

Council Approves New Flooring For Center Multipurpose Room

by Thomas X. White

While most of the January 27 Greenbelt City Council meeting was devoted to discussion of the Old Greenbelt Theatre renovation project, as reported in last week's paper, council addressed several other items of business at that meeting. These included adoption of purchasing resolutions for replacement of flooring for the Multipurpose Room at the Community Center, the acquisition of body cross trainers for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and adoption of revised Standing Rules for council.

In addition, a resolution authorizing the purchase of consulting services related to the development and administration of a police promotional testing process was introduced for first reading and council approved recommendations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee relating to Police Department directional signage.

All seven members of council attended, as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Planning & Community Development Director Celia Craze, Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno and Assistant Director of Recreation Operations Joe McNeal.

Multipurpose Room

In a memo to McLaughlin, Quynn-Reno provided details on

needed replacement flooring for the heavily used Multipurpose Room on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. Since the center opened in 1995, its carpeting has been replaced three times at a total cost of about \$10,000, most recently nearly six years ago. Over the years, she said, the carpeting has proven not to be an ideal floor surface for the room where groups often provide food and refreshments.

City staff proposed switching to a floor surface known as Marmoleum for the room and floor tile in the adjacent kitchen. Marmoleum, a USDA-certified bio-based product with an estimated 30-year service life, has an acceptable slip rating.

Four authorized local installers were asked for quotes; they ranged from \$10,840 to \$16,559. Staff recommended the job be awarded to Kelly Floors, LLC of Frederick, Md. and a resolution authorizing the purchase was unanimously adopted without discussion.

Cross Trainers

McNeal noted in a memo to the city manager that \$15,300 had been left from a budget allocation for new fitness equipment in last year's budget. At that time council had authorized the purchase of three Concept 2 Rowers and two Octane X Elliptical Machines.

Based on the popularity of the new equipment, staff recommended purchasing two PRECOR EFX 835 Precision Series Dual Action Total Body Cross Trainers to add to the Fitness Center. McNeal noted that EnerG Wellness is the sole source supplier for PRECOR equipment in Maryland and that it offered a 23 percent discount for Greenbelt's purchase of the two units at a total cost of \$11,542.30. A resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase of this equipment was unanimously adopted by council.

Standing Rules

At a worksession on December 4, council reviewed the Standing Rules. Based upon agreed changes, a resolution revising the Standing Rules was introduced for first reading at the January 13 meeting. The Standing Rules is a 17-page document with 11 sections. Most of the proposed changes are updates for relevant citations, technology advances and terminology.

However, several of the proposed changes were more substantive. In Section V relating to "minutes" a change adds "Special Meetings" to a provision requiring that the city clerk keep minutes of all council meetings. Approved minutes also are to be

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Black History Month

Last Saturday marked the beginning of Black History Month. The observance celebrates the achievements of African Americans and is a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of residents of African descent living or working in Greenbelt. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

African Pastor Here Makes A Difference in Greenbelt

by Altoria Bell Ross

Abby Daramola believes that one cannot forget one's origins whether in celebrating Black History Month or practicing Christianity. "We are blessed with the treasures and gifts that our forefathers paid a price for," she said. Pastor Abby, pastor of Greenbelt's Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Restoration Center, has decided not to hide her gifts but to share them with the downtrodden, the helpless and the burdened.

The road to her calling began in 1977 when as a 16-year-old, Pastor Abby arrived in the United States, lodging with an uncle who taught accounting at Bowie



Abby Daramola

State University. Pastor Abby was undecided about a major at the time, but she scored well in math on placement tests so an advisor suggested she enroll in pre-calculus. Pastor Abby continued to excel in the discipline and graduated with distinction with

a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics from Bowie State in 1980. The same year, she began working on a master's degree in computer science from George Washington University and finished in two years. Pastor Abby continued to matriculate, returning to Nigeria and earning

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ACE Holds Annual Meeting With Greenbelt Principals

by Anne Gardner

Seven members of the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) were treated to an enthusiastic account of the activities at local Greenbelt schools during their annual meeting with principals on January 28. Representatives of all six Greenbelt schools were present at the meeting, including Principal Phyllis Gillens from Magnolia Elementary, Principal Rhonda Clomax from Turning Point Academy and Resident Principal Peter Meliotis from Springhill Lake Elementary.

Others were Assistant Principal Beth Grote-Morphew from Greenbelt Elementary, TAG Coordinator Tracy Thisse and Crisis Intervention Officer Adam Tinsley from Greenbelt Middle and Curriculum Coordinator Erika Brett from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. City Councilmember Leta Mach, council liaison to ACE, was also present.

ACE chair Susan Breon described the different programs

and activities sponsored by the committee. The popular grants program, she said, had received a large number of good proposals this year. She added that the current budget will cover only about half of them. ACE's recommendations will be considered by the Greenbelt City Council at its February 10 meeting.

This year the ACE annual grants workshop, led by Mayor Emmett Jordan, was hosted by Magnolia Elementary School. Gillens said it was "very helpful" in demonstrating what was needed in the proposals. Participants at the meeting appeared inspired to apply for grants this year from other organizations as well.

Three clubs are currently sponsored by ACE: a reading club at Springhill Lake Elementary, a reading club that targets Talented and Gifted and other students at Magnolia

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What Goes On

Friday, February 7
6 to 8 p.m., Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Family Fit Night

Saturday, February 8
9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer to Help Protect Trees from Beaver Damage. Meet at Public Works Building. (See city ad for details)

Monday, February 10
6:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbelt-md.gov/municipaltv.

Tuesday, February 11
7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Public Works Building.

Wednesday, February 12
7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, February 13
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Inc., Board of Directors Meeting, Hamilton Place.

City Theater Renovation Plan: Options, Future Projections

by Thomas X. White

In a January 15 memo to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze outlined the current status and next steps for the Old Greenbelt Theatre renovation project at a cost of approximately \$910,836, which represents a savings of \$229,000 from the original Gardner & Gardner (G&G) proposal. Since mid-September her office has accomplished the following:

- Received approval from Pepco for power extension to the Roosevelt Center east building;

- Submitted electrical upgrade to an electrical contractor for pricing;

- Prepared cost by Cardinal Systems for the upgraded projection equipment and provision of technology for deaf, hearing impaired, low vision and blind patrons and has met with representatives of the affected communities to discuss the options and proposals for assistive technologies;

- Submitted updated project information to the Maryland Historic Trust for plan re-approval;

- Engaged the services of an independent construction cost-estimating firm, Davidson Brown (DB), to review updated renovation plans and cost estimates.

Craze also has committed to meeting again with representatives of citizens in need of the proposed assistive technologies to review equipment options when a construction contract is approved. When the renovation project is underway she would also be willing to meet with such representatives to "field test" various accommodations for patrons with disabilities.

With the adjusted estimates the proposed cost for the renovation project from G&G is \$910,836. The DB cost estimate is \$839,206. The difference in the estimates is \$71,630 or 7.9

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Letters to the Editor

In Support of Labor Unions

Based on coverage of a December 16 city council work session in the January 16 issue of the News Review, some readers may have misinterpreted a question that was asked. A video of the work session is available on the city website and I suggest that people take a look for themselves.

I am a strong believer in collective bargaining and in the many positive things unions have achieved for workers and their families.

The misinterpreted question – “Does the presence of a union tend to increase the number of responses to a questionnaire?” – had no hidden meanings. I am glad that many of our employees took the time to respond to the questionnaire.

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

W. Va. Table at Co-op

The water crisis in West Virginia is far from over. Families don't trust their smelly tap water and media reports

continue to document the lack of reliable information and scientific studies on two chemicals still in the water supply to 300,000 people in nine counties and the state's capital city.

Greenbelters will deliver needed supplies to the W. Va. Council of Churches in Charleston next week. This weekend wraps up the local collection effort. On Saturday outside the Co-op from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., baked goods will be sold and donations of distilled water and cash contributions for liquid infant formula will be received. On Sunday, contributions may be dropped off at the rear entrance to the firehouse from 2 to 3 p.m.

Financial donations also are being received by the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, P.O. Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25448. Donations will go directly to the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Fund of the WV-VOAD (West Virginia Organizations Active in Disaster).

Again, thanks to everyone who has donated so far.

Marat Moore
Kathy Reynolds

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 10 through 14 are as follows:

Monday – Orange juice, shrimp salad, penne pasta with sauce, spinach, diced pears.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, meatloaf with gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Apple juice, bologna and ham with sliced cheese, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, Reuben sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Pineapple juice, stuffed pepper, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, ambrosia, brownie.

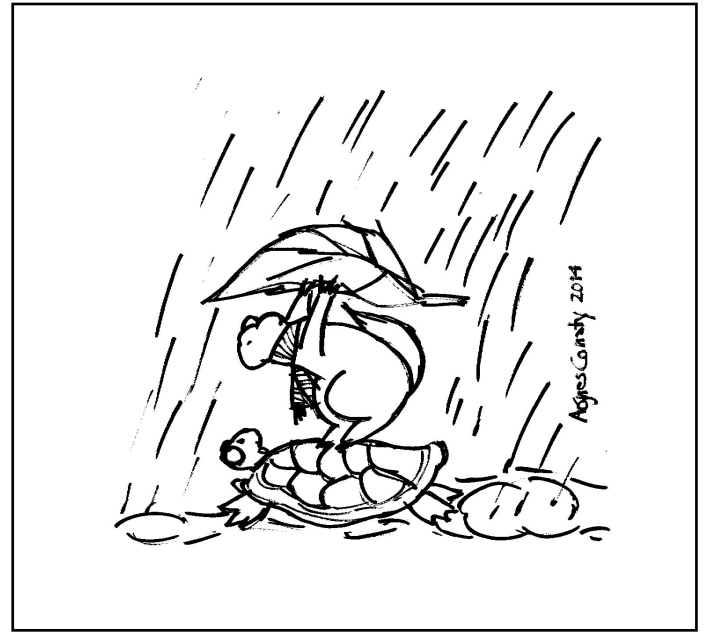
Co-op Board Elects Officers for 2014

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative has elected its officers for Fiscal Year 2014. They are Barbara Ford – Chair, Marsha Voigt – Vice Chair, Michele Touchet – Secretary, and Joe Timer – Treasurer.

The Co-op thanks its members and patrons for their generosity during the year-end Food for All campaign. A total of \$4,986.00 was collected to provide relief to those who suffer from hunger in the Washington Metro area. This is the eighth year that Co-op has participated in Food For All.

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Caroline & Alec Casey
would like to sincerely
thank all the very kind
folks on their routes
who sent them a
holiday tip!

Grin Belt



"Between the winter storms and freezing rain,
I'm ready for spring!"

Higgins to Host District 2 Meeting

Greenbelt's School Board Representative Peggy Higgins will host a District 2 Parent-School-Community Meeting on Wednesday, February 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School. The purpose of the meeting is to listen to concerns and to provide information to parents and community members on local school issues. Staff from the

Prince George's County Public Schools with expertise in such areas as school enrollment, capital projects, the fiscal year 2015 PGCPSS budget and Common Core/academics will be also in attendance.

This meeting will also serve as the quarterly District 2 Parent Leadership meeting. The next Parent Leadership meeting will be in May.

Correction

We must have been spinning in a vortex ourselves when in last week's back-page article on the Arctic Vortex, we inadvertently promoted Jim Sterling to the position of city public works director. In fact Kenny Hall is the director of the Public Works Department; Jim Sterling is assistant director.

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Happy Valentine's Day!



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Thursday, February 13, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- 4th Quarter Financial Statement

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 135A Northway
- Woodlands Committee Recommendation for Ancestral Knowledge, Inc. to Use GHI Woodlands During 2014
- Further Review of 2-Year and 6-Month Actions/Questions in the Board's Strategic Plan
- Review Draft Agreement Between GHI and Pilot Members Re: Maintenance, Replacement & Loan Repayments for Phase 3, Pilot Program Heating/Cooling Systems
- Corporate Authorization Resolution for NCB Certificate of Deposit
- GHI Holiday Schedule: Substitution of December 26th as a Replacement Holiday for July 4th
- Schedule Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation
- 4th Quarter Financial Statement
- Unit Data Base Copier Lease, 1st Reading
- Proposed Acquisition of a New Jenark Financial System Server, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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WEEK OF FEB 7

Monuments Men
(PG-13)

FRIDAY

*5, 7:30, 9:45

SATURDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

SUNDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30

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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

At the Library

Tuesday, February 11, 7 p.m. The African History and Culture lecture series continues with a talk by historian Dr. Ida Jones on "Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington, D.C.: Activism and Education in Logan Circle." Jones' book of that title was published last summer.

Children's Programs

Thursday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years. On Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplay. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m. Read to Rover for ages 6 to 11. Children build their reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs who are always glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required. Call the branch for details.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmli.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking 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, February 10.

For more information email goddard@bivio.com.

GHI Notes

Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday February 10, 7:00 p.m. – Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Monday February 10, 7:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday February 11, 7:30 p.m. – Nominations and Elections Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday February 12, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday February 13, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday February 14, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance will be available.

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

Make Valentine Cards At the Youth Center

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and the Greenbelt Recreation Department are sponsoring a party to make Valentines on Wednesday, February 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose room at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway.

All ages are invited. In addition to Valentines for friends and family, the plan is to make Valentines for the city's Public Works Department. There is no charge and supplies will be provided.

More Community Events are throughout the paper.

Explore Thriving With Mark Asch

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Mark Asch on Friday, February 14. Asch, from business development at Right At Home, will be offering a panel discussion of services and resources available in the home to keep safe and healthy. They will discuss what it takes to thrive, services available in the community and financial resources that may be available.

Right at Home is a licensed residential service agency that brings services to the home, or to the home of a loved one. This discussion will include services offered by Right at Home as well as services offered through other organizations.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call 301-397-2208 for details.

Computer Club Has Monthly Meeting

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, February 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The last two meetings of the Golden Age Club were cancelled due to the weather. You can't fight mother nature so we just have to do our best and move on.

On February 12 the speaker will be Bob Luddy and his topic will be "The Civil War and Bladensburg." He is always an interesting speaker.

If you like to play cards come and join the players at the Community Center for an afternoon game. For more information call Shirley Ann at 301-345-1974.

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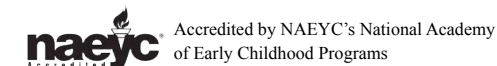
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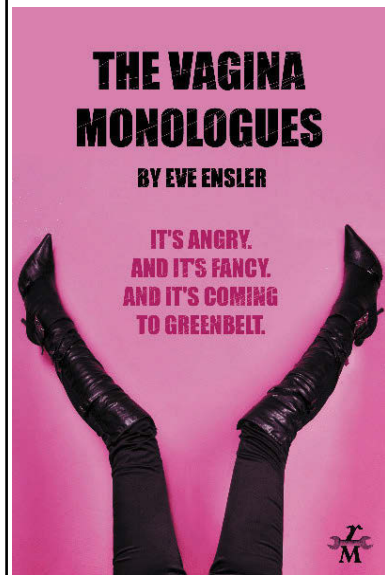
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WEEK OF FEB 7

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & TUESDAY

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I Frankenstein, PG-13 (!)
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Nut Job, PG
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Ride Along, PG-13
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Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit, PG-13
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We were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter A.J. Nuzzo of Orlando, Fla., on January 30, 2014. He grew up in Greenbelt, the son of the late Albert J. Sr. and Lorraine Mullen Nuzzo, and kept in touch with his Greenbelt "roots" wherever he lived.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ludmela ("Lou") Noonan, 94, who died January 11, 2014. Mrs. Noonan, born in Vandergrift, Pa., moved to Greenbelt in 1972 and in retirement greatly enjoyed participating in the senior activities here, including the exercise classes, trips, and walks around the lake. Her daughter Judy Noonan said she even "read every word of the Greenbelt News Review."

Sympathy also to the family and friends of Phyllis Brantley of Greenbriar, who died January 12, 2014. Her funeral Mass took place January 20 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, with interment at Lakeview Memorial Park in Eldersburg, Md.

Condolences to the family and friends of James Leckliter, Jr., who died on January 30 in Texas. Plans are under way for a memorial service in this area and in Texas.

Congratulations to:

Jon Michael King on his promotion to Captain in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Evie are getting settled at his new assignment in Korea. Captain King is the son of former Greenbelter Michael King of Grand Junction, Colorado, grandson of Jerriann King of Ridge Road, nephew of Raymond King, Sr. and cousins Jerriann Jr. and Amanda of Research Road. He is the great-grandson of the late Edgar and Vera Weber, longtime former residents of Greenbelt.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors," email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

Join Bird Walk At Lake Artemesia

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other birds on Thursday, February 6 at 3 p.m. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All are welcome. Binoculars are suggested. For details call David Mozurkewich at 301-509-2212 or email mozurk@bellatlantic.net.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
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PHOTO BY WILLIS WITTER

City council, FPAB and garden club members inspect the forest canopy that shades Gardenway community gardens, making large portions of garden space unusable for vegetable gardening due to lack of sunlight.

Councilmembers Lead Walk At Three Community Gardens

Saturday February 1, the city councilmembers walked around the borders of all three sections of the Community Gardens. Members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) and the Community Garden Club were also present.

Club Meeting

The Garden Club will be having its annual meeting Tuesday Feb. 18 at the Community Center and there will be discussions on motions approved at the last two sessions of the FPAB. One

would permit all the forest canopy to grow up to existing garden fences -- a proposal that over the next 20 to 30 years would make fallow perhaps half of the existing garden space that still has enough sunlight to grow vegetables. The Garden Club has prepared a series of detailed maps to show the impact.

The FPAB has also passed a motion asking council to outlaw the use of traps to catch (and release) groundhogs and the club will discuss the potential impact.

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

Come join us in exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians.
Sunday Mornings at 11:00am

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

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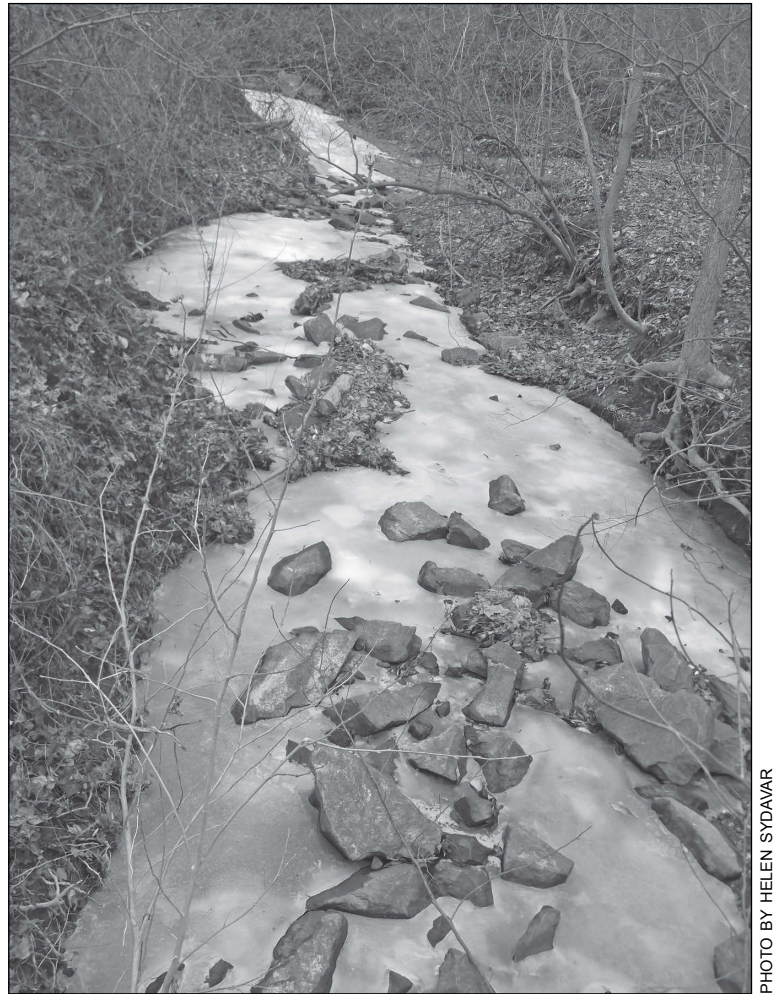


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The stream that leads to the forebay of Greenbelt Lake has been frozen this winter from repeated blasts of Arctic air.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.

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

Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)
Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

February 9, 10 a.m.
Sympathy, Fidelity and Courage
Rev. Diane Teichert and Noel Monardes, Worship Associate
Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration
Celebrating the birthday of Charles Darwin on February 12, 1809, we will let him lead us on an exploration of the nature of altruism, appropriate for our theme this winter, Compassion and Justice.
Please stay for the annual Town Hall Meeting.

Co-op Holds Wine Tastings and More

Join the Co-op this Friday, February 7 for a wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. More wine tastings will take place on February 12, 21 and 26. A discount is available on the selected wines.

The Co-op will host this month's Healthy Happy Hour on February 12, 5 to 7 p.m., focusing on heart healthy chocolate and red wines. Samples provided.

On February 19 the Co-op will host a free health workshop, "Cholesterol Care: Heart Healthy Habits," at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Registration is required at info@greenbelt.coop.

Finally, shoppers are invited to enjoy samples of avocado pie and mango smoothie during the monthly Seasonal & Savory Food Demo & Wine Tasting on February 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. February 26 is also Patron Appreciation Day where shoppers save 5 percent on their purchases.

Lakewood Residents To Revive Association

The Lakewood community, completed in 1959, was one of the first developments of single-family homes built in Greenbelt after the town was sold by the federal government. There are 108 homes, located off Crescent Road, on both sides of Greenhill Road. For almost 15 years, the Lakewood Civic Association has been inactive. During that time, many longtime residents have moved or died, and new families have moved in.

On February 1, a group of Lakewood residents met to reactivate the dormant civic association. Issues of concern to the homeowners were identified and discussed and officers were elected. The new officers are: President, Daniel Gomez; Secretary, Sue Zuk; and Treasurer, Shirley Pray.

At the meeting, work was begun on a system to communicate with all residents. A new directory is in preparation, and plans are being made for a community block party to be held in May. The next meeting of the association will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the Baptist church. All Lakewood residents are invited to attend.

National Gallery Hosts Fine Arts Quartet

The National Gallery of Art will offer a free public concert on Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court. The Fine Arts Quartet will play music by Kreisler, Zymbalist and other composers.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, February 10, 2014 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Consultant Services for Development and Administration of a Police Promotional Testing Process from Fields Consulting Group of McLean Virginia at a Cost Not to Exceed \$18,000 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Contracting Services for Renovation of the Greenbelt Theater to the Firm of Gardiner & Gardiner Contracting, LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$910,836 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1) - 1st Reading
- A Resolution Electing to Cover City Public Safety Employees and Their Dependents under Sections 9-683.5 of the Labor and Employment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2014-1 (Grant Proposals - 2014)
- Proposal for Consideration to Amend Contribution Group Process - State Legislation
- Other Reports
- *- Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

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

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 10-14

Monday, February 10 at 6:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112.

Monday, February 10 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES MEETING** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114.

Wednesday, February 12 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (see notification below).

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

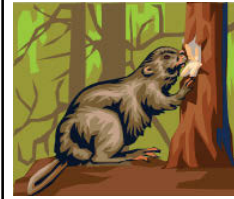
OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a possible conflict of interest on a City Advisory Board.
Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk



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VOLUNTEER TO HELP PROTECT GREENBELT'S TREES FROM BEAVER DAMAGE Saturday, February 8th

9am-12pm at Buddy Attick Park

Volunteer to help assist Public Works with caging the trunks of trees to protect them. All training, equipment, and instructions provided. Some heavy lifting may be required. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers will meet at the Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road at 9am. Please dress warmly.

You must **RSVP** to Alex Palmer, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, Cheasapeake Education Arts and Research Society at alex@chears.org or 240-542-2168.

THERE ARE SOME LONELY HEARTS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER THAT REALLY NEED SOME LOVE IN THEIR LIVES:



Rocky tugs at your heartstrings. A friendly, happy-go-lucky adult Collie, Rocky gets along with everyone, dogs and people alike. He is very good when leash-walking and is fun to be around. Rocky is quite smart - he can definitely learn new tricks! Rocky has been passed by because he has 'Cherry eye', which does not affect his sight or health. When you really look at Rocky and see his heart, you see a remarkable dog.



Lexie was found running at large in Greenbelt National Park. Although a larger-sized Presa Canario/Cane Corso mix, Lexie is a low-key, older lady who enjoys short walks and lots of attention. Lexie knows the commands sit, stay, shake and roll over. She has a rough-looking exterior but a sweet, mushy inside. Lexie can do well by herself or with other dogs that are on the submissive side. Lexie is waiting to fill your heart!

Come out and visit all of our available pets at 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)! 301-474-6124

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.

FAMILY FIT NIGHT

Friday, February 7, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.

GET ACTIVE! Join family and friends for a night of fitness activities that will get you moving. Activities include inflatable orb racing, hot shot drills, jump rope endurance, hula hoop dance challenges and much more! Families with children ages 5-14 are welcome.

Greenbelt, an official Let's Move! City, developed the Family Fit Night program to help campaign against childhood obesity. All participants are eligible to enter a raffle for Recreation Center and Aquatic and Fitness Center day passes!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The City of Greenbelt is seeking proposals for a contractor to provide lawn and landscaping maintenance services at various locations in the city. Interested parties should obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for this work. It is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov or by contacting Jim Sterling, Assistant Director of Public Works at 301-474-8004 or jsterling@greenbeltmd.gov. Interested parties **MUST** attend a pre-proposal meeting on February 20, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Greenbelt Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ASSISTANCE

Have you been overwhelmed with trying to enroll in the Affordable Care Act Insurance Plan? Do you still need to sign up for insurance or do you have additional questions about the plans and insurance for you or a family member? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may want to attend the Affordable Care Act Event on Thursday, February 13, 2014, or Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 4-8 pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road in the Council Chambers. You will receive one-on-one assistance from Maryland Certified Navigators to explore your healthcare options. Please bring with you the following documentation:

- Proof of Maryland Residency (driver's license)**
- Citizenship or legal resident information (passport)**
- Proof of income (pay stub or 2012 taxes)**

Please call the Community Clinic Affordable Care Act Hotline to schedule an appointment and select your date at 240-839-5810. If there is a good response to this event, two additional dates can be scheduled in March. This event is sponsored and coordinated by the City of Greenbelt in conjunction with Community Clinic, Inc.



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Elementary and a science club also at Magnolia Elementary aimed at enhancing the first- and second-grade curriculum. ACE hopes to start a science club at Greenbelt Middle School this year.

A Better Place

The annual ACE Educator Awards “give each school the opportunity to recognize an adult who makes the school a better place for students.” According to the committee, ACE Student Awards recognizes one boy and one girl from each school, all Greenbelt residents. They are recognized for leadership and civic responsibility.

In the second half of the meeting, school principals and other representatives were invited to share events and activities at their schools. All spoke with energy and school pride.

Gillens reported that Magnolia Elementary’s “Walk for Education” had raised more than \$4,000 for anti-bullying assemblies, playground equipment and classroom libraries. Magnolia has found companies to give free programs for the school on bullying. Among these is Kaiser Permanente, which offers free workshops for classrooms.

Magnolia has received grants from different sources and recently worked on beautifying the school grounds through partnerships with two local churches, which provided volunteers and materials.

Turning Point Academy, which has no school library, formed a partnership this year with a local public library allowing students to take field trips there at least once a month to check out books. The school also has a garden, used by science teachers, and this year the technology teacher obtained some weather-monitoring equipment from NASA that will be installed at the school.

Each month one grade gives a performance for the whole school revolving around a character trait. Clomax called the school “a work in progress but we like the direction in which we are going.”

SHL Elementary

Springhill Lake Elementary has received \$200,000 in the past two months from county and Title 1 funding for technology upgrades. The school will hire new teachers to coordinate and teach the use of technology, including typing skills, since the new PARK tests will be web-based. This year Springhill Lake expanded its Extended Learning Opportunity after-school tutoring program from 25 to 100 students.

As part of its Healthy School Initiative the school formed teams of teachers and students for a cook-off based on the TV show “Chopped,” where one team is “chopped” after each course. The program has been not only successful but also produced many good recipes.

Another innovation this year is a bucket drumming club, which performed at the winter concert. Meliotis said, “They were amazing and the parents are super-excited about it.”

Greenbelt Elementary

Greenbelt Elementary had about 100 students participating in the Write-a-Book after-school club this fall. Morphew called the resulting books “amazing.” The school also sponsored clubs for art, yoga, robotics, math and science.

Morphew drew attention also to the good turnout for Rafael’s Race. The event takes place every year in memory of a former student and raises money for school field trips.

Greenbelt Middle

Greenbelt Middle School recently had its Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) night, with stations set up for different science experiments, including a telescope aimed at Jupiter. Some 25 students will attend the county STEM Fair from the school.

History Day also comes up in the next few weeks. The school has many clubs, including robotics, cheerleading, Green Team, tutoring, mentoring, bridge-building, Destination Imagination and Future Cities.

The Science Bowl team at Greenbelt Middle won its first round and will go on to the next round in March. As part of its Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program, students there are writing a play about bullying, which they will make into a movie to be shown in April. The school recently also won an Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) award from the state.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt High School sent 13 students to Kenya last year, including the clarinet choir, who took recorders with them to teach local schoolchildren to play. ERHS students also took games that staff and students had donated.

The school hopes to send other students to Kenya this year and is considering taking the girls soccer team to England. For the past 21 years the school has taken 22 students to Japan, while 22 students from its sister school visit here for a week each year. Brett said ERHS students “love sharing with them” and “want to understand other cultures.”

Another exciting new development is a partnership with the University of Maryland, resulting in a new engineering class where students will build a hovercraft.

Breon closed the meeting by saying she has been “impressed with the enthusiasm” of principals and their representatives. “These show many good things are happening in Greenbelt schools,” she said.

Star Party on Sat. At Northway Field

Members of the public are invited to a star party Saturday evening, February 8, at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a view of the planet’s waxing gibbous Moon through a 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Other observing targets include Jupiter, with its four Galilean satellites, and the magnificent Orion nebula. The Super Nova in the nearby galaxy M-82 is declining in brightness and is difficult to see from Northway due to the severe light pollution. However, if the night is truly clear, observers will try for it. Several nice star clusters may also be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this fascinating hobby.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy or incredibly cold. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. Guests are strongly advised to wear warm clothes – it’s going to be quite chilly.

– Martha L. Gay

Upcoming Events At The New Deal Café

Friday, February 7 begins with John Guernsey on piano playing classical and jazz from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Orchester Prazevica with a mix of Slovak and Gypsy jazz songs.

Come on down Saturday, February 8 for Bruce Kitt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays uptempo jazz piano 6:30 to 8 p.m. then the Roustabouts take the stage with original blues sprinkled with funk, R&B and rock.

Join the weekly Deaf Brunch discussion on Sunday, February 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hot Club of DC Gypsy Jazz Jam performs ballads, swing and innovative gypsy jazz music from 5 to 8 p.m.



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posted on the city website. This change had been prompted by the Greenbelt Library’s decision to no longer provide copies of city council meeting minutes to citizens.

Within Section VI (Duties & Privileges of Members) a change was made to add “or Council Appointees” to a section restricting members of council from raising personnel matters pertaining to alleged improper performance or conduct of any city employee at a public council meeting. The provision further requires that council members with such concerns “shall be brought to the attention of the city manager or that an executive session of council be requested to discuss the issue.”

Also within Section VI, a substantive addition clarifies when a council member may be entitled to abstain from voting at council meetings if the member states one of the following reasons: if voting would or could be considered improper by city and state ethics laws; if voting could show bias for or against a person, organization or business with which a member has a close personal relationship; or if a member is not comfortable in voting and has given the chair a reason requesting to abstain.

Council Procedures

One change relates to council’s agenda for regular meetings. The proposed change is to remove “Council Reports” from the early part of the agenda, adding it as the last item of business.

The last substantive change occurs within Section X (Rules of Order), requiring a majority of council members present to make any agenda subject a special order of business.

Councilmember Edward Putens introduced the resolution revising the Standing Rules for second reading. Silke Pope seconded the motion and the new rules were adopted unanimously.

Senior Citizens

Last spring the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) submitted to council a set of recommendations on directional signage to help citizens and visitors locate the Greenbelt Police Department. The SCAC recommendations were then referred to the Advisory Planning Board and Public Safety Advisory Committee, which agreed with SCAC and the Planning &

Community Development staff, recommending placement of a police identification sign with appropriate directional arrows in the following locations:

- Southway at the approach to the intersection at Crescent Road
- On Crescent Road, at the approach to the intersection at Ridge Road, in both directions
- At a mid-point on Crescent Road, traveling westbound from Southway and toward the police station
- Other signage was recommended at Kenilworth Avenue at the intersection with Crescent Road in both directions; on Southway across from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway exit ramp, near the existing redwood directional signage; and on Greenbelt Road at the approach to the intersection with Southway in both travel directions. In addition, the painted lettering was to be updated on both signs with reflective paint and visibility after dark evaluated before exploring lighting for each sign.

• Vegetation was to be kept clear of both signs.

In addition, directional signage at other locations and the existing redwood sign at the police station were to be moved to a more visible location and both signs illuminated. Davis moved approval for the recommendations, seconded by Mach. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Items

Davis introduced for first reading a resolution to negotiate the purchase of consultant services for development and administration of a police promotional testing process from Fields Consulting Group of McLean, Virginia, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

Also approved by council, by way of the consent agenda, was that no position be taken on this year’s request by the County Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board) to comment on license renewals within the city.

Based upon a request by Pope, a letter will be sent to the Prince George’s County Board of Education expressing concern regarding the potential lack of space at Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School and the impact of additional children from the residential community at newly developing Greenbelt Station.

Navigators Available for Help with Insurance

Affordable Health care navigators will be present at an event on Thursdays, February 13 and 20 at the Municipal Building.

The program, sponsored by the city, is designed for people who still need to sign up for insurance. Anyone interested should call the Community Clinic Af-

fordable Care Act Hotline at 240-839-5810 to schedule an appointment for one of the two dates.

For a scheduled appointment, proof of Maryland residency (driver’s license) and citizenship or legal residency (passport) and proof of income (pay stub or 2012 taxes).

Greenbelt Baseball 2014 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child’s Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturday, February 8, 15, 22, March 1

Registration will be held at the following locations and times

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

DRAFT DAY

Friday, March 7, 2014 - 6:00 PM

Braden Field #2 (for those who can’t make Saturday)

Saturday, March 8, 2014

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)

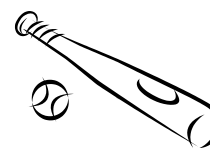
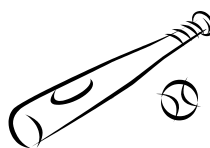
(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 15, 2014 same time and location)

Major League Players Only

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:

Commissioner - Jim Inzeo at 301-832-6631 or at greenbeltbaseball@aol.com
We are looking for Commissioners, Coaches, and Volunteers for more information please email us @ greenbeltbaseball@aol.com
leaguelineup.com/greenbeltbaseball



Monitoring Recovery Of Bald Eagles

On Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Airport Annex, John R. Sauer, a wildlife biologist/senior scientist at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Mark C. Otto, a statistician, and Emily Bjerre, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will talk on monitoring the recovery of Bald Eagles.

Bald eagles play an iconic role in American political and environmental history. Rachel Carson highlighted eagle population declines in Silent Spring, linking their fate to the presence of pesticides. The species was formally listed as endangered in 1967. Eagles began to come back in many parts of the U.S. after DDT was banned in 1972. The species was delisted in 2007 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed a nationwide monitoring plan to get an estimate of all nesting pairs of eagles in the lower 48 states.

Presented by the Patuxent Bird Club, a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, and the Prince George's Audubon Society, this free program is open to those interested. Doors open at 7 p.m. Come early to mingle and enjoy refreshments. Visit www.pgaudubon.org or call 301-262-5148 for more information. At the College Park Airport Annex, 1909 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

Clean Currents No Longer in Service

In a January 31 notice to its customers, the renewable-energy provider for many Greenbelt residents announced that it is no longer in business. The following "Dear Customer" letter was posted on the firm's website:

"We are writing to inform you, with deep regret, that the recent extreme weather which sent the wholesale electricity market into uncharted territories, has fatally compromised our ability to serve (our) customers. We are extremely sorry to share this message with you. All Clean Currents customers will be returned to their utility service, effective immediately. You should see the change in your next bill, or the bill after that, dependent on your meter cycle. If you so choose, you are able to switch to another third party electricity supplier, effective immediately.

Clean Currents waives any advance notice requirement or early termination fee provided in our contracts. Please contact your utility if you have any questions about your change in service."

The letter was signed by Gary Skulnik, Clean Currents' president.

Greenbelt Clean Current customers interested in choosing another electricity supplier can go to www.pepco.com/home/choice/md which directs the user to a Maryland Public Service Commission site with a list of about 41 electricity suppliers that meet Pepco requirements.

- Thomas X. White

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an MBA from the University of Lagos five years later.

With education as a foundation, Pastor Abby now has 20 years of experience in information technology leadership, specifically in software development and management. As a systems engineer/developer, she has worked for companies including GEICO, BlueCross/Blue Shield, Freddie Mac and Riggs National Bank.

Spiritually, Pastor Abby said she became interested in the church because she wanted to learn more about God, particularly the work of compassion in caring for the sick, children and the helpless. Her commitment evolved into her appointment as the executive director of African Missions North America, an offshoot of RCCG. Africa Missions is a faith-based organization with a mission to reach, restore, and rebuild lives and communities in Africa. Pastor Abby works closely with and reports on all mission activities in North America. Mission projects in Africa include building an elementary school for 400 students in Lesotho; establishing a women's facility in Central African Republic to teach entrepreneurial skills to women and to buy them sewing machines; and working with a HIV health facility in South Africa that treats, counsels and educates teenagers and adults.

To raise funds Pastor Abby visits churches, showing pictures of the projects, raising the awareness of burdens of Africa. The

churches in turn, give mission offerings. "We are a voice for those people who can't come to America."

Pastor Abby was ordained a full pastor in 2009 in the RCCG, a Pentecostal Church network of over 8,000 churches worldwide, over 600 of which are in the United States. The Greenbelt church, RCCG Restoration Center, started in 2010, meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for the first five months. Then the congregation began worshipping in the Old Greenbelt Theatre until the church moved to the location of the old post office below the Co-op (119 Centerway).

The congregation is also involved with a number of local mission projects in the Greenbelt area. It is a host of the county's food bank; provides

groceries to people in need who visit the church in a program called "This Too Shall Pass," sponsors a Toastmasters Club-History Makers; distributes a newsletter on resources such as free tax counseling, job fairs and training; gives free tax consultation; and participates in a yearly Thanksgiving Drive with the area Campfire group that has fed 120 families. RCCG Restoration Center will also celebrate Black History Month on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 10 a.m.

In addition to her church work, Pastor Abby is an entrepreneur and CEO of several organizations one of which is Cornerstone Distribution LLC, a worldwide air carrier that is a freight forwarder.

Pastor Abby is married to copastor Emmanuel Daramola and they have four grown children.

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Police Blotter

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 to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Strong-arm Robbery

January 25, 5:40 p.m., 6200 Springhill Drive. A woman entered an apartment building, and as she was about to enter an apartment, she noticed a man come up the stairs from the lower floor. He then tried to grab the woman's purse from her hand. The man acquired the purse after a short struggle and fled the scene. He has been described as a black male, 5'6", 170 pounds, with a black hooded sweatshirt, ski mask with red markings and black jeans.

January 26, 8:50 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A man was in the Laundromat when approached by several subjects, who asked him what he was looking at, then began assaulting the man, taking his cellphone. The suspects initially fled the scene, but returned to punch and kick the victim several times before again leaving the scene, this time in a dark green Honda Accord. The victim was taken by ambulance to Washington Adventist Hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as four or five Latino males, all wearing black.

Robbery

January 23, 8 p.m., 7800 Mandan Road. Two suspects entered an apartment building lobby, approached three residents standing in the lobby, produced handguns and announced a robbery. The suspects ordered the victims to the floor, then fled the scene on foot after obtaining the wallets and other belongings of the victims. The suspects have been described as a black male 18-22 years old, 5'9" to 6'2" with a light complexion, medium build, and dreadlocks, wearing glasses and a heavy black jacket; and a black male, age 18-22, 5'9" to 6'2" with a medium build, wearing a ski mask and a heavy black jacket.

DWI/DUI

January 25, 3:25 a.m., Greenbelt Road and 495. A 36 year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

January 19, 2:45 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 44-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic accident investigation.

He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

January 26, 12 p.m., Southway. A sleeping woman awoke to observe an unknown person going through the night stand drawer. The suspect had removed prescription medicine from the drawer and fled the residence, which he had gained entrance to via an unlocked door. He is described as a white male, 5'4", with a medium build and red hair, carrying a red and black backpack. The investigation is continuing.

January 27, 2:25 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane. Unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence and take a wallet. There were no signs of forced entry.

Possession Arrest

January 29, 12:28 a.m., 7200 Hanover Drive. A 26-year-old nonresident man and 21-year-old nonresident man were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after the paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana was found during their eviction from a hotel room. The pair were released on citation pending trial.

Trespass Arrest

January 27, 5:30 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after initially being banned from Greenway Shopping Center and then being located on the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

January 24, 4:30 p.m., Hillside Road. Unknown person(s) took a .44 caliber semiautomatic handgun from a residence.

January 27, 4:45 p.m., 7513 Greenbelt Road. Unknown person(s) removed a change dispenser from the counter at Wendy's restaurant.

Attempted Burglary

January 26, 6:37 p.m., 6500 Lake Park Drive. A man in his residence heard someone yelling in the hallway, then heard what sounded like someone attempting to force open his front door. The unknown suspect then stopped and could not be located.

Automotive Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen:
 From 9000 Breezewood

Terrace: a white Ford Contour 4-door, D.C. tags CU0512.

From 7800 Mandan Road: a 2009 Chevrolet Impala 4-door. The vehicle was recovered later that day by Prince George's County Police Department in Brentwood. No arrests were made.

Between 1/24 and 1/29 the following thefts occurred from automobiles:

– at 6900 Hanover Parkway, 9300 Edmonston Road, and 7500 Mandan Road, there were five incidences of the driver's side window being broken and the handicapped placard being removed.

– 200 Lakeside Drive (several cable box units removed from trunk of a car), 5900 Cherrywood Lane (driver's side window broken out, several boxes of snack food removed), 7700 Hanover Parkway (4 tires and rims were taken), and 7400 Greenway Center Drive (driver's side window broken, radio console removed).

At 9100 Springhill Lane an unknown person slashed a tire.

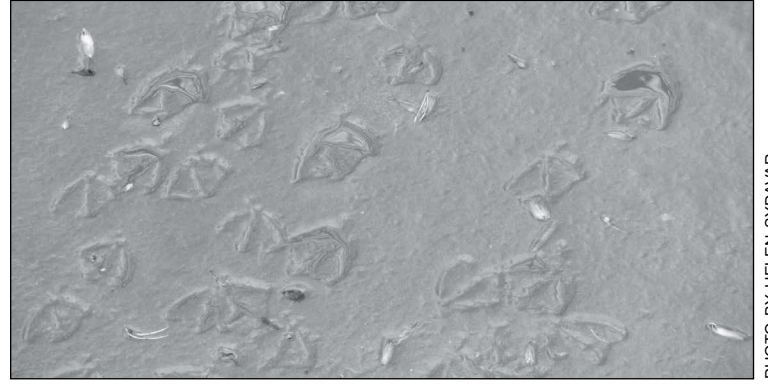


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Moreover, 54 percent of readers had clipped a story from the print newspaper and saved or sent the story to a friend or family member in the past 12 months. Seven out of 10 readers agreed that newspaper advertising inserts helped them make better purchasing decisions. Eight out of 10 people agreed that they would rather look through newspaper ads than view them on the internet.

The study concluded that community newspapers consistently did a good job in providing accurate, reliable and fair information. Newspapers will continue to play a crucial role in people's lives in the future, both in print or online, according to the study conducted by Reynolds Journalism Institute.

Open House Feb. 22 For PreSchoolers

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning in September.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative in its 72nd year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center. Parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Library. For details, visit www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call 301-474-5570.

Hospital Holds Stroke Support Meeting

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly free stroke education meeting on Wednesday, February 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Professional Office Building First Floor Conference Room, 8116 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

The session will teach stroke survivors and caregivers how to manage the physical and emotional challenges caused by strokes. Participants may share experiences and offer comfort and empowerment to others. A team of professionals will provide information about stroke prevention and management. To register call 301-324-4968.

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percent. Craze further notes that neither the G&G nor the DB estimated costs include the Pepco power upgrade (currently estimated at \$210,000) or the Cardinal Systems projection system upgrades and assistive technologies which are estimated to cost \$110,000. Those costs could be added to the final contract amount or could be contracted out separately.

Next Steps

In her memo, Craze outlined various options for carrying out the next steps for the project. Her basic assumption is that the electrical upgrade and the projection equipment would be contracted outside the base renovation project.

Option 1. Approve a negotiated purchase contract (lump sum) with G&G.

Pros – The city has a cost proposal of a known amount with G&G. The firm is very familiar with the theater and details of the proposed project. The city is familiar with G&G and proceeding with them will allow the project to be started earlier than by any other option. Since the G&G project cost resulted from negotiation, there is no guarantee of a lower cost for the project if it were to be rebid.

Estimated Start Time: May 12

Option 2. Approve the negotiated purchase contract with G&G, based on time & materials

Pros – Since time and materials is based upon actual cost of labor and materials,

with a mark-up for the general contractor, there is added confidence that project costs are based on competitive market costs.

Cons – Time and materials jobs require additional staff and architect time. The city's final cost could vary significantly from the lump sum cost. Additional time would be required in advance of contract approval and that could jeopardize grant and bond funding from the state and other agencies.

Estimated Start Time: June 23.

Option 3. Seek cost proposals from other general contractors.

Pros – Additional cost proposals would validate contract cost as a result of competition

Cons – There would be no guarantee that the city would receive other cost proposals, or that new cost proposals would be less than G&G. There would be additional expenses for architects and cost review. G&G might withdraw from the project. Could jeopardize grant funding.

Estimated Start Time: June 30.

Option 4. Go with competitive bid

Pros – Best process to ensure competitive bid.

Cons – Additional delay of 10 weeks. No guarantee that city would receive bids or that new bids would be less than G&G. Same concerns as were noted in option 3.

Staff Recommendation

The city staff recommendation is that council proceed with the approval of a contract with

G&G for renovation of the Greenbelt theater. It is anticipated that separate recommendations relating to the purchase of the upgraded projection equipment and contracting for the Pepco electrical upgrade will be submitted to the council.

Once a construction contract is approved, there remain several administrative approvals required before work could begin. These actions include revising the county building permit, re-approval by the Maryland Historical Trust and approval

of the contract by the State of Maryland. Approximate schedule dates for critical milestones are as follows:

- Council approval of G&G contract – February 10
- Execute contract – February 24
- State/County/Maryland Historical Trust review and approval – April 28
- Notice to proceed – May 14

For the proposed schedule to proceed, council action would be required at the upcoming meeting on February 10.

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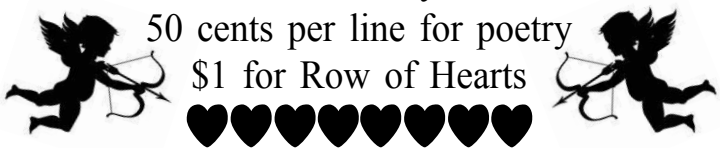
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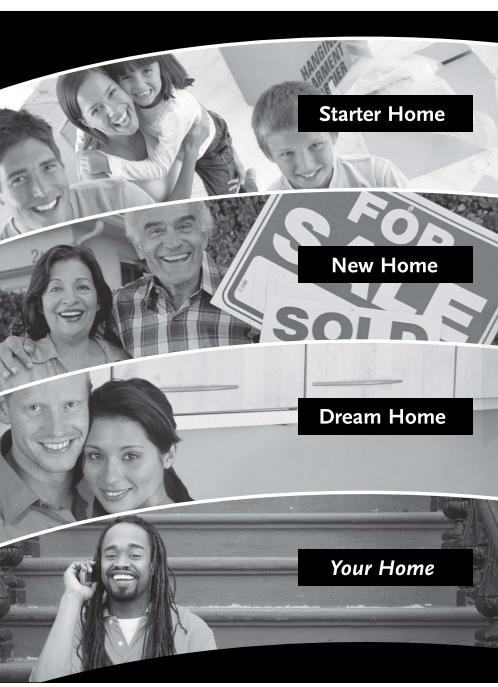
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Brick Townhome With Addition - Very close to center of town. Extra full bath on first floor. Fenced front and back yards; deck, too! Very Nice!

Block Townhome - Attached Garage - 2 bedroom remodeled GHI home. Remodeled throughout - hardwood flooring on lower level. Very nice!

Large Corner Lot - 2 bedroom GHI townhome with shade trees, privacy hedges and spacious storage shed. Just steps away from Roosevelt Center.

Walk To Roosevelt Center - 2 BR block w/downstairs study. Remodeled kit. w/Silestone counters, s/s oven and refrigerator. Very modern; you'll love it!

1 Bedroom Upper Level Home - Attic storage space. New tub surround in bathroom. Full-sized washer and dryer in spacious laundry room. \$64,900

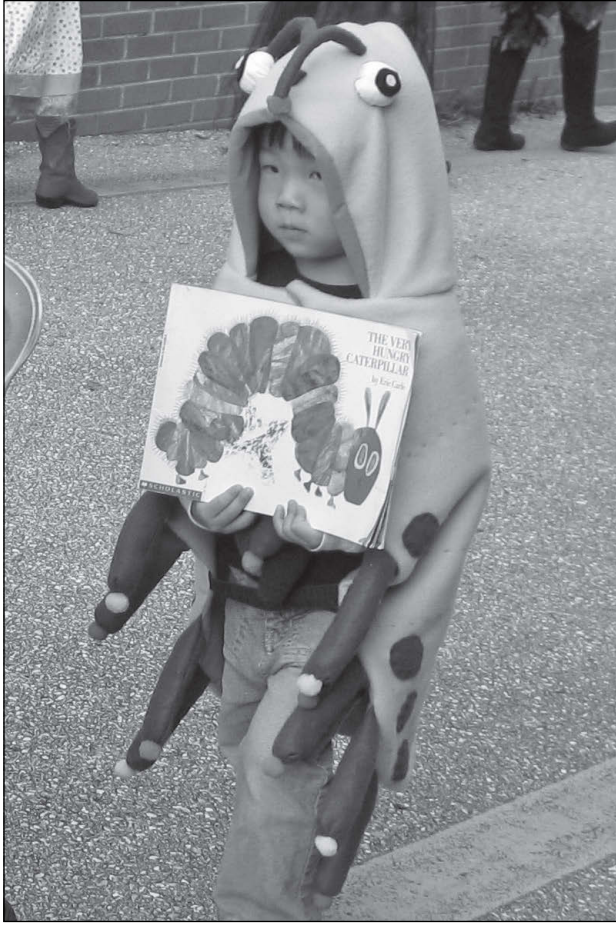
Block Townhome With Addition - Rear addition and office space. Hardwood floor, sink and ceramic tiles. Close to Roosev. Center.

2 Bedroom Townhome - Corner lot tucked away from street. New appliances. Oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Priced to sell at \$125,000

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GES Parade Brings Storybook Characters to Life

On October 31, Greenbelt Elementary School celebrated reading with its annual Storybook Parade. Students from every grade level dressed as their favorite characters.



Pre-kindergartner Chanee Han is the Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Fourth grader Rebecca Gardner is a siren from The Odyssey.



Second grader Leah Novick as the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland.



Kindergartners John Kelley (Mario) and Christina Powell (Minnie Mouse).

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Many People Will Miss Out On BIGGER REFUNDS This Year Just Because They Weren't Sure Which Forms To Use and Might Benefit From a Second Opinion!

(Don't Let Uncle Sam Keep Your Hard Earned Money This Tax Season!)

Congress has passed some very confusing tax laws! To protect yourself from filing an "incorrect" tax return this year and missing out on a ton of cash that is supposed to be YOURS, you better call a tax professional to help you get ALL the money you deserve back from the IRS!

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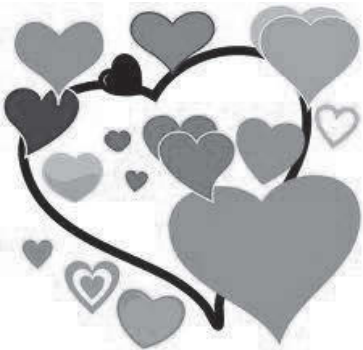
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