had brought the audience back to the 18th century, when racial inequality and social injustice were prevalent.



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# Greenbelt's K-9 Officers Bring Dog to Golden Age Meeting

by Mary Moien

The dog, not the officers, was the hit of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club meeting on October 30. The German shepherd brought along his partners, MPO Robert Defibaugh and MPO Jason Cressman, to demonstrate how K-9s are used by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Cressman and Defibaugh told the crowd that the dogs used by the department are usually purchased from Holland or Czechoslovakia, where dogs have been trained as working dogs for centuries. Once here, the dog and his human partner undergo rigorous training to prepare them for the field. The dogs in the Greenbelt Police Department are used mainly on patrol, to track subjects and find objects that subjects may have thrown away while running from the police.

Defibaugh demonstrated how his partner will sit calmly and wait for the command to go into action.

In response to questions from the audience, the officers described how dogs are trained. Greenbelt has four dogs, including one in training. One is cross-trained in patrol/drugs. The other two are patrol dogs only.

Dogs can be trained for general patrol and one specialty. When asked about his canine partner, Cressman stated that K-9 Brett was waiting in his vehicle as the dogs do not usually mingle with each other. There were wishes from the audience that their dogs could be as obedient and quiet.

Following the meeting, everyone went outside to the lawn to see the dog retrieve some lost articles and also locate a suspect and hold him at bay. The children from the Greenbelt Nursery School were outside playing in their yard and the team stopped by to talk to them and let them see the dog.

From behind the playground fence they also were able to see the K-9 searching for a lost cell phone and eyeglass case. The officers indicated that most often when a police dog corners a suspect, the barking and snarling is enough to make the suspect surrender to the officer. Although rain threatened all morning, it held off long enough



fibaugh and canine partner address Greenbelt Golden Agers at the the October 30 meeting.

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# Franklin Park Residents Meet, Consider Childcare Co-op

#### by Emily Logan

Technical difficulties did not deter Franklin Park community members in October during discussions regarding creation of a new childcare cooperative.

Several members of the local community attended an informational session at Academy Stadium Theaters at Beltway Plaza Mall. They asked questions about the potential of opening a childcare co-op in the Franklin Park neighborhood. The schedule originally included two videos followed by a panel discussion. When the second video failed to play, the schedule was rearranged.

The installation of a childcare co-op in Franklin Park would bring an affordable childcare option to residents of all income levels. Additionally, co-ops often offer higher-quality educational experiences, as well as more improved child/parent relationships in comparison to traditional childcare options, according to a video released by the National Cooperative Business Association.

Lois Browne, a local cooperative leader and 13-year resident of Franklin Park, said that the community is currently looking for a place to house the childcare co-op but Franklin Park does not appear to have any suitable space.

"But we have a need and we

can't let that stop us," she stated.

One community member stated that she approached Beltway Plaza Mall about a space for the childcare co-op, but they said they were under contract with another childcare center and would call if things changed. The mall does not currently have an open childcare center.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that the current Greenbelt childcare co-op has a waiting list. She assured community members that the Franklin Park co-op was not meant to be competition to the one in Greenbelt but an additional resource for parents.

Costs are kept down in a coop because each family does a certain amount of work to keep the center running, according to Carolyn Lambright-Davis, another local cooperative leader.

Community member Charlie Shaw's children are grown but he attended the meeting with an interest in helping provide affordable, high-quality childcare to the area.

"I've been at the other end of what happens when people don't get what they need," he said.

The opening of a childcare co-op in Franklin Park will bring additional jobs to the area, as well as affordable, quality childcare to households of all income levels.





for an educational lecture and demonstration.

The officers said that they enjoyed presenting the K-9 demonstration. Any organization that would like to schedule a demonstration can contact the Greenbelt Police Department.

### Weight Loss Surgery Seminar at Hospital

On Monday, December 2 at 6 p.m., a free seminar on weight loss surgery for those at least 30 pounds overweight will be held at the Doctors Community Hospital Professional Office Building ground floor conference room.

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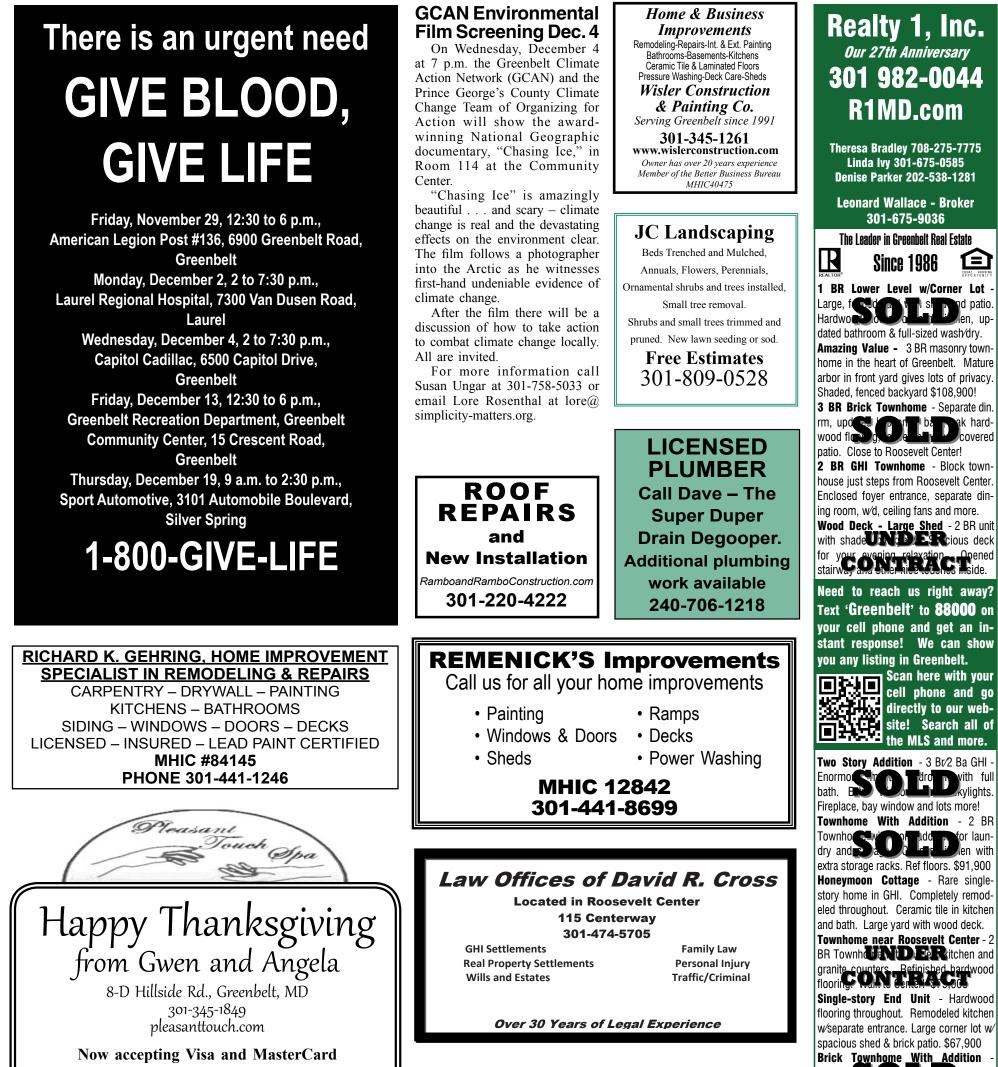
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# HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

### Friday, December 6th Begins at 7:00pm

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.

City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation 25 Crescent Road,Greenbelt, MD 20770 Business Office: 301-397-2200

# SANTA'S VISIT

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway Saturday, December 7 10am-12pm For all ages. FREE! Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All the children will receive a FREE picture with Santa.





# **ELVES WORKSHOP**

Saturday, December 7 1pm – 3pm Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway Ages 5-12, \$5/Child Pre-registration required. Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft. Instructor: Gaye Houchens

# **NORTH POLE CALLING**

December 17-December 19, 6pm-7:30pm Ages pre-school through second grade. FREE!



Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available at www. greenbeltmd.gov and throughout the City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat. Return flyer by 12/16 to the Greenbelt Youth Center.

# **POLAR PLUNGE!**

Tuesday, December 31 12pm-12:15pm \$15 per person; Ages 8+ Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway Out like a lion...say goodbye to 2013 with a New Year's Eve dip into the icy outdoor pool! For more information call 301-397-2204.

Register before December 1 and you will receive a T-Shirt! Donations will be accepted for the Special Olympics.

# **RESOLUTION SWIM**

Wednesday, January 1, 9am-12noon Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Register at GAFC front desk. \$5 per person.



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# LOCAL EVENTS:

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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# **Art Exhibition- Watercolor Paintings by Valerie Watson**

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12/31	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
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