**Note early** deadline Sunday, Dec. 22

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# City Council Holds Worksession With County Executive R. Baker

by Thomas X. White

When an October 7 worksession with Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III had to be postponed, the meeting was not put back on council's schedule until after a new council, with a new mayor and mayor pro tem, had been installed. This new council was a little nervous on December 11 when they learned Baker might be late in arriving at the meeting.

But following his arrival just before 9 p.m., Mayor Emmett Jordan and his colleagues engaged in a very productive and positive discussion with Baker on a multitude of issues that had been placed on the evening's agenda.

Baker was accompanied by Bea Tignor, municipal liaison officer in the county executive's office. All members of city council attended, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

**Opening Comments** 

Baker began by noting council that the General Services

that he had just come from participating in a discussion of the Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) program that has been underway for about a year. The county is assessing if the program is making a difference in crime reduction, he said, as well as drop-out rates for county schools, economic development opportunities and other community factors.

Baker named areas including the Branch Avenue corridor, Largo, New Carrollton, College Park and Riverdale Park, where there is a renewed focus on neighborhood economic development. He also noted the Konterra development in the Laurel area and a focus on Suitland, already a Federal Center located near two Metro stations.

#### FBI Headquarters

The first item on council's agenda was an update on efforts to locate the new FBI headquarters at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Baker advised

Administration (GSA) deadline for interested site proposals is mid-December.

GSA will be narrowing the potential list for site locations (Short-List) in early 2014, he said. GSA would then select a development partner in mid-2014 and select a partner to build the new FBI campus in late summer

A general criterion for a potential site is that it encompass 50 acres and be within two miles of a Metro station and within 2.5 miles of a Capital Beltway interchange. (The 50acre criterion is not hard and fast, he said. A proposed site should be able to meet all the requirements to accommodate the proposed consolidated FBI Headquarters.) Because of its location, the Greenbelt Station site is in a good position to meet those criteria. Baker noted that Maryland officials are supporting the Greenbelt site.

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# Council Okays Refinancing Plan And Replacement of Fuel Tanks

by Kathleen Gallagher

At the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on November 25, the focus was on city legislation and completion of business that had been introduced or discussed at prior meetings. Other items are discussed in a separate article.

### Legislation

Three resolutions introduced the agenda for adoption.

Council unanimously adopted a resolution to engage Capitol Petroleum Equipment, Inc. of Beltsville to remove an underground fuel tank at the Police Station and an aboveground fuel tank at the Public Works Department. The two would be replaced by one 10,000 gallon tank at the Public Works vard split for unleaded and diesel fuel to serve the entire city fleet. The underground tank and gas pump were installed in 1989 when the Police Station was built. The Public Works tank dates to 1992. Capitol Petroleum submitted the low bid at \$132,974. The bids sought by the city included no costs for removal of contaminated soil, which would have to be paid in addition should the need arise. Assistant Director of Public Works James Sterling told council the work would take

approximately two months. He said he did not anticipate any problems with contaminated soil.

### HEAL

The Maryland Municipal League and the Institute for Public Health Innovation have established a program encouraging elected officials to create healthier cities for first reading at the regular by expanding opportunities meeting of October 28 were on for selecting nutritious foods and being physically active throughout life. In a triumph of acronym over syntax, the program is dubbed the "Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities & Towns Campaign." A resolution designating Greenbelt as a "Healthy Eating Active Living City" was adopted by council with the addition at Councilmember Rodney Roberts' request of a goal to expand community gardens throughout the city as a way to encourage healthy food choices. Greg Varda, acting assistant director of programs for the Recreation Department, explained that the department has for some time been engaged in programs promoting healthy life choices that can be brought together under this rubric.

A resolution to amend the resolution that established the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) in 2000 was introduced at council's prior regular meeting. The original resolution required for ACT to provide an annual update of "a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs on public grounds." The resolution as revised instead would require ACT to work with city staff on an ongoing basis to accomplish the above tasks. City Manager Michael McLaughlin asked that instead of taking action on the resolution, council refer it back to ACT and city staff for further review at the request of ACT Chair Charles Jackman. When asked about the issue after the meeting, Jackman explained that since the resolution was

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# What Goes On

### Sunday, December 22

Last Day to Contribute New Toys in Lions Club box in main Lobby of Community

Wednesday, December 25 and January 1 - City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas and New Year Holidays



Santa arrives at the Community Center on the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's antique pumper driven by George

# Arts & Crafts Fair Showcases Unique Local Artisans Works

Shopping locally became a two-day celebration set to holiday music at the juried craft fair highlighting the City of Greenbelt's 2013 Festival of Lights. Attendees viewed demonstrations, participated in workshops, visited artist studios, supported local cultural groups and shopped at booths of handmade goods made by local and regional artists.

The fair has become so popular among applicants for booth space that festival organizers opened an additional room in the Community Center

Previously, artists were in the See FESTIVAL, page 6

gymnasium, with two additional rooms set aside for community groups, charitable and cultural organizations and youth crafters. But every room had something in common - handcrafted goods with stories to tell.

In the gallery a beckoning table of pomegranate-sized gourds was covered with intricately rendered animals, people and villages. Percy Medina used processes perfected by his family for more than a century to layer carved gourds with a paste of ash and oil that was later rubbed off.

Burning larger gourds, he

# An Evening with Friends Fetes New Year, Nature

by Konrad Herling

"An Evening with Friends on New Year's Eve" brings in the New Year with a celebration of the past year and a fun-filled variety show.

The program, co-produced by Susan Barnett and Konrad Herling, promises an enjoyable

As one enters the Arts Center, greeters Sylvia Lewis and Barbara Havekost will offer hot chocolate or coffee or if you prefer, a bit of wine and cheese. The evening's program will also celebrate the community's commitment to the environment, feature comedy with Pete Pinocci, who is known locally for his performance at Greenbelt's Crazy Quilt earlier this year. There will be a variety of music performed and films shown. The audience will be invited to join in dancing (conga

line maybe?) and karaoke.

Local Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Jan Knutson will perform on guitar, perhaps accompanied by a few of his friends. On the movie screen, thanks to the technical skills of the folks from Greenbelt Access Television, Eric Zhang's nature photos will be on display, along with short clips from the Utopia Film Festival featuring the environment and a short humorous video from "Channel Zero News." Emmett Jordan and Herling will play a duet (piano and guitar). An original piece, "Missing You" will be dedicated this year to Greenbelters we have lost and Nelson Mandela. Jordan and Roody Rosales will perform on guitar and drums. Also featured will be Mayor Michael

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### **Editorial**

## Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

Around this time of year those who deliver the News Review traditionally leave holiday envelopes at the homes they serve. The News Review does not pay our carriers much, so your generous holiday donations and expressions of appreciation help make their jobs worthwhile.

Most carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and in some cases the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

In the past there has been confusion and also some instances of wrongdoing by non-carriers misusing old donation envelopes. Another confusion may occur to people who receive more than one paper. To resolve the problem, we now include the current year on the envelopes – please make sure the envelope has 2013 on it for your News Review carrier.

The holiday season affords all of us a chance to show appreciation and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that may have occurred during the year.

Again this year, the carriers will leave envelopes. We hope these envelopes, identified with the carriers name and address, will be helpful to you. If your carriers name or address is in doubt, mail your envelope to the News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887 for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

### GHI Notes

Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) - Board Room

Friday, December 20. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, December 25. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, January 1. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Friday, January 3. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 6, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board

Tuesday, January 7, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting -**GHI Library** 

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting - Board

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) - Board Room

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

# Grin Belt



"Quick, let's pose for a selfie before we sing Christmas carols . . . . "

# **Letters to the Editor**

# **THANKS**

The Lions Club pancake breakfast with Santa, held in conjunction with Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 on December 7, was a success.

There was a large turnout, an enjoyable event for those who attended. The Lions Club thanks all who attended and will put all funds raised to support the various charitable programs the Lions have undertaken.

Coming up in December are two more fundraising programs – gift wrapping at Beltway Plaza and the annual Lions collection of toys and warm clothing for kids in need. Gift wrapping is in the center aisle of the mall. The modest fee for the service is based on the size of box that is needed to wrap a given gift.

The Lions' toys and clothing drive is going on now - with boxes in three locations to drop off toys and/or new clothing items: near the rear door of the Co-op Grocery Store, the main office at the Greenbelt Community Center and in the main interior plaza at Beltway Plaza. The boxes are emptied often, so should not be overflowing. The toy and clothing drive allows the Lions to help around 200 kids per year and becomes significant over the years. Boxes will be removed after Christmas.

The Lions support other

projects and events including tours of the woods for many Camp Merrick for children with vision problems, diabetes, cardiac problems and physical problems and support of the Wilmer Eye Clinic at Johns Hopkins University. The Lions also obtain glasses for those who cannot afford them, recycle used eye glasses abroad, hold local blood drives and health fairs and an annual Peace Poster contest in local schools and sponsor a Greenbelt Little League team. In addition, the club disseminates information about the Lions Leader Dog program and at times provides other gifts or scholarships.

Anyone interested in any of these projects or wanting to know more about Lions Clubs is invited to call 301-474-3766 or 301-474-

> Jordan Choper President

# Sees a Distinction

Ancestral Knowledge (AK) wants to "take kids back into the Forest Preserve," if they pay. And if they don't pay, they don't take the class.

For 25 years, children and adults have eagerly awaited and enjoyed the children's Annual Pumpkin Walk in the woods and it cost them nothing. Paul Downs and the Committee to Save the Green Belt took adults and children for weekly

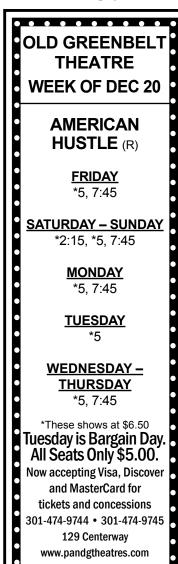
years and provided snacks for the participants afterward and it cost them nothing. The Greenbelt Forest Preserve 10 Year Celebration Committee has sponsored many walks in the woods this year geared toward children and it cost them nothing. See the difference?

AK has been determined to be commercial by City Solicitor Robert Manzi. The City Code and the Forest Preserve Guidelines do not allow for commercialization of the Forest Preserve.

Good call, it would set a precedent for other businesses wanting to use the Forest Preserve to generate revenue for their businesses.

Bill Rich

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#### Self Esteem Seminar at SHL Rec. Center

Saturday, December 21 at 1 p.m. a free weekly enrichment seminar for school-aged children will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Lady Angels basketball team and SmarTime, it is the second of three Saturday seminars on different important personal

This week's session is on

self-esteem with a goal of helping the youngsters feel better about themselves by looking at their achievements and what they can achieve in the future. The final session on decision making will be held December 28.

A Greenbelt city facility, Springhill Lake Recreation Center is at 6101 Cherrywood

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



# **Community Events**

### Menu for Senior **Nutrition Program**

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 23 through 27 are as follows:

Monday - Pineapple juice, chicken noodle bake, broccoli, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday and Wednesday -All sites closed. Merry Christmas!

Thursday - Grape juice, baked potato with beef chili and shredded cheese, sour cream coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Friday – Orange juice, beef vegetable soup, sliced turkey and Swiss cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

# At the Library

All county library branches will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, reopening on Thursday. The Greenbelt branch reopens at 10 a.m. on December 26.

#### Read to Rover

Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m. Read to Rover, for ages 6 to 11. Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to special-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required. Call 301-513-5800 for details.

### Storytime

There will be no Dropin Storytime for ages 2 to 5 on Thursday, December 26. Storytime will resume on Thursday, January 2 at 10 a.m.

### **Online Services**

The library system website at www.pgcmls.info is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week year round and offers services when branches are closed. Audio books, eBooks, magazines, music and videos can be borrowed and downloaded. There are many information resources and research databases that can be obtained online. Online tutoring, homework help and language learning services are also available.

For details call 301-345-5800, visit the library or website at pgcmls.info. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

### **Beltway Plaza Has** Mariachi Band

On Sunday, December 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. Humberto Guzman and his mariachi band will stroll through Beltway Plaza Mall playing live mariachi music, their own special blend of Latin tunes.

# Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is ready to begin the new year. There is a new slate of officers for 2014 who will be installed in January. Many thanks to everyone who worked to make this happen.

No meetings will be held on December 25 or January 1, 2014.

We were sorry to learn that Betty Deitch had a fall. She is recuperating at home and we send her happy thoughts.

The Club wishes everyone a joyous and safe holiday with friends and families.

### **Weekend Forest Preserve Events**

This weekend will feature two Greenbelt Forest Preserve 10th Anniversary events.

Saturday, December 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a solstice walk led by Christian Stone to celebrate the Green Belt's past year and wish it well for the upcoming year. Meet on Northway extended near the Greenbelt Forest Preserve sign.

Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m. is "The Longest Walk," a winter woods hike re-scheduled from December 7, for two to two and a half hours, of the full length of the preserve. It will start at Research Road and continue to McDonald Field at Southway; meet on Research Road at the top of the hill at the BARC gate (gate is closed on Sunday). Dress for the weather and bring water. The first portion is strenuous with some crossing logs required. To join the walk in the less demanding portion meet between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Northway near the Forest Preserve sign. (If joining there alert organizers so no one will be forgotten.) There will be a light lunch with 'smores and a fire (weather permitting) at the end of the walk in a private yard. Rides will be available back to walkers' cars.

To register email greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com or call 301-474-7465 or 443-388-2961.



# **GUTTER CLEANING**

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

The week of December 23-27. work will be in this approximate area:

Courts 43-47 Ridge, Courts 1-2, 135A-B Northway, Courts 2-8 Hillside, & Courts 1-8 Woodland Way

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.



At Greenbelt Museum's holiday open house, Benny Bolten (7) tries on a straw hat as his mother Allison Bolten (left, holding sister Lillian Bolten, 1) and the Greenbelt Museum's intern Alli Hartley (right) look on.

# Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Christmas Week Issue - Dated Thursday, December 26 Advertising and Copy Deadline: **SUNDAY 12/22** 

New Year's Week Issue - Dated Thursday, January 2 Advertising and Copy Deadline: **SUNDAY 12/29** 

Holiday Office Hours: Sunday 12/22 - 2 to 4 p.m.; 8 to 10 p.m. (Monday 12/23 - Saturday 12/28 - CLOSED) Sunday 12/29 - 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m. (Monday 12/30 – Sunday 1/5 – CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Sunday at 10 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

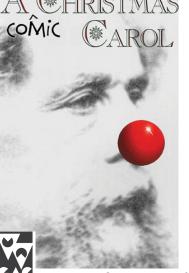
The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Please call us at 301-474-4131 if there are any questions. Happy Holidays to All!

## **Utopia Film Festival Presents**

Sun., Dec. 22 & Wed., Dec.25 8:00 PM Reactor, Jack In the Box, Masque, & Posey

on Greenbelt Access Television. Inc. Channels Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19

# **Greenbelt Arts Center** LAST CHANCE TO SEE



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

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An Evening With Friends On New Year's Eve- December 31
Poe's Birthday Bash - January 17-19, 2014 guest production from the Renaissance Man The Vagina Monologues – January 24 – February 8, 2014 – guest production from The Rude Mechanicals

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#### **WEEK OF DEC 20** FRIDAY - MONDAY

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# Hanington – Hamlin Kyla Hanington, a former

Greenbelter now of Terrace, British Columbia, Canada, and Dan Hamlin, former pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, have announced their engagement to be married.

A January 2 outdoor civil ceremony is planned to take place on Ferry Island in a region of British Columbia that averages four feet of snow a month at that time of year. The couple will exchange rings carved by an indigenous artisan. Hanington and her two children, Anja and Clara, plan to join Hamlin in Greenbelt in July. A religious wedding ceremony is planned for September in Greenbelt.

Hanington is a published poet, has written and recorded essays broadcast nationwide on CBC, Canada's equivalent to NPR, and is a certified family mediator, according to Hamlin. She was named "Local Hero" of the year of Nanaimo, B.C., where she formerly lived.



We were sorry to hear of the death of Lavon Bordenet Baumgardner of Silver Spring on December 9, 2013. Born in 1934, she was the daughter of original Gardenway residents Bernard and Dorothy Bordenet.

#### Congratulations to:

- Greenbelt's Congressman Steny H. Hoyer, who was among 100 members of Congress named a 2013 Defender of Children by the First Focus Campaign for Children for his support of policies that advance the wellbeing of children.

- Former Greenbelter Kyla Hanington and Dan Hamlin, former pastor of the Community Church, on their wedding, to take place next month in Canada.

We were glad to hear that Robert Goddard French Immersion school, now in Lanham but hoping soon to move to the old Greenbelt Middle School building, was recognized last week as a State of Maryland Blue Ribbon school. It serves Greenbelt students in the country's secondoldest immersion school and will go on to compete for a National Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education. Greenbelter Martha Kristy is the school's instructional program coordinator.

Kathleen McFarland



Community of Greenbelt

**CHRISTMAS EVE** MASS 6:30 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E. Sunday, December 29 Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING ALL ARE WELCOME



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



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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor Worship Service 10 a.m.



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

# Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road) Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

> Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

# Berwyn Presbyterian Church



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor 301-474-7573 6301 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



: Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available) Worship Office Hours

: Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org Conservative and Reconstructionist

# Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



December 22, 10 a.m. All-Ages Winter Solstice Service: Lights of the Season Rev. Diane Teichert and Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration and Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate and the All-ages Holiday Choir Will the varied candles in a holiday gift shop ever stop arguing about whose holiday is best? Please bring warm items for the Mitten Tree and plan to stay

December 24 Two Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Services The offering will support Warm Nights

after for the Holiday Meal.

4:30 p.m. All-Ages Service with Living Nativity Rev. Diane Teichert and Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration, with Worship Associate Mary Wester, the Children's Choir and Chalice Dancers The Christmas Story will unfold in a spirited, no-rehearsal nativity pageant. Wear your own barn animal, angel, shepherd or magi costume or one of ours or just watch and be enthralled.

8 p.m. Joyful Singing in Solemn Stillness

Rev, Diane Teichert, with Carol Boston, Worship Associate, the Choir and Chalice Dancers. Come hear carols familiar and carols new, stories old and tories true. Sense the calm settling in around us on this dark night, the "angels bending" to sing "peace on the earth, to all good will."

# Join us in celebrating the Savior's birth **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm **Greenbelt Baptist Church** 101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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



**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 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

### **Greenbelt Baptist Church**

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

# St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

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

10 a.m. main service

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

· Wednesdays

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

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

# Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Rd. • Hyattsville, MD 301-422-1822

Sunday service 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 a.m.) Sunday school 10:30 (for youth up to age 20) Sunday Bible lesson topics:

> Dec. 15: "God the Preserver of Man" Dec. 22: "Christmas Theme" Dec. 29: "Christian Science" Jan. 5: "God"

Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. testimonies of healings/gratitude sharing (doors open at 7 p.m.)

Reading room (for study, sales, borrowing) open ½ hour before & after services

# Celebrate the Birth of Your Lord At Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Festive Advent Service - Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Dec 24th

12:15 p.m. Simple Service of Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day - Dec 25th

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 6905 Greenbelt, RD 301-345-5111

www.Myholycross.org (Join us on Facebook)

### Watkins Nature Center **December Programs**

Watkins Nature Center, located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro will hold two winter programs for kids and adults.

Thursday, December 26 those ages 2 and up are invited to the Animals in Winter program from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will meet some live animals up close; learn about migration, hibernation and adaptation and discover how different animals survive the winter. On Friday, December 27 at 10 a.m. children ages 2 to 10 can enjoy a seasonally-themed puppet show and meet a few of the live animals featured in the

There is a nominal fee for both programs and reservations are required. For more information call 301-218-6702.

### **Upcoming Events** At New Deal Café

Thursday, December 19 pianist Amy C. 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.

On Friday, December 20 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Black Masala will play the melodies of European brass bands from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 21 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey's uptempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. ilyAIMY headlines with hyperspeed guitar and perfect harmonies from 8 to 11 p.m., sharing the stage with Celtic band Tinsmith.

On Sunday, December 22 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m., legendary DC blues, R&B and honky-tonk band The Nighthawks perform.

### **Next Week**

The Café will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed on Wednesday, December 25.

Thursday, December 26 the Songwriter's Association of Washington open microphone session will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday December 27 Guernsey plays classical and jazz tunes from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Cold Hard Cash pays tribute to Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 28 all are invited to bring instruments and join Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays uptempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Jello Boys headlining with a mix of originals and covers from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, December 29 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Luisa and the Reverbs play 50s and 60s music from 5 to 8 p.m.

# **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

**Every Thursday** 10am - 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

### Kwanzaa Principles To Be Celebrated

On Friday, December 27 from 5 to 10 p.m. there will be an evening of reflection as the community celebrates the principles of Kwanzaa. This event will be held at Tucker Road Community Ctr., 1771 Tucker Road, Ft. Washington. Admission is free.

For more information, call 301-248-4404, TTY 301-203-

### Nat'l Gallery Hosts **Holiday Concert**

The National Gallery of Art

will present a free concert by Ensemble Sunday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. This performance will take place in the West Garden

For information, call 202-842-6941.



### **Produce Distribution Date Rescheduled**

The free produce distribution scheduled at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Thursday, January 2 has been canceled.

The next distribution will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6.

Note early deadline Sunday, Dec. 22

See page 3 for details.



# New Year's Eve with Hard Swimmin' Fish!

Honkin' Blues & harmonica with Karim and Maria's Special Menu: appetizers, soup & salad, entrée, dessert & champagne at midnight!

\$55 per person ~ reservations recommended

**New Deal Café** 113 Centerway www.newdealcafe.com 301.474.5642



# City Information

### TUTORING AT SPRINGHILL LAKE

For all students grades 1-12 and GED!!! Saturday mornings, from 10:00 – 12:00 Beginning January 11, 2014 SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER CLUB **HOUSE** 

6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Show up or call Judye Hering, 301-345-6660, or email: jhering@greenbeltmd.gov

## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

# REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 23 through 27 Monday Route - Regular Schedule Tuesday Route - Regular Schedule Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday Thursday Route - Collected Friday There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 27th.

### **GREENBELT CONNECTION**

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Wednesday, December 25th

# **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, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee For information call 301-474-8000.

## **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SWIM**

181100-1 Ages 8+

Wednesday, January 1 from 9:00am-11:45am Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 101 Centerway, \$5 per person In Like a Lamb... Say hello to 2014 with a New Year's Day resolution swim in the heated indoor pool. Set a goal for lap swimming or water walking and get an early start to your fitness resolution! Private lane rentals are available for \$12 per lane,

9:15am-10:15am and 10:30am-11:30am. Info: 301-397-2204



# **POLAR PLUNGE!**

Tuesday, December 31 at 12:00pm Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, Outdoor Pool 101 Centerway \$15 per person

Out Like a Lion... Say goodbye to 2013 with a New Year's Eve dip into the ICY

outdoor pool! Donations will also be accepted to support Special Olympics.

For more information contact GAFC at 301-397-2204.



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http://www.pinterest.com/cgreenbelt/



# HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT 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

### WE NEED 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. See our pets on Facebook

### TOY DRIVE

The Greenbelt Lions Club and Greenbelt Community Center have teamed up to collect new, unwrapped toys. The Lions Club will distribute the toys to local families during the holidays. Please consider bringing a donation to the box in the Main Lobby of the Community Center by December 22nd.

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The county executive also noted interest on the part of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management relating to the GSA consideration of potential sites for the FBI facility. The chair of that subcommittee is Lou Barletta (R) of Pennsylvania. Donna Edwards, a Member of Congress who represents a part of Prince George's County, is also a member of the subcommittee.

Jordan asked Baker how council could best support the selection of the Greenbelt site, noting that at a recent meeting council had agreed to modify the existing covenants applicable to the North Core development so there were no impediments to the site's being selected. The discussion also noted that the Four Cities Coalition (Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton) was interested in supporting the Greenbelt site and that they have discussed some promotional activities to support the Greenbelt selection.

In response, Baker said his office would work with the Four Cities group on such an effort. Councilmember Konrad Herling agreed to follow up with Tignor on that offer.

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Silke Pope suggested there were good opportunities to tout the excellence of Greenbelt and its surrounding schools, as well as community arts programs, that could influence the selection process. Also mentioned by councilmembers were the public safety professionals who serve Greenbelt.

Baker appreciated council's suggestions, he said, and noted that the county's effort is aimed at putting the best face of Prince George's County forward when communicating or meeting with federal officials who will influence the site decision.

### **EDI Program**

Baker's response on the county Economic Development Incentive (EDI) program responded to this topic by indicating that EDI funding should be increased. He also related to council the efforts he and his staff have made to persuade the Bozzuto Company (headquartered in Greenbelt) to remain in Prince George's County

Apparently the firm had bad experiences with the previous county executive's administration and has been considering moving their headquarters. Baker said he was pleased that he and other county officials, including Councilmember Ingrid Turner, had been able to change their minds.

### **Theater Renovation**

Councilmembers used this agenda item to advise the county executive on city efforts to renovate the historic Old Greenbelt Theatre, noting that the theater has the largest screen in the county.

They provided a brief description of the proposed renovation and wondered if the county could assist with funding for the project. Councilmembers also noted that a renovated Greenbelt theater could be another feature of efforts to promote the city for the FBI site-selection decision.

Baker's response indicated

there may be opportunities for county financial assistance and said he would put the city in touch with members of his staff to discuss the project. In addition, Baker suggested it might also be worthwhile for the city to invite the County Economic Development staff for a council worksession.

#### Water Line Replacement

Council used the worksession to brief the county executive on the current stalemate between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the proposed replacement of water lines within the GHI community. When the project was being planned in 2008, the WSSC proposal was to leave the water meters at the affected buildings.

However, prior to reaching an agreement, WSSC later withdrew the original proposal and is now requiring that meters be placed outside of the affected units' yards. Such a change would effectively make GHI responsible for maintenance and future replacement of the water lines between such relocated meters and the GHI residential units.

GHI has protested that this change would become an unfair burden to its members and would set a precedent for any future replacement of water lines by WSSC for the remainder of the GHI brick and frame homes.

The city is concerned about the stalemate since it is a party to the agreement and since WSSC had made a decision unilaterally without the agreement of the city and GHI.

Baker expressed surprise that the WSSC would proceed in that manner. He offered to discuss the issue with the Prince George's County representatives on the WSSC.

### **Commercial Kitchen**

Discussion on the longstanding issue of regulations for use of the commercial kitchen at the Greenbelt Community Center was led by Mach. She described the situation where the use of the commercial scale kitchen in the Community Center by outside vendors had been effectively prohibited by the county when they required such outside users of kitchen facilities to have health department permits.

While the city has its own permit for use of the facility, outside vendors could not be covered by the city permit and would be required to have their own permits when renting the kitchen facility. In effect, that requirement would prevent the city from earning any income because the cost and time in securing such a temporary permit would be cost prohibitive.

City efforts in seeking a solution to this issue have not been successful and council said any help the county executive could provide would be appreciated. Baker requested that the city provide his staff with background on this issue and he would see if it might be resolved either administratively or by legislation.

### Landlord-Tenant

Councilmember Edward Putens led the discussion of landlord-tenant issues. He described concerns that the Landlord-Tenant Commission remains

on the books but is, in effect, not addressing issues arising between landlords and tenants, homeowner associations and members and other community issues. The situation may also be exacerbated, he said, by the financial impacts of the economic downturn and the mortgage crisis. The feeling on council was that such a situation puts the landlords in a superior position.

Baker responded that he and his staff have been looking into that situation. At present there appear to be several county agencies generally involved but that no one can address the breadth of all the issues. He indicated he is considering ways to elevate the function.

Also addressed was the implementation of a recently enacted CB-89-2012 affecting condominiums and Home-Owner Associations. Baker asked Tignor to look into how that legislation is being implemented.

#### **Other Items**

Jordan asked Baker if he had any sense of his next budget that he could share. Baker indicated that presumably he would have a surplus. He said he hopes that the Fiscal Year 2015 budget will be better than last year's. His view is that prospects for the county are rising and he is hopeful that will result in increased economic development.

Baker was also advised of the city's position on the proposed expansion and widening of Sunnyside Avenue, west of Edmonston Road. The city's position is that the project as envisioned by the county Department of Public Works and Transportation, goes too far and disturbs too much of the flood plain. Jordan recognized Cary Coppack from the audience, who reiterated concerns that the project may result in the loss of flood plain and would further threaten water quality in that area.

### Bike Racks

There was also a pitch for the placement of bicycle racks on The Bus vehicles. This was urged by Bill Orleans from the audience.

Baker and Tignor were also made aware of the need for additional support for social and health resources for low-income residents of the county. While the county executive's TNI program addresses those concerns in other communities and neighborhoods, similar needs exist in Greenbelt.

Jordan told Baker that council appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues important to Greenbelt with Baker and expressed thanks for his time and attention toward the issues that had been raised.

Council also expressed appreciation for the opportunity for the Four Cities Coalition to hear recently from Adam Ortiz, director of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources, on the topics of animal control programs and new initiatives in stormwater management.

Appreciation was also expressed to Baker regarding the cooperation and support received from the county's Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Jordan extended an invitation for Baker to attend an upcoming meeting of the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

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created images in 12 different shades of brown. What was most special is that the gourds presented accounts of Peruvian history and culture.

Another timehonored art form, on display at the Greenbelt Nursery School table, featured Eastern European pysanky eggs made by a student's grandmother. The intact eggshells, with the insides carefully removed, were covered in beeswax and carved with a stylus, then placed in a

dye bath.

Such designs and techniques have been guarded by individual families and passed down from mother to daughter. The eggs go quickly, explained volunteer Katie Harvey. In fact, 12 were purchased within the first 15 minutes.

Harvey pointed out another grandmother's handmade quilt by another of the cooperative nursery school's "awesome grandmother brigade." The quilt was being auctioned off with proceeds going to the school's scholarship fund.

#### **Wooden Playthings**

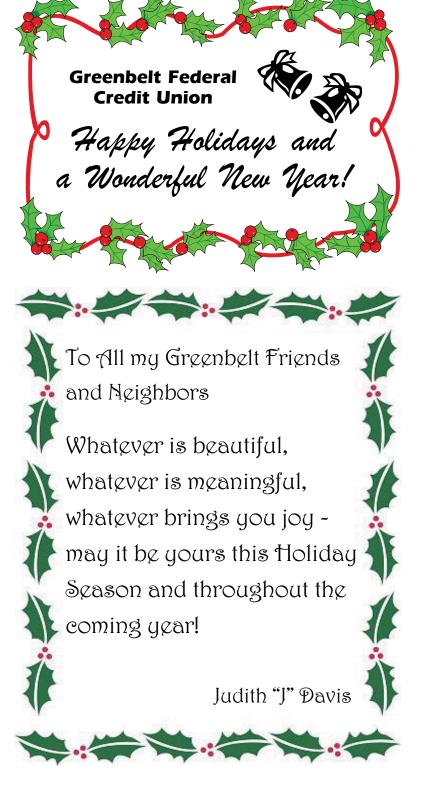
Another festival favorite was the nontoxic, child-safe wooden playthings of U.S. Wood Toys. Among artist Patrick Donovan's buses, trucks and trains were some "unexpected surprises" – purple hippos, an alien-piloted silver spaceship and crimson dragons. Ryan O'Hara,
Donovan's sales
associate, explained how
the red dragon's purple
cousins became popular
with an unlikely
constituency – National
Security Agency
analysts, who bought
them to commemorate
a Vietnam War-era
operations security
program.
Nearby, Design by

Night's satin flower hair ornaments, feather headbands and top hat fascinators would be welcome at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a royal wedding – or even the Super Bowl. A close look at one of the steampunk toppers, for example, reveals the Ravens' logo.

Artist Kolleen Kilduff will even temporarily set aside her team loyalty to make Redskins hats, she says. Urged by her husband, Michael, to turn her hobby into a business, Kilduff designs and sews her creations, while he cuts out the pieces and does the prep work, proving together that crafting can be a family affair.

One of the delights of purchasing a handmade gift from an artist is the personal touch – whether it's learning about a new technique, finding the perfect gift for a fashion-forward football fanatic or secret agent or sharing a great story to enhance the presentation.

This won't be found at a big box store.



# County Sheriff Addresses Golden Age Club Group

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County Sheriff Melvin C. High addressed the Greenbelt Golden Age Club in November.

He took the opportunity to describe the various segments of the "public safety umbrella" in the county. First he described the police departments both at the county level and for cities within the county that have their own police departments. He mentioned the "fine" Greenbelt Police Department.

High described how various activities are coordinated. The police may ask a judge for a warrant in a case but it is the sheriff's department that serves the warrant. Then the state's attorney's office is involved in deciding whether to take people to court. Following trial, a person could be freed or could be sent to prison. High then discussed local corrections facilities, state facilities, probation and parole. The sheriff's department is heavily involved in all of these areas and is considered "the enforcement arm of the court." Sheriff's deputies also provide protection to judges, witnesses and to those in the county courthouses. High mentioned that through the use of metal detectors in the courthouses, the deputies uncover 700-800 weapons a month. These are not necessarily illegal weapons but weapons banned from a courthouse.

High, an elected official, told the senior citizens at the meeting that violent crime has decreased significantly in the county in the last several years. Property crimes are also down. He mentioned his view for the county, including an improved school system, new hospital, more jobs and economic growth. He stated that "the best crime prevention is to give people jobs."

## Scams

Lina Stallings, an administrative aide in the Sheriff's Department, presented information on scams. She mentioned a scam where a person calls and says they are



Holiday Greetings To all our Greenbelt friends, may this holiday season be filled with the joy of family and friends and the New Year filled with peace and fulfillment. Bernie and Jim Giese



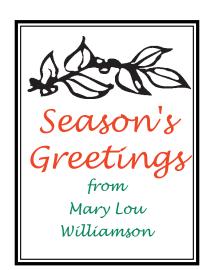
Sheriff Melvin C. High

with the jury office and wonder why the person is not at jury duty that day. When the person responds they received no call to jury, the telephoner asks for social security number and other personal information so that they can be sure they have the correct person. It is a scam to get personal information.

Another scam is someone claiming to be police who say they hear you may be going away. They give the person a number and tell the homeowner to call them with the dates they will be away.

Another current scam involves the need to verify a person's Medicare information. Do not respond. A final scam was a person asking questions about a product and trying to get a "yes" response to any question. They then modify a recording that sounds like the person said "yes" to the purchase of a product. The best thing a person can do is either not answer the phone or hang up quickly when an unknown person calls.

The group had many questions for the sheriff and his assistants; it is possible that a follow-up meeting will be planned for next



# **Dress for Safety** Wear White At Night so drivers can see you!

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Hale of Colmar Manor, who will offer his powerful voice. If there are any good bass players out there, contact Herling at 301-345-9369. Finally, members of the audience may turn into poets and offer thoughts about Greenbelt's nature, maybe including some of Emerson's works.

Shortly before midnight, those so inclined will move to the mall, perhaps joined by folks from the New Deal Cafe and other venues to light up the movie theater marquee and sing "Auld Lang Syne."

Once again, this will be an effort, of, for and by the community. There may be an additional performer or two so stay tuned.

# Two Well-known Men in Town Light Greenbelt's Holiday Tree



Flanked by Mayor Emmett Jordan (right) and Elf Kaila Maguire, Santa presses the button to light the holiday tree.



Wishing all Greenbelters a Happy Winter Solstice and a Joyous New Year Robert and Sylvia Lewis





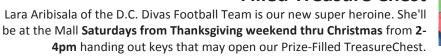
# Celebrate the Holidays at **Beltway Plaza!**



# Santa Comes to Beltway Plaza Mall

He's fat, he's jolly and he's ready to listen to every child's gift request for Christmas. Have your child's photo taken with Santa as a lifelong memory. Visit <u>www.BeltwayPlazaMall.com</u> for Santa's schedule.

# Meet Plaza Woman and Try to Open Our Prize-Filled Treasure Chest





# **4pm** handing out keys that may open our Prize-Filled TreasureChest.

Humberto Guzman and his Mariachi Band strolls the Mall playing their special blend of Latin tunes. Sun, Dec 22, 2-4pm









# Wall of Fame III Honors Local VIPs

Join us as we honor Greenbelt Mayor J. Davis; Greenbelt Community Church Pastor Dan Hamlin; and Prince George's County Police Department K9 Team, Andy & Sgt. Robert Heverly for their work in the Prince George's Community. Saturday, Jan 18, 2-4 PM

# And Lots More Holiday Activities!

Shop with a Cop: Sat, Dec 21, 9 am-noon Gift Wrap: Dec 13 to Dec 24 Caricature Sketches: Ongoing to Christmas Lions Club Toy & Coat Drive: 11/28-12/24

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# **Letters to the Editor**

### Thanks for Support

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who have called, written or approached me to indicate your support of Ancestral Knowledge's children programs. I am truly heartened and motivated by this outpouring of support with respect to the current setback.

While I disagree with some of the points made in Matt Elliot and Bob Snyder's letters (December 12, 2013) with regard to both the role of the advisory board, the appropriateness of the timing of the actions taken and the purpose of the preserve; I am interested in finding a path forward – not in getting entangled in discussions about past procedural issues.

Everyone whom I have spoken to, even staff and Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) members who have opposing views on the interpretation of the code, seem to recognize the value of our educational programs. So, let's sit down together and figure out how to make this happen!

The easiest way in my opinion is to recognize Ancestral Knowledge for what it is, a "principally educational" nonprofit organization. If we cannot reach agreement on that status, I recommend exploring Celia Craze's suggestions to the board on how to frame a discussion and allow naturalist type activities. If the FPAB is not willing to have this conversation, I suggest the

issue be considered at a council worksession.

Bob pointed out the FPAB does sponsor occasional children's programs and permits the annual pumpkin walk to take place. These events are appreciated across the community but they do not provide similar educational depth as regular weekly programing that runs year round. Our programs offer kids an opportunity to explore the same environment week after week, in all weather conditions, developing knowledge incrementally for a rich understanding and appreciation of all the inhabitants of the woods throughout the seasons. See the Greenbelt News Review April 21, 2011 (http://www. greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/ GNR20110421.pdf) "Pilot-turned Homeschool Mentor Murray Teaches Wilderness Skills" for a good description of our classes. Our classes move beyond the typical programs where lessons end at the naming of plants and animals. Our goal is to teach the children about the habits, behaviors and personalities of all the ecosystem residents, how they interact with each other, where they fit in the web of life, what their presence or abundance indicates about the health of the ecosystem and how they and the ecosystem can be influenced positively and negatively by human action. This is all woven together with native skills and lore to provide a rich, colorful and engaging program for our youth.

Please let's set aside any perceived differences and start working together on the common goal of educating children so that they will value, appreciate and carry forward our legacy to preserve not only our local natural areas but others like it across our nation and around the world for the future generations.

Jonathan Murray President of Ancestral Knowledge Board

## Nonprofits Are Businesses Too

Reading the lengthy and impassioned letters to the editor in last week's Dec. 12 News Review in reference to the article "Forest Preserve Worksession Becomes Very Contentious," it is easy to see how slanted and inaccurate reporting can generate a firestorm (which is often the goal of the reporter). I didn't attend the meeting but it was clear to me that the intent of the reporter was to generate exactly the type of response that was received in these letters.

Much of the controversy revolves around the use of the terms "commercial" and "nonprofit." A commercial transaction is one in which money is exchanged for goods or services, regardless of whom or what is doing the exchange.

Just because an organization is a nonprofit doesn't mean they don't conduct activities of a commercial nature. On the contrary, these activities are what allow the organization to sustain itself, whether in the form of program fees, membership fees, product sales or what have you.

As someone who has worked for multiple nonprofits over the course of 20 years, I'd like to make the point that without question, nonprofits are businesses too, otherwise they would not exist (i.e., be in business). They simply utilize a different business model, with the end result directed at supporting a specific cause.

With regard to conducting activities in the forest preserve, the city code that stipulates that these activities not be of a commercial nature is not at all short-sighted but in fact supports the preservation of the forest into perpetuity. For as soon as one group is allowed to conduct fee-based activities. others that may not be as well regarded as Ancestral Knowledge, perhaps even with questionable motives, can do the same, which in turn puts the city and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board in the untenable position of determining what type of organization can "use" the forest, which is also a legal liability.

It's also a liability to the forest, which is not simply woods, but a designated protected wilderness with only passive recreational opportunities

permitted. That is why having no activities in the forest that are fee-based needs to be a requirement in approving permits. By its vote to uphold the city code, the FPAB is not at all disputing the value and quality of Ancestral Knowledge as an organization. Rather, it is a matter of appropriate policy for preservation of the forest wilderness with respect to the forest guidelines, which were carefully designed to protect it.

Kristin Fletcher

# Volunteer Brings Something Special

There's a new bulletin board on the second floor at the Greenbelt Community Center that's worth a visit. It's evident that Animal Shelter volunteer Brian Almquist has engaged his heart and talents to provide a warm and informative introduction to this critical community resource – and just in time for the holidays.

I can imagine folks having a look at who they may give a happy home or how they may lend a helping hand. He's inspiring me.

See the bulletin board on the second floor (above the Dance Studio) near GATE and city offices. Enjoy having a look at these precious "neighbors" just around the corner from us. Many thanks to Almquist for his loving care.

Sue Stern

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- **★** Surgical options that may result in **shorter hospital stays, smaller incisions and faster recovery**
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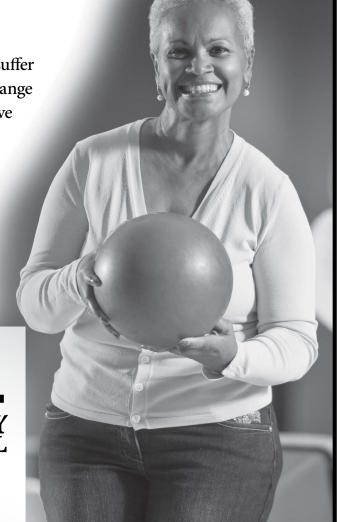
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introduced, ACT realized that an annually updated plan from ACT is required for the city to be compliant with Tree City USA Standards. As a result he thought it unlikely any change would be pursued.

"We certainly don't want to lose our Tree City USA designation." Jackman said. He added that the committee has nearly completed a tree inventory for Greenbelt, which will facilitate developing and updating future work plans.

#### Refinancing

Council voted unanimously to authorize the refinancing of the city's unfunded liability with the Maryland State Retirement Agency (MSRA) with SunTrust Bank for a 20-year term that will carry a 5.3 percent interest rate for the first 15 years. With this go-ahead from council, the ordinance and other documents necessary to complete the action will be on the agenda of the December 9 regular meeting for adoption. A charter amendment resolution was introduced in August and adopted unanimously on second reading in September to enable the city to seek bond funding to retire this type of debt. The charter amendment became effective in late October. Final action must be taken at the

December 9 meeting because the city needs to pay off the liability by the end of the calendar year.

This debt, which refers to the old state retirement plan and to the pension plan for sworn police employees, is currently being paid down through MSRA at an interest rate of about 8 percent with 23 years remaining on the term. SunTrust made two offers for the refinancing: one for 15 years at 4.86 percent and one for 20 years at 5.3 percent for the first 15 years, at which time the rate would be reset. By refinancing the city would save between about \$1.2 and \$1.8 million.

The city's current fiscal constraints made the 20-year option the preferred choice since the annual payments are closer to those being made to MSRA and thus are already budgeted. McLaughlin pointed out that the city has the option of making additional payments to principal to prepay the debt at any time but he cautioned that council has already identified a number of competing priorities for early payment if the city's financial circumstances allow. He added that the city also will be free to refinance again and would not be required to stay with SunTrust at the end of the 15-year period.

#### GED Classes Scheduled; Register January 13 for 12-Wk. Classes course. The actual GED test is Greenbelt CARES will hold

its spring 12-week GED course starting Monday, January 13 and continuing through Wednesday. April 10. Registration for the course will be on Monday, January 13 from noon to 3 p.m. Classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

This is a combined class for both GED 1 and GED 2 students. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

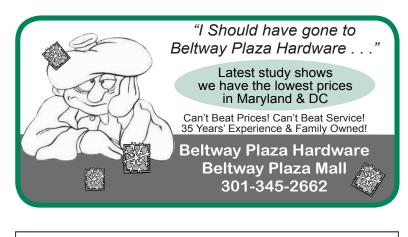
There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and a calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students have to be at least 16 years old to take the GED

given by the State of Maryland; students ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment greenbeltmd.gov.

information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judye Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@





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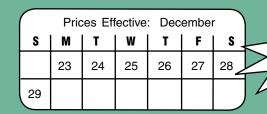
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Peanut Brittle 5 oz.

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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.

#### **Assault**

December 11, 1:41 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. Two 16-year-old Greenbelt youths were arrested for assault after the school resource officer was punched multiple times as he attempted to separate the teens during an altercation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Both teens were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

#### Theft

December 5, 7:15 a.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace. A package containing a laptop computer was taken from the front door area of a residence.

December 6, 4 p.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. An unattended laptop computer was removed from an office suite by an unknown person.

December 6, 6:30 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with trespassing and two counts of theft after allegedly taking merchandise from Greenway Liquors. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

December 8, 10:50 a.m., 7800 block Chartwell Place. Landscaping pavers were removed from the front yard of a residence by an unknown person.

December 9, 6:22 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man asked to see an iPad at Game Stop and after being handed the device, fled the store and left the scene in a tan car.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity

by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

#### **DWI/DUI**

December 6, 9:34 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway. A 35-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with DWI and other traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending

#### Trespassing

December 5, 6:23 p.m., 7491 Greenbelt Road. A 26-yearold Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found inside Radio Shack after being banned from the mall. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 10, 2:20 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 31-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was observed on the grounds of Franklin Square Apartments after being banned from the complex. He was released on citation pending

December 10, 8:03 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespassing when found at Greenway Shopping Center after being banned from the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### **Burglary**

December 5, 6:50 p.m., 8000 block Greenbury Drive. A resident walking around his house noticed the basement light on. As he approached the basement door, four unknown men exited the basement and fled the scene

on foot. A K-9 search did not find the men. The basement door had been forced open. Money, jewelry and watches were taken.

block Cherrywood Terrace. A bedroom window was shattered after a rock was thrown at it by

December 7, 1 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A bedroom window was shattered after a rock was thrown by an

December 9, 10:20 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man waiting at the bus stop was approached by a man asking to use his cell phone. After obtaining the phone, the man fled the scene on foot.

#### **Vehicle Crime**

passenger window was broken.

# **Smell Gas?**

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# December 10, 5:15 a.m., 5800

block Cherrywood Terrace. Two teenagers were seen loitering near a resident's kitchen window. Later that day it was discovered that an attempt had been made to force open the kitchen window.

#### Vandalism

December 5, 11:54 a.m., 5900 an unknown person.

unknown person.

A 2011 Mazda reported stolen by the Prince George's County Police was recovered in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road. No arrests were made. The driver's side window of a vehicle in the 8000 block Mandan Road was broken and a wallet removed. A phone charger was removed from a vehicle in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive after the

# Police Add New K-9 Team

The Greenbelt Police Department has announced another addition to its K-9 crime fighters with the graduation of the team of Master Police Officer Jason Cressman and canine partner Brett. On November 15 the pair graduated after completion of Basic Police Canine Patrol Training, Class 13-01, held by the Prince George's County Police Department.

At the graduation at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89 in Upper Marlboro, Cressman and Brett were recognized along with 15 other K-9 teams from two

county departments - correction and police – and the Hyattsville police department.

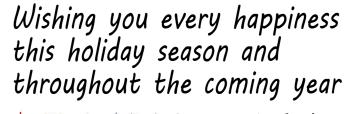
Cressman and Brett began patrolling here in August and found and arrested suspects in two crimes. In one they apprehended a commercial burglary suspect hiding in the

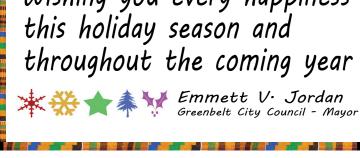


**MPO Jason Cressman and Brett** 

building. In the other they were called in by county police and apprehended a homicide suspect hiding in a wooded area in District Heights.

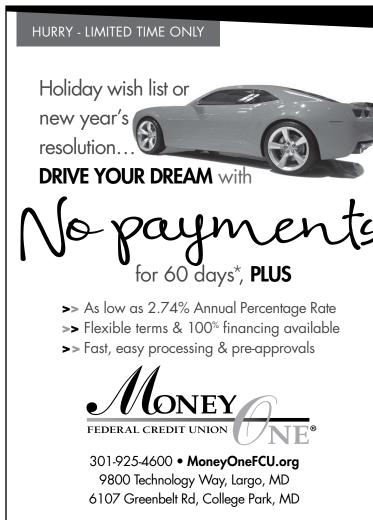
Cressman is a three-and-a-half year veteran of the department. Brett is a 5-year-old German Shepherd.







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# Youth Explore Peace, Justice Day at SHL Rec. Center

by Tip Fallon

On October 28, a group of 18 children and teens from Franklin Park and other nearby Greenbelt addresses ages 6 to 17 participated in a Peace and Justice workshop at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. With the cooperation of several area groups, they worked to increase their understanding of peace and justice, engaged in a mock trial about teen bullying and cleaned up the local stream and surrounding wooded area.

Adult volunteers Bill and Carolyn Davis facilitated icebreaker activities for the participants to get to know one another. For the first educational component the youth engaged in an experiential activity and dialogue about what peace and justice means to them and the community. Bill and Carolyn reflected that it was an "awesome event. "Our Franklin Park youth learned a lot about peace and justice and the environment," Carolyn said.

Following that session, guest facilitator Tiffany Lindsay from the Upper Marlboro Courthouse Teen Court Program helped participants hold a mock trial about a teen cyber-bullying case. The students took roles of judge, bailiff, jury members and attorneys. Through the trial they learned about the judicial system and how legal proceedings work.

The teens engaged in the case and analyzed why the bullying occurred, what the appropriate sanctions were and worked to understand opposing sides of the case. Lindsay said, "Each of the students found their niche as we facilitated the teen bullying case. The students acting in the roles were convincing, passionate and articulate. The student's engagement and understanding of the issues surrounding school bullying reflected their greater understanding of the need for peace and justice in our community that was amazing to witness!'

Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station provided lunch and snacks for the attendees. Then the group spent about an hour picking up trash and debris from the stream near Springhill Lake Recreation Center and surrounding wooded areas, filling two shopping carts with garbage and debris.

Finally, the enthusiastic, committed youth discussed what they had learned about peace, justice and what that means in maintaining a healthy community.

Initiated by I Got Heart, a volunteer group that works with youth to reach goals and improve their communities for the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, the event was a collaborative effort of Franklin Park, community volunteers, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Peace and Justice Coalition and the county Teen Court. The Teen Court offers community service credit for county high school students and is held the first and third Thursdays of the month at the county courthouse.

Tip Fallon is the director of I Got Heart





Pictured in top left photo are Zion Moore, Nahum Abraham, Giovanni Small, Tayshawn Small, Yuzeila Wilson, Eve D'Antigna, Hersona Abraham, Ryen Cook, Ramelia Sampson, Isiah Holt, Jacquire Everett, Dai'sear Everett, Maria Everett, Xaria Lambright-Davis, Marcus Browne, Aiyana Ganthier and Dashay Coleman. Instructor Tiffany Lindsay is standing in the midst of her students, behind the girl with the "Love" shirt.

Pictured at bottom left are Yuzeila Wilson and Xaria Lambright-Davis pick up trash during stream clean-up.

# Oysters in the Bay For Kids 8 to 10

On Monday, December 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge will hold a Chesapeake Bay Watershed program for youngsters age 8 to 10.

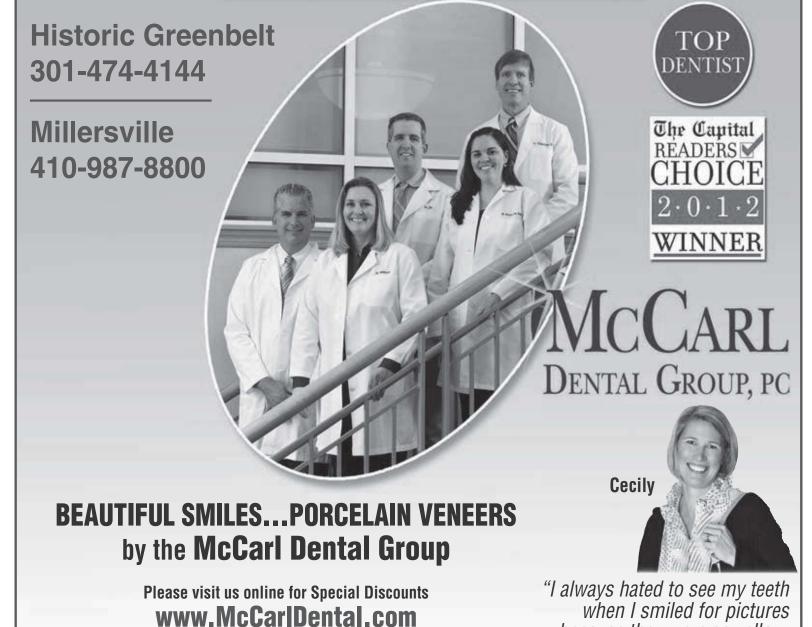
The program will be at the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus at Patuxent and will highlight a creature which cleans the bay by living in it – the oyster. Activities include oyster dissection and a take-home craft

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge, www.patuxent. fws.gov, are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887.

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# Wollesen Tours Greenbelt Arts and Music Scene

by David Lange

Sunday, December 8 Executive Director of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland Martin Wollesen visited Greenbelt, toured the Greenbelt Museum with Sandra Lange, then was feted in a reception at the New Deal Café by the Friends of the New Deal Café.

City Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald provided a tour of the annual Arts & Crafts Fair and the Community Center and described the rich arts environment in Greenbelt.

The tour ended in the Greenbelt News Review office where he was introduced to the history and significance of the paper to the community and possible Clarice Smith advertising with Editor Mary Lou Williamson.



A stop into the New Deal Cafe for interesting dialogue and refreshments. Left to right: Amy Hansen, Barbara Simon, Martin Wollesen, Michael Hartman and Terri Rutledge. Leta Mach was present but not shown.



City Arts Supervisor Nicole Dewald took Wollesen on a tour of the Arts & Crafts Fair. Below, at the Alight Dance Theater table, Wollesen met Angella Foster and Anna Socrates.





The News Review office was also a stop on Wollesen's tour. Left to right: Editor Mary Lou Williamson, Wollesen and tour organizer David Lange.

# Decision on FBI Site Narrows to Here, Va.

The location for a new FBI headquarters facility appears to have been narrowed down to two sites, one in Greenbelt and one in Springfield, Va.

However, the two deciding agencies, the General Services Administration and the FBI, have yet to make any decisions and the deadline for site location proposals of December 17 just passed.

The Greenbelt site, supported by the entire Maryland Congressional Delegation and county and city officials, would be located at Greenbelt Station on property owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration.

The Springfield site is strongly supported by Virginia politicos. Like Greenbelt, the site is close to a Metro station and an I 95/Capital Beltway interchange.

Virginians claim their site is best because it is close to the FBI laboratory facility in Quantico. Marylanders note that more FBI employees live in Maryland than any other jurisdiction.

# TAG Testing Open To Private Scholars

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Talented and Gifted (TAG) Office is currently accepting applications from private school students for testing for TAG program eligibility. The testing is for county-resident students currently in grades 1 through 7 in private schools. Screening will include test results, teacher evaluations and current report card grades.

To request the private school testing application email Scott Brenner at sbrenner@pgcps.org, Kathleen Gregory at kathleen. gregory@pgcps.org or Theresa Jackson at tjackson@pgcps.org. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to the TAG Office no later than January 16 by 5 p.m. and may not be faxed. Late applications will not be accepted.

Testing will be held Saturday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive in Landover. Testing snow date is February 16. Only applicants will be tested; walk-ins will not be able to take the test.

For more information call the TAG office at 301-808-3790.



# **City Notes**

Horticulture/Parks crews replaced a water damaged subfloor section in the gun range trailer.

Building Maintenance crew installed a new Energy Star-rated water fountain at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 23.65 tons of refuse and 16.69 tons of recyclable material.

Santa visited the Youth Center and posed for pictures with over 100 families. An Elf Workshop was held. Registration was at the maximum, with 20 children attending.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff report Lateral X machines were delivered and are now fully operational.



Ice forms on the city's holiday tree.

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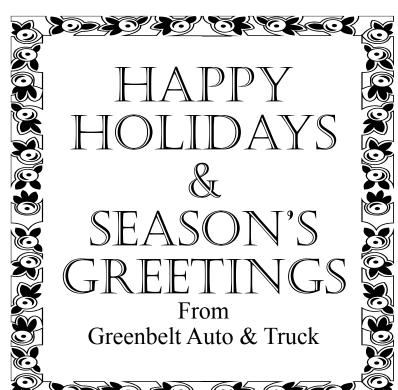
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# **ACA Enrollment Locations** And Eligibility Criteria

by Marat Moore

Greenbelters wishing to learn more about or enroll for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) can do so in three ways: by phone toll-free at 1-855-642-8572 or TTY at 1-855-642-8573; online at www.marylandhealthconnection. gov or by visiting an area office to enroll with the help of an expert "navigator." Most enrollment sites offer Spanishlanguage services.

The ACA offers individuals and families access to affordable health coverage, including private insurance and Medicaid. Related information such as federal tax credits, subsidies and public health programs also is available from the navigator.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to enroll in the new health insurance program under ACA, individuals in Prince George's County must be legal residents living in the United States for more than five years; be between 18 and 64 years of age; and not have access to health insurance coverage through their employers.

Individuals may qualify for help to pay for health care costs or for Medicaid, depending on one's income and family size.

Enrollees may be eligible for reduced premiums and/or lower insurance costs dependent upon their income range and family size (see table above).

#### **Information to Provide**

To enroll for coverage, an individual must provide the following information:

- Social Security Number (or documented number for any legal immigrant who needs insurance)
  - Birth date
- Employer and income information for everyone in the enrollee's family (paystubs, W-2 wage and tax statements, etc.)
- Policy number of any current health insurance
- Information about any job-

Family				
<u>Size</u>	Annual Income			
1	\$15,857 to \$45,960			
2	\$21,405 to \$62,040			
3	\$26,952 to \$78,120			
4	\$32,500 to \$94,200			
5	\$38,048 to \$110,280			
6	\$43,596 to \$126,360			
7	\$49,144 to \$142,400			
8	\$54,692 to \$158,520			
[Medicaid thresholds are \$1 less]				

to the family

#### **Locations and Hours**

Selected county locations for ACA enrollment in the county are:

- Community Clinic, Inc., 9220 Springhill Lane, Greenbelt; open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments must be scheduled with an ACA navigator. Medicaid assistance available full-time. Call 240-624-2278 or call 240-839-5810 and leave name and number for a call
- Prince George's County Government in Hyattsville, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville; open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Prince George's County Government in Landover, 425 Brightseat Road, Landover; open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours offered on December 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Prince George's County Government in Temple Hills, 4235 28th Avenue, Temple Hills; open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours offered on December 14 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- CASA's Multicultural Welcome Center (Spanish), 8151 15th Avenue, Hyattsville; open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Korean Community Service Center (English, Korean), 6410 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale; related health insurance available open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Magnolia Elementary Students Participate In their Fifth Annual Walk for Education

On October 25 Magnolia Elementary School students held their 5th Annual Walk for Education. Since 2008 students have celebrated healthy eating and lifestyles by participating in an annual walk.

The students recruited sponsors for the walk who made donations to support the school's cultural arts programs and physical education resources. This year they raised \$4,200 for the program. They also collected healthy food items for the "Kids Helping Kids" program, with the food items to be donated to the Maryland Food Bank.

The Walk for Education is aligned with Magnolia's Walking Club which meets twice per week before school. This year the students' goal is to walk 2,318.17 miles, the distance from Maryland to California, by June 2014.

Coordinators for this year's walk were Guidance Counselor Joan Nachman and Physical Education Teacher Julie Provino.



Above, Joan Nachman, guidance counselor and Walk for **Education coordina**tor, speed walks with students.

Jonathan Harrison-Freels sports a Walk for Education T-shirt.

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Seasons Greetings Wishing all Greenbelters a wonderful holiday season.

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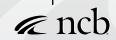
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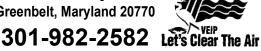
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