

## TAG Program Wins Statewide Award for Excellence for GMS

by Stephen Waldron

Greenbelt Middle School's (GMS) Talented and Gifted (TAG) program has won a statewide award for excellence in its first year of eligibility. Principal Warren Tweedy said he was ecstatic when TAG program coordinator Tracey Thisse gave him the news. His school was one of nine in the state to receive the Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education award for 2013.

Every year, the Maryland State Department of Education honors the most successful TAG programs around the state. Tweedy, who has served as principal and assistant principal during his time at Greenbelt Middle School, said that the parents of TAG students were especially excited about the award.

"The ones who have been with me for the last four years, their eyes lit up," Tweedy said.

The winning schools are invited to attend a reception in Glen Burnie at the end of February, proclaimed "Gifted and Talented Education Month," by Governor Martin O'Malley. Members of the Maryland General Assembly and the state Board of Education will also attend the celebration.

Tweedy worked with teachers and school officials to prepare the school's application for this year's award. He said most of the credit should go to the TAG coordinator.

"It's all Ms. Thisse," Tweedy said. "She went above and beyond the call of duty."

Thisse was first assigned to a TAG class in 2004 and knew before long that she had found a good fit.

"I started to enjoy it and embrace it," Thisse said, "and it really went from there." She went on to receive a master's

degree in gifted education, and has spent most of her teaching career in the field. Before heading up the new Greenbelt program, she served as the TAG coordinator at Kenmore Elementary School in Elkton.

Thisse will also be recognized for individual achievement at this year's reception. She will be receiving the Teacher as Leader in Gifted and Talented Education award from the Department of Education.

The TAG program at Greenbelt Middle School is only in its second year, but it already serves 100 students at each grade level. Still, Thisse said she takes time to personally engage with each student.

"When I come up to them, it's important for me to know their names," Thisse said. "And they know my first question is going

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## Multitude of Projects Occupies City Council for Many Hours

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council faced a heavy agenda when it convened for its regular meeting on February 10. Although discussion of renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre building (see separate story) was lengthy, other issues addressed in the meeting helped make it last nearly four and a half hours.

### ACE Grants

Council budgeted \$7,000 for the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Grants to Educators program this fiscal year. ACE solicited proposals for grants of up to \$500 each to enhance education within the city from six Greenbelt area schools.

Four schools submitted 34 proposals with a total request for \$16,174. Susan Breon, chair of ACE, told council the committee had reviewed each proposal carefully and had awarded 17 grants totaling \$8,047, which council was asked to approve.

Breon said ACE was able to reallocate to the grants \$1,047 originally budgeted for the Science and Reading Clubs it sponsors due to the late start for two of the clubs this year.

Schools receiving grants and the number of projects funded are: Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Elementary School, five projects each; Magnolia Elementary School, four projects; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School, three projects.

Breon said Greenbelt Middle School's administration did not submit a proposal this year because it is still adjusting to changes associated with being a new school.

ACE members had contacted Turning Point Academy to encourage its participation, she said, but did not receive a proposal. Breon said ACE will continue to encourage the school to apply.

ACE suggests that council increase its budget next year to \$9,000 since there is hope that two more schools will send proposals. Councilmember Judith Davis said that would be taken up in budget discussions. Councilmember Leta Mach

moved to approve the funding of grants awarded by ACE and her motion passed unanimously.

### CHEARS Partnership

Council was asked by the Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS) to provide \$4,750 as well as office space and support services for a full-time (split between the city and CHEARS), temporary (11 months) Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC) through the Volunteer Maryland Program. CHEARS is a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to action projects that improve quality of life in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The

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## What Goes On

**Monday, February 17** – City Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

**Wednesday, February 19**

**7:30 p.m.**, Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center.

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Community Gardens Boundaries, Community Center

**Thursday, February 20**

**4 to 8 p.m.**, Affordable Care Act Assistance, Municipal Building.

**7 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 103.

**Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m.; Sunday March 2, 3 p.m.; and**

**Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**, Perseus and the Gorgon, Community Center.

## Black History Month

Last week 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 in Greenbelt. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

## Activist Lois Rosado's Journey As Educator and Volunteer

by Altoria Bell Ross

In the 1960s Lois Rosado demonstrated at sit-ins at Woolworth counters, was arrested for demanding that an African American be appointed to the board of education and sat with Malcolm X while he urged students to stay in school in New



Lois Rosado

York. Rosado said she had a rude awakening, however, when she moved to Greenbelt in 2009 to find the city preparing to vote the first African American onto the city council. "I was appalled," she said, adding that all elected officials representing African American communities in Brooklyn were black.

Five years later, Rosado said she is still not pleased with the

progress of a city with a 48 percent representation of African Americans. "I don't see enough black involvement in city elections. I wonder how many minority contractors serve the city. There are no African American department heads, which is surprising and depressing," she said. "No one else seems disturbed about it but me." Rosado, however, appreciates Greenbelt's drive for citizen voluntarism in the life of the community.

Rosado said she can't criticize without being involved in the

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## Council Votes to Move Ahead With Theater Renovation

by Thomas X. White

After nearly two hours of discussion at its February 10 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council voted four to three to adopt a resolution to negotiate the purchase of contracting services for phase one of the proposed renovation of the Greenbelt Theater. The firm chosen was Gardiner and Gardiner Contracting LLC at a cost not to exceed \$910,836.

With that vote, a nearly ten-year effort to reach a decision on the renovation has been achieved. Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens and Konrad Herling cast votes in opposition.

While Roberts, Putens and Herling continued to question issues relating to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) elements of the proposed project, the remaining members of council noted that the proposed phase one up for approval included only the scaled down HVAC system for the lobby, restrooms and concession

area. The HVAC system for the auditorium will be part of a later phase two renovation.

Another of Roberts' concerns was the proposed "heavy-up" of the electrical service for the theater and other businesses that are part of the building. He challenged city staff on the need for any increase in service and took issue with Pepco not even being aware of how much service was being supplied to the building.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze noted that the electrical upgrade was included in plans to meet updated building code requirements. She said that the current service is just 600 amps, while the city's estimate of needed service is about 1,575 amps.

The city had requested Pepco to provide 2,000 amps of service, but instead they offered to provide only 1,600 amps. At any

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# Letters to the Editor

## Theater Debate

There is a debate going on about the closing of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Certainly there is a need to upgrade the theater's projection equipment and bathrooms. There will probably be the need to close the theater for a short time but the upgrades will more than make up for the inconvenience. Now the Old Greenbelt Theatre is the crown jewel in Roosevelt Center; a little polishing up will make it shine brighter.

Much of the credit for the theater's success is due to the foresight of the City of Greenbelt in obtaining the theater and to its operator, Paul Sanchez of P&G Theaters. Paul has run the theater since 1990 and has built it into a Greenbelt icon.

I have been attending the theater since 1974. It has the nostalgic warmth of neighborhood theaters of my youth. It is the only theater in Prince George's County where we can see foreign and independent films that don't feature exploding cars and high-speed chases with massive amounts of large-caliber weaponry blasting away.

The Old Greenbelt Theatre brings around 600 customers into the Roosevelt Center each week, and it offers patrons admission and concession prices well below those of similar theaters in Bethesda, D.C., and northern Virginia as well as free parking (which is not available elsewhere).

People come from all over the metropolitan area to attend movies here. It has a loyal group of customers who enjoy watching a movie on a large screen in comfort without annoying cell phones and talking.

I understand that there is a group interested in screening more alternative films. I see no reason why there should not be cooperation between P&G Theaters and those wishing to expand the theater's use. I feel certain that Mr. Sanchez would

be willing to work with this group as he has worked with others in the past. The annual Utopia Film Festival is a good example of such cooperation. A cooperative expansion of Greenbelt's cinematic offerings will surely enhance the appeal of the theater.

*Dr. Robert K. Headley*

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Headley is author of *A History of Motion Picture Theaters in the Washington Metropolitan Area* and former vice-president of the Theater Historical Society of America.

## Clarification Of FPAB Actions

The brief article last week, "Councilmembers Lead Walk at Three Community Gardens," provides the reader with false information about recent actions taken by the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB). Reference is made to an FPAB recommendation allowing "forest canopy to grow up to existing garden fences — a proposal that over 20 to 30 years would make fallow . . . garden space . . ." This is absolutely not true. The three separate FPAB recommendations (reports) on the three community gardens propose that an eight-foot maintenance buffer be cleared of all vegetation around the perimeters of all three community garden areas, with several exceptions where existing established trees would not hinder access to the garden plot fences or impede sunlight reaching the garden plots.

The recommendations also "greenlight" the removal of trees and shrubs that have been allowed to grow along the fence lines and within the garden plots over many years. The city provides for routine maintenance which in the past would have addressed several of these concerns; however, due to several delays and other city projects that took precedence, the forest

canopy had been allowed to intrude over the gardens' vertical space thus blocking sunlight.

The FPAB has come up with a proactive and reasonable set of recommendations that address these community garden concerns all the while focusing on our primary charges: the protection and preservation of the Forest Preserve (FP); reporting on the health and condition of the FP; and making recommendations on the FP section of the City Code and FP Maintenance and Management Guidelines when further clarification is warranted.

The article also erroneously refers to FPAB passing a motion to outlaw the use of traps. Trapping of wildlife within the city (including the FP and the community gardens section of the FP) is prohibited and has been prohibited since ordinances passed in 2003 and 2007 (ord.# 1243, 1279). What FPAB did recommend recently was to clarify and broaden the existing language under prohibited activities within the FP to include the possession of or storage of the trap apparatuses themselves within the Forest Preserve and the community gardens section of the FP.

*Robert Snyder  
Chair, FPAB*

## Concern about Effect Of Café Dismissal

I was astonished to hear that the board of the New Deal Café has chosen to dismiss our General Manager Terri Rutledge who has contributed greatly to the renewed success of our cooperative. As a long standing member and past board member, I and others who have worked with her through the years can attest that Terri has performed her job well, and above and beyond the call of duty.

She greatly improved our Café's bookkeeping, completed the payoff of our long-standing debts and saved money for improvements. She increased our co-op's reserves significantly

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## Corrections

In last week's paper, the article "Councilmembers Lead Walk at Three Community Gardens" contained some errors. The February 18 Greenbelt Community Garden Club meeting is the annual plot assignment meeting. At this time the club does not have on its agenda discussion of the motions approved at the last two meetings of the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Who says the News Review can't tell the difference between a Siren and Cassidy the Costume Fairy? We do! In last week's photos from the Greenbelt Elementary School Storybook Parade, Ruby Maul (Cassidy) was incorrectly identified as Rebecca Gardner (the Odyssean Siren). Here are both girls in their costumes. Photos by Anne Gardner.



**Ruby Maul as Cassidy the Costume Fairy**



**Rebecca Gardner as the Odyssean Siren**

PHOTOS BY ANNE GARDNER

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB 14

Monuments Men  
(PG-13)

**FRIDAY**  
\*5, 7:30, 9:45

**SATURDAY**  
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**SUNDAY - MONDAY**  
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**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
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## Men's Group will Meet On Breast Cancer

On Tuesday, February 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a breast cancer support group for men. The meeting will take place on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road.

The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. Registration is required by calling 301-324-4968.

## Legion Post #136 To Hold Blood Drive

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Monday, February 17, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at 6900 Greenbelt Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

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# Community Events

## At the Library

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 library for details.

Thursday, February 20, 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.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m. Book discussion on "Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America," for which author Gilbert King won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction. One of the most important American lawyers of the 20th century, Thurgood Marshall was on the verge of bringing the landmark suit *Brown v. Board of Education* before the U.S. Supreme Court when he became embroiled in an explosive and deadly case that threatened to change the course of the civil rights movement and nearly cost him his life. All those who have read the book are invited to participate. For those who have not, copies will be available at the information desk from January 22 to February 17.

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m. The African History and Culture lecture series continues with a talk by Robert Hall on "What's in Your Home? Discovering Family History."

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info) to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

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

Monday, February 17, OFFICE CLOSED – (Presidents' Day) Emergency maintenance will be available

Tuesday, February 18, 8:30 a.m. – Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby  
Wednesday, February 19, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

## Green Ridge Hosts Caregivers Meeting

Researchers from the University of Maryland School of Public Health are pursuing a research project involving what people believe older adults need and want to stay healthy, safe and involved in the community. This research is part of a larger study with the goal of improving community life for older adults in Maryland.

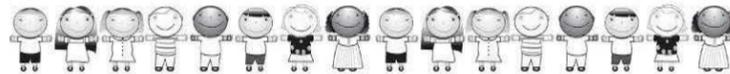
On Thursday, February 20 representatives of the research team will host a discussion group with caregivers in the Greenbelt community from 5 to 7 p.m. in the dining room at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road. Participants will be asked to share their experiences and opinions. What is said will be held confidential. Light refreshments will be served.

To join the discussion group or for further information, call Sharon Johnson, Green Ridge House Resident Service Coordinator at 301-412-2480. To speak to the researchers directly, call Lori Simon-Rusinowitz at 301-405-2548 or email [lasr@umd.edu](mailto:lasr@umd.edu).

## Green Ridge Hosts Heart Health Event

On Thursday, February 27, Doctors Community Hospital is partnering with the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program to conduct two sessions on heart health in the dining room at Green Ridge House at 22 Ridge Road, Room 102. This program is free and open to any resident of the City of Greenbelt. The first session is from 10 a.m. to noon, the second from 1 to 3 p.m.

Experienced medical professionals will provide useful information to help people improve their health and the quality of their lives by better understanding how to reduce their risk of heart and blood vessel diseases. Free carotid artery, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings will be provided. For more information or to register to receive information about upcoming Community Health Connections events, call 301-324-4968.



## Greenbelt Nursery School Open House

### Registration for Fall 2014

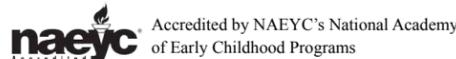
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Starting with an assembly at 8:45 a.m. in the media center, students will hear about the school and the Academy of Business and Finance. A tour will follow at about 9:15 a.m. Another tour will begin at 11:15 a.m. Those coming only for a tour should arrive a little early since the tour start times are tied to the length of the assembly. Tours will last about an hour.

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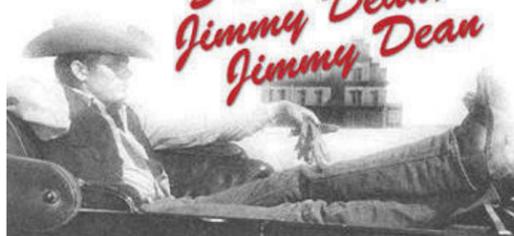
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More Community Events are throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Arts Center COMING SOON

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Jimmy Dean*



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## Obituaries

### A. J. Nuzzo, Jr.

Albert John Nuzzo, Jr., ("A.J.") of Orlando, Fla., died on January 30, 2014. Born January 18, 1949, he was raised in Greenbelt and graduated from St. Hugh's School and DuVal High School. Mr. Nuzzo loved athletics and was a valuable teammate, excelling in both baseball and basketball. He attended Bowie State Teachers College and ultimately left to pursue a successful career as a businessman. "A. J.'s Service Stations" were a fixture in his home community in the Orlando area. He took extreme pride in providing excellent service to his customers, including giving roses to all the ladies on Valentine's Day.

Mr. Nuzzo met and married the woman of his dreams, Patricia. They shared 17 wonderful years together. Upon his retirement, they enjoyed relaxing at their Outer Banks beach house, playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Nuzzo loved learning to use Facebook, reconnecting with old friends from Greenbelt, meeting new ones and entertaining everyone with his keen and unique sense of humor. His spirit of generous giving and a heart of gold will be greatly missed.

Mr. Nuzzo was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Lorraine (Mullen), of Greenbelt. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Cooper); brother, Robert, of Kenosha, Wisc.; and nieces and nephews.

A "Celebration of Life" service is planned for Sunday, February 23 at Eagle Creek Golf Club located at 10350 Emerson Lake Boulevard in Orlando, FL 32832.

In recognition of Mr. Nuzzo's continued commitment to the Greenbelt citizens and community, a memorial fund is being established for a bench and/or memorial tree to be dedicated to him next summer. Donations for the "A. J. Nuzzo Memorial Fund" may be mailed to Kathy Reynolds, 1-A Eastway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

— Robert Nuzzo  
and Patricia "Trish" Nuzzo

### Senior Softball League Seeks New Teammates

The Greenbelters — the town's team in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League — seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 55. Spring training begins in March. For details, call manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or deputy Manager Jasper Pendergrass at 202-321-0909.



We were sorry to hear of the death of A. J. Nuzzo, Jr. Condolences to his family and friends.

#### Congratulations to:

— The TAG Program at Greenbelt Middle School on being named one of nine in the state to receive the Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education Award for 2013. And to its Coordinator Tracey Thisse who is Teacher as Leader in Gifted and Talented Education.

— Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski, who has received the Edward M. Kennedy National Service Lifetime Leadership Award for her dedication to citizen service.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors," email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

### Mishkan Torah Program on Bible and Qur'an.

On Sunday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. the Mishkan Torah Adult Education Committee will present a program entitled Noah's Other Son-Intertextuality of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) and the Qur'an.

Based upon the story of Noah, the program will compare and contrast versions of the story in the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an, and what factors might account for the differences. From its similarities and differences attendees will learn about the early Muslim community that gave birth to the Qur'an, plus ways of reading the Hebrew Bible.

Rabbi Dr. Jordi Gendra-Molina, a native of Barcelona, will lead this discussion. Born in Spain to a multilingual family, he became proficient in Latin, Greek and Hebrew and later began working with translations of sacred texts. From the beginning he realized that texts of the same stories differ widely because of the communities from which they spring and because

of what the translator brings in the context of his or her own background.

Rabbi Gendra holds a Ph.D. in medieval Jewish literature from Universitat de Girona. He currently serves as rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Mechanicsburg, Penn. and is also adjunct professor of religion at Wilson College in Chambersburg.

The program is free, and open to the whole community. Breakfast items may be purchased starting at 9:30 a.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

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.



In all matters moderation is desirable. If a thing is carried to excess, it will prove a source of evil (Baha'ullah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE

301-345-2918

[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com)

[www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

### "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](http://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



### Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

### 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

*'A hospitable, multicultural community of faith'*

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



February 16, 10 a.m.

God(s) Bless America

Guest Preacher George Gladly,

with Ken Redd, Worship Associate,

Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration,  
and the Choir.

Our guest preacher will offer a religious liberal's  
look at American patriotic songs and holidays.

### Learn to Read the Bible Effectively

FREE Weekly  
Classes Thursdays  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

February 27 through  
May 15, 2014.



Sessions start "In the Beginning" with Genesis Chapter One. Twelve concise and informative sessions are delivered in a friendly and comfortable environment and benefit from a new appreciation of the Bible.

To Register: Online: [www.HopeOfTheKingdom.com](http://www.HopeOfTheKingdom.com)

By Phone: Call 301-439-0063 and leave your name and phone number. By E-Mail: Send your contact info to [LearnToReadTheBible@juno.com](mailto:LearnToReadTheBible@juno.com) Christadelphians,

9240 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**For Valentine's Day Love Your Woods!**

Celebrating and caring for the Greenbelt forests continues! Come to Gardenway near the playground and Gardenway Gardens for a trash clean up on Saturday, February 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Greenbelt Forest Preserve anniversary group is supplying bags, gloves, equipment and a light lunch. Participants are asked to provide love and labor!

For details, contact Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or 443-388-2961 or greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com.

**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. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 17 through 21 are as follows:

Monday - All sites closed for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Tuesday - Grape juice, home-style chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, tomato with corn and okra, tropical fruit.

Wednesday - Orange juice, hamburger with lettuce and tomato, baked beans, cucumber and tomato salad, apple crisp.

Thursday - Pineapple juice, potato-crust fish, lima beans, sliced carrots, diced pears.

Friday - Cream of broccoli soup, French dip sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

**Labor Day Committee Seeks Nominations**

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking nominations for volunteers to serve in leadership positions. Nominees must be willing to serve a term of three years and to actively participate in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office. The time commitment includes a monthly committee meeting and other activities associated with the specific leadership role.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the planning and development of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is encouraged to send email to Carol Goddard, the committee's facilities manager, at clgoddard11@hotmail.com.

**Upcoming Events At the New Deal Café**

Friday, February 14 begins with John Guernsey playing jazz and blues on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Good Fellas, a Beatles tribute band, plays a mix of early gems and classic Beatles hits from 8 to 11 p.m. Come to the Café on Saturday, February 15 for Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey playing jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark, acclaimed blues harmonica player, takes the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. You don't want to miss him! Join the weekly Deaf Brunch discussion on Sunday, February 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Kids' Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Join us for Middle Eastern music and dance with Fez Tones Hafra from 6 to 8 p.m.



# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 17-21**

Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30pm **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Open to the public.

Wednesday, February 19 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Community Garden Boundaries** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 20 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. On the Agenda: Review/approve final version of Trapping Report and Additional Hamilton Garden Plots Proposed.

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

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT presents  
**THE 2014 GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL PERSEUS and the GORGON**  
By Christopher Cherry

Raised as a humble fisherman's son, Perseus doesn't know he's a castaway prince. When he's tricked into a quest to confront the hideous Gorgon, he discovers the monster's secret - and his own.

"Keeps the entire audience amused and enthralled, from adults to the youngest child."  
- Greenbelt News Review

Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 pm  
Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
Greenbelt Community Center,  
15 Crescent Road  
Tickets: \$5

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of February 17th  
Monday Route - Collected Tuesday  
Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday  
Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday  
Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 21st.



**HEART HEALTH EVENT**  
Thursday, February 27  
10am-Noon and 1pm-3pm  
Green Ridge House,  
22 Ridge Road

**Free Carotid Artery, Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screenings.**

**Learn how you can reduce your risk of heart and blood vessel diseases.**

To register contact Sharon Johnson, Green Ridge House Service Coordinator at 301-412-2480.

Learn more about the City of Greenbelt, Upcoming Activities, Services, Events and more!  
**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**  
www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt;  
**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @CityofGreenbelt.**  
Get some neat Green ideas and more on Pinterest www.pinterest.com/cgreenbelt/  
Stay informed at Greenbelt CityLink  
www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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



Ginger's human Mom was in a horrible car accident. No one wanted to take Ginger when her human Mom was unable to care for herself. Ginger is a beautiful cat, about 10 years old and in good health. Ginger is very friendly and social and asks to be petted by reaching her paw out to you. She would do well in a home by herself or with

other cats. Ginger is the Queen of Hearts - come and see her!



One of five brothers surrendered at the Shelter from an overcrowded house, Dodger is a handsome 2 year old Orange Tabby. Dodger has been at the shelter for quite some time because he is on the timid side, but he warms up quickly when given attention. He would do well by himself or with other cats. Dodger loves to play with laser lights and other interactive toys. His heart has a lot of love to give- Dodger just needs a loving home in order to shine!

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

**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.**

**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**

**Thursday, February 20 from 4-8 pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building**  
25 Crescent Road in the Council Chambers

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.

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.



**MAKE PLANS NOW FOR YOUR CHILD'S SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS!**

The new Camp Programs brochure is now posted. Resident registration is now underway. Non-Resident registration begins February 18th

www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

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program's re-application deadline is February 21.

In 2012 and 2013 council authorized a partnership with CHEARS for a VMC to provide 20 hours per week for the city. For those two years CHEARS funded the cash match required by the program. CHEARS cannot fund the \$4,750 match this year, however, and is therefore asking the city to do so.

Kim Walsh, executive director of CHEARS, told council the first year they had received a scholarship grant through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for the money. The second year funds had come from private donors in Greenbelt and from the Adelphi Society of Friends. There were 20 applicants for the VMC last year and Walsh said she was impressed with the quality of the applicants' credentials.

### Forest Project

Walsh said since last October, 81 people have volunteered on the Forest Steward Project, which translates to a monetary value of \$9,520.20 using Department of Labor guidelines. Walsh noted that some city staff have also volunteered for CHEARS projects.

The VMC has worked on the forest survey and street tree survey, on composting, the Three Sisters Gardens and the food forest and assisted at Earth Day and Arbor Day events in the city. Walsh told council she expects the next volunteer coordinator to focus on storm water management and to collaborate with municipalities and organizations.

Current VMC Alex Palmer is working on a program to protect trees from beavers. He also is involved in an invasive species removal project and is preparing for a storm water workshop to be held March 15. He said people who are interested in volunteering can email him at [Alex@chears.org](mailto:Alex@chears.org) or call him at 240-542-2168. He needs help now, he said, especially with the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project.

Davis moved to provide funding for the cash match in 2014. The motion passed unanimously. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city had budgeted for a volunteer coordinator for the city in the current budget and since staff is still planning to fill this position, funding for the VMC will have to be addressed in the next budget. However, funds are not due to be spent until September 30.

### Police Promotions

Council approved a resolution to negotiate the purchase of consultant services for development and administration of a testing process for promotions within the city's police department. Fields Consulting Group provided the most complete proposal of the four submitted in response to the department's Request for Proposals.

The department has used Fields Consulting Group services successfully in the past. Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze told council he considered it a "solid proposal from a proven entity." He also said he had permission from the president of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police to announce their endorsement of this company.

### Potholes

Early in the meeting Davis asked McLaughlin about the potholes on Southway. McLaughlin said that the responsible parties, WSSC and the State Highway Administration, had both been notified that the original patch had failed. Public Works has also been fixing potholes on the city maintained streets.

Councilmember Konrad Herling also asked McLaughlin to have staff look into inadequate lighting in the area near 13 to 15 courts of Ridge Road.

### Contribution Groups

Following up on a proposal made last May by Davis, council discussed making changes to the policy of funding Contribution Groups. Davis proposed attempting to control the increasing amounts requested by such groups. Some councilmembers had concerns about the effect changes would have on groups that have relied on the city for years, although most agreed the process should be reviewed. In the end, council agreed to refer the subject to the Arts Advisory Committee and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for recommendations.

### State/County Legislation

A bill in the state senate (SB 394) co-sponsored by Senator Paul Pinsky would establish a beverage container deposit program. Bottles and cans would carry a five-cent deposit and each county would set up redemption centers where the containers could be exchanged for a deposit. The city supported similar legislation last year and council unanimously agreed to do so again.

Another bill in the state assembly (HB 602) would expand the amount of money that can be collected by a condominium or homeowners association in a foreclosure. The bill would allow inclusion of late fees, interest and collection costs. Council agreed to support this bill also, with a possible amendment suggested by Councilmember Leta Mach, who requested that GHI be contacted to see if including cooperatives in the bill would be of value. If so, language in the bill would have to be changed.

HB 492 would limit the power of municipalities to adjust property taxes for different classes of property, something Greenbelt currently does not do. The bill is opposed by the Maryland Municipal League and some municipalities. Council voted to add the City of Greenbelt to that list.

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to be: "What are your grades?"

Greenbelt Middle School's goal for its TAG program is to offer full-day advanced, enriched, accelerated educational experiences to meet the needs of gifted students. According to Thisse, the characteristics of a student come in to play as much as test scores when deciding if the TAG program is right for a child.

Thisse said she especially enjoys that the TAG program is made up of such a wide variety of students.

"You have kids that have all these different personalities," Thisse said. "For me, getting to know those kids is one of my favorite things."

Students can also join clubs and build skills in anything from creative problem solving to building robots. Thisse said that STEM clubs – Science Technology Engineering Mathematics – are very popular at the school.

Greenbelt Middle School's TAG program is still young, but Principal Tweedy wants to see the department grow and better serve its students.

"We're being as innovative as possible to get them to another level," Tweedy said.

As for Thisse, there is a simple lesson she wants each of her students to take away from the program.

"I want them to know that if they persist," Thisse said, "they will succeed."

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rate, Craze noted, the electrical upgrade was not part of the Gardiner and Gardiner proposed contract and would be contracted separately.

### Other Issues

Other issues were raised by citizens attending the meeting, including changes to the restroom and concession area. Frank Gervasi noted that he still had some concerns with the lobby and concession area but was pleased there could be additional discussion on those issues as the project progresses.

Michael Hartmann, representing members of the handicapped community, indicated that they would like to have further input regarding those spaces and asked that such discussions occur early in the project rather than later. Sheila Alpers supported the city's using a lump-sum contracting price for the services.

The majority vote for approval was driven by increasing concern that if the phase one project is further delayed various grant awards from other agencies in support of the project could be in jeopardy. Even with approval of the resolution city staff will be hard-pressed to assure sufficient progress with the project by June 30.

## GCAN to Hold Open Groundswell Meeting

On Tuesday, February 18 from 7 to 9 p.m., a meeting will be held in the Social Hall at the Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, for everyone interested in exploring working through a local nonprofit called Groundswell to find clean energy at reduced prices through bulk purchasing.

On Friday, January 31 Greenbelters learned the disappointing and unexpected news that Clean Currents, a major supplier of wind energy in Greenbelt, had closed down. The recent extreme weather caused an unprecedented spike in the wholesale price of electricity. Clean Currents could no longer meet its contractual obligations and had to cease operations. No other energy supplier has closed down as a result of this anomaly.

It is estimated that 350 Greenbelt residents (as well as several Greenbelt businesses) subscribed to wind energy, mostly through Clean Currents.

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) is working to help residents navigate the options for choosing a wind-energy provider. Currently there are more than 40 different electricity suppliers that meet Pepco's requirements.

GCAN is partnering with Groundswell, a local nonprofit organization that focuses on clean energy solutions to help guide residents, explain the available options for how Greenbelters can access affordable, clean energy. They are also organizing a Spring 2014 Group Energy Purchase that will survey wind energy suppliers to find the best prices through the power of bulk purchasing. GCAN invites both Clean Currents' former customers and those purchasing wind energy for the first time to consider joining others in this community-wide effort. Purchasing as a group, through Groundswell, can bring the price down.

The next residential group energy purchase is now open for people to join. Groundswell will negotiate with energy suppliers, just as they have for the past seven projects, at the end of April (when prices come back down to Earth). Historically, anyone who joins the group has been able to access a price for clean energy that is 10-16 percent less than if switching to a supplier on their own.

If you are unable to attend the meeting you may contact Groundswell directly at <http://groundswell.org/pledgeCPPHomes>, [cpphomes@groundswell.org](mailto:cpphomes@groundswell.org) or by calling 240-342-6193. For more info about Greenbelt participation, contact Lore Rosenthal, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org), 301-345-2234.

## Reel and Meal Views Documentary of King

Celebrate Black History Month with Reel and Meal on Monday, February 17 at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway in Historic Greenbelt. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. there will be an optional vegan buffet. The free 90-minute film, King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis [Part 2], starts at 7 p.m.

Constructed from a wealth of archival footage, the film is a monumental documentary that follows Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from 1955 to 1968 in his rise from regional activist to a world-renowned leader of the Civil Rights movement. Rare footage of King's speeches, protests, and arrests is interspersed with scenes of other high-profile supporters and opponents of the cause. The film is punctuated by heartfelt testimonials from some of Hollywood's biggest stars including Harry Belafonte, Ruby Dee, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward among others.

Special guest speakers are Maia Carroll and Saleem Waters. Carroll is a former museum educator at The Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore. She is an activist, educator, poet, artist and writer who has frequently been interviewed by the media for her artwork and community service.

Waters is a renowned composer, arranger, multi-instrumentalist musician and activist. For more than 50 years, Waters' experiences and musical outreach have been inspired by the Civil Rights Movement. Performing with more than 20 instruments, he has delighted audiences here and abroad with his provocative mix of musical styles and traditions.

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the United Negro College Fund.

This event is sponsored by Green Vegan Networking. Contact Cam MacQueen at [worldisvegan@aol.com](mailto:worldisvegan@aol.com) for more information.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one dog, a ferret and a hamster were adopted and one squirrel was freed from having its head stuck in a dumpster.

Planning staff finalized an updated Greenbelt Lake Dam Emergency Action Plan with the engineering consultant and received \$1.3 million from Greenbelt Station South Core developers for first phase Greenbelt West capital improvement.

Therapeutic Recreation staff reports 26 seniors travelled to the Baltimore Museum of Art, enjoyed the trip and lunch at Gertrudes.

## Utopia Film Festival Presents Sun., Feb. 16th & Wed., Feb. 19th

8:00 PM "Kevin's Friend",  
"Translumination"  
& "My Sixteenth Summer"

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

Any **LOVE NOTES** 4 U?  
Look for them on page 16.

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community, so she is. She works as a cashier at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, although Rosado says front desk workers do much more than serve as cashiers. They provide program information and conduct tours for the community and register residents for classes.

Rosado said the city government needs to provide appropriate titles for Aquatic Center front desk staff.

### Upbringing

Rosado said volunteering and working for the betterment of the community was part of her upbringing. The 2012 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen John Henry Jones, who welcomed her to the city by singing a birthday greeting, influenced her decision to volunteer for the 75th Anniversary Committee. Last year as a member of the Outstanding Citizen committee, she helped to select Eric Zhang as the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Rosado is a member of the Greenbelt Community Foundation that grants money to city nonprofits and also is a board member of the Charlestowne Village Homeowners Association. "Volunteering is a wonderful way to ease into the life of Greenbelt and learn about the development of the city," she said.

In addition, Rosado taught introduction to computers for SAGE, Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally, sponsored by Prince George's Community College. She knows a lot about education after working in adult

and higher education for over 40 years.

### Assistant Dean

Rosado retired five years ago as assistant dean and executive director of the State University of New York/Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center for adult academic and workforce development. For 19 years she focused on creating a student-centered learning environment that enhanced the ability of adult learners to achieve, be transformed and be empowered academically, economically and socially.

A member of Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society, Rosado also was involved with the Continuing Education Association of New York, the Association of Educational Opportunity Center Directors and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

Rosado said her parents, who emigrated from Barbados, West Indies, always placed great emphasis on education for career advancement. She received her bachelor's degree in history and political science and a master's degree in bilingual education from the City College of New York; a master's degree in computing, communication and technology in education; and a doctorate in adult and family education from Teachers College at Columbia University. She also earned the Management Institute for Life-Long Learning post-doctoral certificate from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

### Fortitude

Her mother and father also gave prominence to spiritual and cultural fortitude to meet life's challenges. Thus, each December 26 through January 1, her family, including her husband of over 40 years, Julio Rosado Ayala a retired family therapist, and their three daughters, in-laws and six grandchildren celebrate Kwanzaa (an African American and Pan-African holiday celebration of family, community and culture).

Two years ago her grandchildren planned the program featuring African American inventors who had contributed to the development of America, including Garrett Morgan who invented the street light and Lewis Latimer who devised a method of encasing the filament of the light bulb.

Last year she said her grandchildren celebrated Kwanzaa by dedicating it to Nelson Mandela. They assigned themselves areas that explored the people and the environment of South Africa and studied his family and his accomplishments.

Rosado took her grandchildren to view the movie, The Long Walk, about Mandela's life. She said the movie placed the former president in the movement for justice and equality.

The family connection drew Rosado from New York to Maryland. She said she wanted to be close to two of her daughters and her grandchildren. "Family is important to us," she said. "It is our priority."

## Reminiscing about Civil Rights Struggles

As I was editing the article in this issue about Lois Rosado, I recalled being involved in sit-ins in 1952 at lunch counters at a local Woolworth's and at the bus station in Columbia, Missouri. There was no publicity about these actions. Graduates of a black college and white college students and faculty active in the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) decided to join forces to demand that blacks receive equal service at lunch counters. At the time I was a college teacher. At both locations management finally conceded and all of us were served. We celebrated by going to the finest restaurant in the city, where we walked amid stares through the elegant dining room, up a curving stairway to the balcony for a joyous celebration with CORE founder and civil rights leader James Farmer.

Virginia Beauchamp

Don't wait for the one you can live with, wait for the one you can't live without.



Happy Valentine's Day





## GREENBELT STATION

LIVE CONNECTED



### RUSH HOUR JUST GOT RELAXED

Greenbelt Station is Maryland's newest community for life on the go. Walk to the Greenbelt Metro station or MARC Train, or hop on the ICC, I-495 or I-95 within minutes. Brand-new condominiums and 3-level townhomes at Greenbelt Station offer up to 5 bedrooms and 4½ baths with 1,600 to 3,800 sq. ft. of living space. Living here, you can finally own a home and stay in the center of everything.







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Pursuant to Maryland Code Section 10-710 of the Real Property Article, for any community in Prince George's County in which certain community amenities are to be built, a disclosure will be provided to each homebuyer listing the community amenities to be constructed in the community and the completion date for each amenity. The homebuyer will have a period of 5 days to review the disclosure in which to rescind the Purchase Agreement. MHBR No. 56




## Letters to the Editor

to protect against future financial hardships, got our taxes done on time and most importantly, our co-op has been consistently in the black for the past three years for the first time in the Café's 18-year history! Also, and I believe very importantly, I and many in the co-op felt completely comfortable and confident with her trustworthy handling of the co-op's finances and her oversight of our cooperative's operations.

In spite of all this excellent work, the board decided to dismiss Terri without any advance warning or possibility of appeal. She deserves better treatment than an abrupt dismissal carried out in this manner with no statement as to why.

I and several other former cooperative officials, with over 30 years total experience in our cooperative, composed this letter as we are greatly concerned that this board's actions will have negative repercussions on the future of our Café if allowed to be established as precedent and not corrected by the membership. In addition, we believe the reputation of our Café and one of our longest-serving members has been damaged. The membership needs to use this opportunity to modify our bylaws to require fair employment practices, prohibit conflicts of interest, elevate our board-manager structure to stop repetitive and time-taxing micro-managing by the board, require training for inexperienced board members and to move our co-op toward the board-manager model that most successful co-ops use. We need to move forward as a cooperative and not repeat mistakes of the past.

*Peter I. May, Ph.D.  
Former NDC Board President*

### Black History Month

Since we are in the midst of Black History Month, and I am of African descent, I wish to make note of my observations and appreciations.

As a resident of Greenbelt since 1974, I am happy to be here and witness activities that speak to me of advances made in the community and where people of color have been recognized and allowed to make contributions.

I grew up in Washington, D.C., where we had two school divisions, one for white and one for black children. The 1954 Supreme Court decision ended those divisions.

My children grew up in Greenbelt, attending Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

My reflection comes as I read in the News Review articles related to Black History Month and accomplishments of people in the city who happened to be of African descent. I am inspired by these recognitions and high quality of reporting.

From reading the history of Greenbelt I see that the positive spotlight of African Americans has not always been at the center of attention. Greenbelt is one of three greenbelt towns envisioned by Rexford Guy Tugwell – friend and advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt – and created under the Resettlement Administration in 1935.

Applicants for the first

residency were interviewed and screened based on income and occupation, and willingness to become involved in community activities. African-Americans were initially excluded, but were later welcomed by the Greenbelt Committee for Fair Housing, founded in 1963.

Langston Terrace, built from 1935-1938, and opened May 5, 1938, was the first federally funded housing project in Washington, D.C., and the second in the United States. It was part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Public Works Administration.

Langston was named after one of the earliest and most well-known local African American public figures of the time, John Mercer Langston, a 19th-century American abolitionist and attorney who was the first African-American elected to the United States Congress from Virginia. He also founded the Howard University School of Law.

The 274-unit complex was constructed primarily by African American laborers. The garden apartment buildings were built around common areas. Daniel Olney's The Progress of the Negro Race is a terra-cotta frieze in the central courtyard. It depicts African American history from slavery to World War I migration. His sculpture of the Madonna and Children is located in the same courtyard. (The Greenbelt 1939 sculpture titled Mother and Child is at the north end of the Roosevelt Center mall and shows a mother giving her child a drink of water.)

In 1987 my heart was touched as I read in the News Review a report of some members of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., who reached out to their Washington, D.C., sister community in Langston Terrace. The report told me that these Greenbelt residents visited Langston Terrace to share with them the common genesis of their two communities.

*James Sturdivant*

### A Valentine From the Pantry

The Pantry thanks you for your donations to help needy families of Greenbelt.

Again special thanks to Bob Davis, manager of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket; Mike McAndrew, Mr. Hudson, the Knights of Columbus; M. Weber, Mishkan Torah; Steven Marques and family, the American Legion Helping Hands and you, faithful friends who shop at Co-op.

You are the heart of the Pantry. A special Valentine for you!

*Solange Hess  
Chair*

### Fond Memories

As I sit here, miles away, up to my eyeballs in snow, I've suddenly been taken back in time to my survival-mode days while living in Old Greenbelt during winter storms. Perhaps my fond memories will help those still living there to relax and just enjoy some simple pleasures in order to get through the winter. Having propane heat installed here has been like being wrapped in a blanket of fluffy goose down for the nine winters I've lived

here – until yesterday. The furnace blew a valve which is now on order and is probably being flown in from China. The heating company loaned me two space heaters which do help and fortunately I do have electricity. I lit several candles and that is when I recalled the power outages we had quite often in Old Greenbelt.

One winter, during one of these events, I brought every candle I had into the kitchen. Each candle was either placed under a hurricane globe or in a large mixing bowl. Over each one I placed metal cookie racks. This make-shift campfire not only heated the kitchen, but also served as a stove. I heated water for coffee, heated soup, baked canned biscuits, and even toasted sandwiches. My daughter was old enough to not set herself on fire, but I did have cats who would go airborne to inspect my work of art. I kept an eye on the candles since they can be dangerous.

Soon I heard the sound of shovels outside and would then join with other neighbors in what became a festive time doing the grunt work of removing snow from sidewalks and cars. Later, my daughter, a teacher friend, and I would hike over to Denny's and sit down to a gut-busting breakfast only to regret that decision half way back home. Snowmen got built and afterward hot chocolate awaited itself thanks to my kitchen campfires. Our afternoon matinee took place on the decks where dozens of birds gathered to dine on food that we had placed there for them.

Then it was back to the kitchen to hook up some wieners on long forks to roast over our candle-fueled stoves. What wonderful memories I have from what is now "The best kept secret in Washington area". I can barely wait to get back down there and am even excited about having electric heat again and with some luck be able to relive those memories when the power goes out which I know it will.

Having the warmth of a great community, great neighbors, great food nearby and some romantic candle light can actually be fun. Enjoy.

*Shelva J. Angle  
Hanover, PA.*



**Cherry blossoms burst with color in Nagai Yamagata, Japan  
(Photo courtesy of www.globalimages.net)**

## Recalling Yamagata

An article in the Washington Post about the current prime minister of Japan refers to his home town of Yonezawa. This is a tiny place in Yamagata in the northwestern mountains of the main island.

I know it well since my nine-month assignment in that country in 1946-47 with American Red Cross as a club recreation worker. I was stationed in Yamagata, whose name means what we call the foot of mountain, "yama" meaning mountain. (Our Japanese friends thought it hilarious to think of a mountain having a foot.)

We were assigned with the 11th Airborne Artillery. Because one unit of that group was assigned to Yamagata, two of my colleagues and I would travel each month by train to have dinner with them.

We had to spend the night there, until the train returned the next morning. At first we stayed at the residence of one of the officers of the unit. Later, however, a sergeant and his wife arrived. Thereafter, we stayed always at their home.

On the occasion I remember so well, a heavy snow began to fall – so heavy that the train the next day could not get through. Soldier friends had constructed a snow slide beside their house and we had a great time riding down on top of a garbage can cover.

What a happy memory of the new prime minister's home town!

*Virginia Beauchamp*

## NAMI Workshop Examines Stigma

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its annual monthly workshop on Thursday, February 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. This month's topic is Stamp Out Stigma – Recognize, Re-educate, and Reduce presented by Jackie Pettis, RN, MSN Manager of Wellness and Recovery ValueOptions Maryland.

Come and hear a presentation by Jackie Pettis, ValueOptions Maryland on the "Stamp Out Stigma (SOS)" campaign. ValueOptions is the nation's largest independent behavioral health and wellness company. ValueOptions Maryland provides care to people served by the

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA).

Currently, ValueOptions is spearheading the SOS initiative to remove the stigma as a barrier for persons seeking mental health care and services along their journey to recovery. SOS commits everyone to recognize that many in our community are living with mental illness and to re-educate the entire community about the facts of mental disorders. When this is done, the stigma is reduced. The SOS campaign reminds everyone to help transform the dialog on mental health from a whisper. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

## Greenbelt Baseball 2014 Registration Dates

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

Saturday, February 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

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### Area WWII Veterans Invited for DC Trips

Honor Flight Capital Region is recruiting WWII veterans who live in and around the nation's capital to participate in one of two trips scheduled for April 5 and April 26. As part of the Honor Flight Network, the D.C. metro area chapter serves veterans by organizing all-expenses-paid trips to visit the WWII Memorial on the National Mall, Arlington Cemetery, and other sites in D.C. Bus transportation will be provided for area veterans to gather with their comrades and commemorate their service to the nation.

WWII veterans in the D.C. metro area have a choice of two opportunities. Saturday, April 5 will focus on WWII veterans living in D.C. and in northern Virginia. Saturday, April 26 will focus on WWII veterans living in Southern Maryland and in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Veterans can apply for either trip online at [www.honorflightCR.org/veterans](http://www.honorflightCR.org/veterans). It is also possible to refer a veteran by going to [honorflightcr.org/greatest-generation](http://honorflightcr.org/greatest-generation). Enter the veteran's information and a representative from Honor Flight Capital Region will contact the veteran.

Applications for both trips will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. The trip is free for veterans, who will travel from a pick-up point by charter bus to the National Mall, where they will visit memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice and experience a day of honor and recognition.

### Club125 Robotic Teams Score

Last weekend, three teams of young Club125 robot engineers took their robot designs and research projects on the road to a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) regional competition held at the UMBC campus in Catonsville, Md. All three club teams did exceptionally well, especially for rookies with no experience in the three FLL judged events.

The LabraDoodles, an all-girls team, scored the club's best research project score with a presentation on natural disasters that was "very engaging and exceptionally imaginative" and the judges commented that "energy and creativity in the skit was great." Their project proposal was to create a gravity powered emergency radio that would be more affordable and reliable than existing battery powered devices.

The Feral Clowns scored a near perfect review, 33 of 36, in the robot technical design event. They also had the club's highest score for teamwork and core

values, and the highest overall team ranking. Alas, the game tables presented some unique issues that had not been expected, such as dim lighting and uneven surfaces, and most teams had low scores in the robot game. But crashing through in the second round with the high score of the day was the Green Ghouls, the youngest team to win a regional FLL award. By exceeding their coach's performance challenge, the Ghouls earned a pizza party for the club teams.

The club's FLL robotics program will now take a month off before starting their off-season meetings in March. Filling the robotics void are activities to support a busy spring calendar of exhibits at regional science and engineering festivals. Foremost among the festivals is the Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire, April 5, that will be hosted by Club125. The club is now accepting exhibit proposals and distributing free Faire tickets.

More information is available at <http://makerfairegreenbelt.com/>.



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## Police Blotter

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

### Robbery

February 2, 7:20 p.m., 5800 Cherrywood Lane. A man walking down the street was approached from behind by two unknown persons, one of whom held what was believed by the victim to be a gun to his back, announced a robbery, and obtained the man's wallet. The two suspects fled the scene on foot, and both are described as being 5'9" and 140 pounds, wearing dark clothes.

### DWI/DUI

January 31, 8:14 p.m., 9300 Edmonston Road. A 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with multiple drug and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 2, 6:59 p.m., Kenilworth Ave. at 495. A 48-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Arrest Warrants

February 3, 8:20 p.m. Arrest warrants were obtained in reference to a February 2 assault at Marshall's Department Store, 6000 Greenbelt Road, during which security guards investigating a shoplifting incident were threatened with a hypodermic syringe. Arrest warrants were obtained for a 42-year-old Washington, D.C. woman, charging her on four counts each of First Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, and Reckless Endangerment.

### Theft

January 30, 9:30 a.m., 6400

Ivy Lane. An unattended Kindle tablet was taken from a desk in an office suite.

### Theft Arrests

January 31, 10:45 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. Two teenagers, 15 and 16, from Greenbelt were arrested for theft after the 15-year-old took an unattended cellphone from a classroom in Eleanor Roosevelt High School and gave it to the 16-year-old. Both teens were released to parents pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

### Vandalism

January 30, 7:40 a.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. A bedroom window was broken out in an unknown manner by an unknown person. A person wearing a black jacket and black and red hat was observed running from the scene.

February 3, 8:20 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane. An unknown person shattered a balcony door by throwing a bottle through the glass.

February 5, 10 a.m., 6200 Springhill Court. An unknown person broke out the living room window of a residence using unknown means.

February 4, 7 a.m., 7800 Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was burned into the ceiling of a stairwell in an unknown manner by an unknown person.

### Counterfeit Money

January 30, 4:24 p.m., 5900 Greenbelt Road. Counterfeit money was used at the CVS Pharmacy. The suspect is a black male, 5'8" to 5'10", 190 pounds, wearing black jeans, black shirt, black hat, and black jacket.

February 1, 1:55 p.m., 6000

Greenbelt Road. A counterfeit bill was used at Beltway Aquarium. The suspect is a black male, 5'8", 180 pounds, wearing a blue winter hat, black shirt, black pants, and black and silver Nike shoes.

### Automotive Crime

6000 Greenbelt Road: a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, reported stolen to Prince George's County Police Department, was recovered on January 30.

6300 Ivy Lane: a white 2009 Ford Econoline van, Maryland tags 60427M4 was reported stolen on January 30.

February 2, Kenilworth Ave. and 495: A 48-year-old Silver Spring man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft during the investigation of a motor vehicle accident. The 2009 Ford Econoline E-450 had been reported stolen to Prince George's County Police Department. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The following thefts occurred between February 1 and February 3: 7600 Greenbelt Road (purse removed from car while owner pumped gas); 6900 Hanover Parkway (hand tools and phone chargers); 7800 Somerset Court (camera and purse).

At 7800 Somerset Court, an unknown person rummaged through an unlocked vehicle, but took nothing.

On February 2, at 6000 Springhill Drive, two tires were punctured by an unknown person; and at 400 Ridge Road, an unknown person slashed three tires.

## Selective Protection Good For Trees and Beavers

by Susan Harris

The tree-protection project at Greenbelt Lake was in full force Saturday morning, with 26 volunteers coming out to install wire around trees to protect them from beaver damage.

This joint project of Greenbelt Public Works and CHEARS was directed by Brian Townsend of Public Works, and CHEARS volunteer coordinator Alex Palmer. Townsend explained that the first trees targeted for protection are those closest to the path – for safety reasons – and then the slower-growing, most valuable trees, like white oaks. He's also encouraging homeowners near the lake to come out and learn how to protect the trees on their own property.

There's been some discussion locally about going after the beavers directly, even killing them, but Townsend quickly comes to the defense of the controversial critters. Studies show that beavers can increase the variety of plants, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians, as well as mammals such as water voles, otters and shrews, producing as much as a four-fold increase in biodiversity, versus comparable

areas without them. That's because the dams they build create ponds and wetlands that provide critical habitat.

On the other hand, they fell a lot of trees, and increasingly so around Greenbelt Lake. Their reasons for doing that are varied, too: to eat the cambium and in season, the leaves, and to build their dams, thus, the need for protecting the trees.

After these two beaver-deterrent projects, there will be another volunteer event in the spring to cut away English ivy from trees. The problems with ivy on trees are many, including:

- Ivy provides the ideal home for harmful insects, including gypsy moths.

- Its sheer weight can kill smaller trees, like dogwoods.

- When allowed to grow more than 10 feet or so vertically, it matures, changes form and makes berries, which are then distributed by birds.

*Garden writer, blogger and coach Susan Harris moved to Greenbelt in late 2011 and created Greenbelt Live in order to get to know people here. This article was originally published on Greenbelt Live.*



**CHEARS Volunteer Coordinator Alex Palmer, left, and Brian Townsend of the Public Works Department explain to volunteers the morning's program for caging trees.**

**Photo by Susan Harris.**

# Dress for Safety Wear White At Night

## In Response to Weather Predictions Residents Make Preparations

It looks like we are in for a significant storm (10-12" of snow), so as you rush out to get the milk and eggs, consider a few other things in your preparation.

The following is a great summary of things to consider in advance of winter storms with potential power outages.

Here are a few things to consider:

**Before the storm:**

1. Fuel up all vehicles – if power is out, gas stations won't work

2. Get cash – ATM's may not work for days

3. Get extra fuel for your generator

4. Get extra wood for your fireplace (covered and accessible near the door)

5. Start the generator, and make sure it is working, run for about 10 minutes

6. Fill up some extra water jugs – if using larger barrels, add some bleach (Google for correct amount). You will need water for drinking as well as running the toilets. (at least 1 gal per person per day – get at least 3 days worth)

7. Make contact with a few friends to find out if they have a generator, and make arrangements to join them if your power goes out, or invite others to come over to your place if their power goes out. Phones may not work when power is out, so make arrangements to go over without advance notification.

8. Find your candles, lanterns, and flashlights – making sure the battery powered items have good batteries. Place matches with candles, and away from children. Get extra batteries.

10. Especially, if you have babies and small children, make arrangements to go to a friend's home, that may have power – there is no need to have children get sick. The friend with power will probably be in another section of town. If you haven't made friends yet, you are welcome at my place. I will have power and heat.

11. Locate your sleeping bags and extra blankets. In case you shift to a warmer room, or to a friend's home.

12. Find your battery powered radio – have extra batteries nearby.

13. Get any needed medications or medical supplies.

14. Know where your first aid kit is.

15. Charge your cell phone and extra battery if you have one.

16. Get at least a few day's supply of non-perishable food.

17. Find gloves and headgear for every member of the family.

18. Make sure you have plenty of food, water and facilities for "warmth" for your pets that are kept outdoors.

19. Do laundry ahead of time – it may be days before power returns.

20. Find your snow shovels and ice scrapers, and salt – for those steps.

21. Make sure you know which of your friends have 4-wheel drive vehicles, if you have to travel, or get stuck.

22. Find your sleds—the kids will be home...

**After the Power Goes Out:**

1. Don't open the freezer—the food will stay frozen for a few days, if the door is kept closed. Once the freezer starts to melt, transfer more expensive items to an ice chest and stick outside.

2. Minimize the opening of the refrigerator, to keep it cool as long as possible – again transfer items to an ice chest stored outside, to keep cool, once the refrigerator is no longer cool.

3. Dress in layers, to keep warm. Dress extra warmly when going outside, so you don't get chilled.

4. If working outside, do not work until you sweat—take breaks frequently. Avoid getting your inner layers of clothing wet, from sweat. Do not work so hard that you have a heart attack – save some shoveling for the next day.

5. Avoid running the toilets too frequently – save the flushing for "#2". Keep extra milk jugs filled with water in the bathroom, and show others how to refill the tank after each flush.

6. Keep a list on the fridge, and periodically add items to the list, of things you intend to "fix" once things get back to normal—so you are better prepared the next time.

7. Stretch out the number of days between showers, to conserve hot water. Keep showers very short.

8. Minimize candle use, and keep them up, away from

children, and protected from nearby flammable items, in case they fall over.

9. Look for opportunities to assist friends and neighbors.

10. When running the generator, put it outside – NOT in the garage. Fumes are deadly, and can find their way into the house.

11. Don't use cooking ranges for heating – with the open flame and carbon monoxide.

12. Minimize cell phone use – to conserve batteries.

13. If using extension cords outside, place the cord connections inside a large zip-lock bag, and tape closed.

14. If power is out and you have to leave your house for a few days – make sure the main water valve is turned off – in case your pipes freeze and burst, you don't want your basement filling with water.

15. Don't travel without a cell phone.

Also, have a camera, for taking pictures of the beautiful snow . . . and kids sledding.

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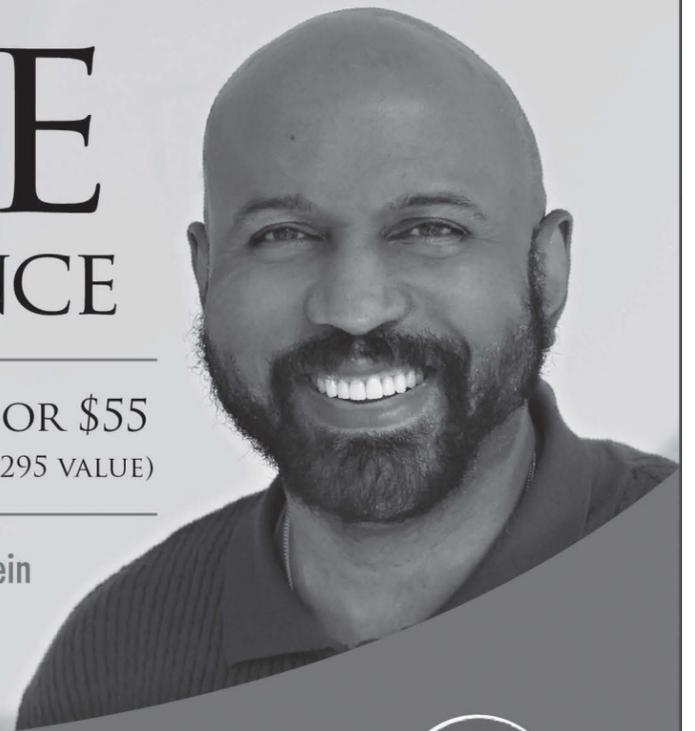
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# Greenbelt Community Foundation Seeks Grant Proposals

by Marat Moore

For eight years, the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has funded grassroots projects twice a year in the arts, education, environmental preservation and community enhancement that “celebrate, respect, and build upon the legacy and best ideals of Greenbelt.”

The next application deadline is April 15 for the summer funding cycle, with the selection of funded projects announced in July.

“We’re looking for smaller groups with great ideas,” said Marsha Voigt, a member of the GCF advisory board.

Those great ideas have come from everywhere in Greenbelt. The GCF has provided grant support for diverse initiatives: the launch of the Greenbelt Farmers Market, bathroom renovation at the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Ridge Writers Iguauna Review, a youth animation program, dance projects, the Ladies of Charity Food Bank and a robotics project at Club 125. Funds also helped Girl Scouts plant trees and supported a CampFire USA computer education program, Friends of Still Creek, the Green Man Festival, community workshops and the Lady Angels basketball team.

“We’re not limited in the number of projects we fund,” Voigt said, and noted that the project only needs to benefit “a segment of the community, not the entire city.”

Guidelines for applying and the application form are on the foundation’s website, [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net). The foundation will hold a grantwriting workshop on March 10 to help potential applicants prepare their funding



The Greenbelt Community Foundation provided start-up funds to support the creation of the Greenbelt Farmers Market, which benefits a broad segment of the Greenbelt community.

proposals for submission in April. Watch for a future announcement about the workshop location.

The GCF is interested in new grassroots initiatives and generally does not provide funds for organizational operating support. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 each, and are designed primarily for projects that can be completed in a year or less. The GCF monitors the completion of funded projects and requires final reports from grantees.

The foundation gives grants only to nonprofit groups. Applicants who do not have 501(c)3 status must list on their application a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that can act as their financial agent.

Voigt has some tips for ap-

plicants. “Read the application carefully. At the bottom it says that additional information will not be helpful, which is another way of asking applicants to be thorough but concise in filling out the application.”

In their grant selection, Voigt

says the GCF looks for projects with clear and feasible goals.

“We want to know how the plan will be implemented,” she said. “Who are the participants and where do they live?”

The GCF was established in 2006 to serve as a permanent en-

dowment fund to support worthwhile projects in Greenbelt. Most foundations use only 5 percent of their endowment funds available for grants, but the GCF uses up to 50 percent of available funds for grants with the other half invested to build the fund for the future.

To date the foundation has received roughly \$270,000 in contributions from Greenbelt citizens, business owners and governmental organizations. Nearly \$100,000 of this has been reinvested in the Greenbelt community through grant awards.

Not only does the GCF fund only local projects, it depends on local donations to keep the grant process going.

“A donation to GCF is an investment in Greenbelt,” she said. “We need people to make new pledges and fulfill the pledges they have made. We’re also doing outreach to businesses for support.”

In return, the GCF plans to increase “the opportunities to have fun,” Voigt said.

“We want people to know that the foundation is a cool place where you can get your ideas supported.”

For more information, visit [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net) or email [info@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.net).

## Join Lake Artemesia Bird Walk Thursday

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 20 at 3 p.m. The 2.2 mile trail 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 and no reservations are required for this free event. Binoculars are suggested. For more information call David Mozurkewich at 301-509-2212 or email [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net).

## Learn How Wildlife Survives the Cold

Ever stare out the window on a winter day and wonder how the animals survive frigid temperatures? On Sunday, February 16 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Patuxent Research Refuge will present a program about different ways animals survive until the warmth of spring arrives. This program for all ages will be inside and outside, so dress for a winter walk.

Public programs at the refuge are free but advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

## Watkins Nature Center Offers Kids Programs

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is offering a variety of programs with activities that encourage youth to learn about and connect with nature.

On Friday, February 14 at 2 p.m. the program will be a discovery hike for ages 4 and up. Also on Saturday, February 15 at 10 a.m. there will be a Nature Craft Program for ages 2 to 10. At these events children will meet some of the center’s animals, discover how the animals survive in the winter, learn about the animal’s habits and characteristics, listen to stories, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on a hike, and make crafts.

There is a nominal fee per child and reservations are required.

For more information call 301-218-6702. This is an ongoing series of programs that continues throughout the month of February.

## Free Kids Dance Workshop Offered

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**Emmanuel Brooks, left, and Cedric Mitchell spar in a night of fun and fitness.**

## Springhill Lake Rec Center Holds Family Fitness Night

by Yevgeniy Trapeznikov

A portion of the gym's floor was lined with mats along which kids could compete in hamster ball racing. Across the room a sizeable inflatable ring was installed to serve as a fighting arena for sparring pairs with bats and helmets. Nearby other kids practiced shooting balls at the inflatable basketball stand.

Last Friday's event in the facility on Cherrywood Lane marked the start of the third season of the family fitness program in Greenbelt.

The gym at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center holds a Family Fit Night (FFN), a quarterly youth program offered by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

The program is intended to provide an opportunity and facility for school children to enjoy different sport activities in winter time when playing outdoors is problematic.

In July 2007 then-assistant director of recreation Julie McHale, who is also a member of the group Coalition for a Healthy Maryland, started the campaign Get Active Greenbelt. A year later, she launched another one - Be Happy Be Healthy. Both initiatives are intended to help combat childhood obesity.

Frank Jones, one of the recreation coordinators, who acted as an umpire and safety instructor that night, said that the program was inspired by first lady Michelle Obama's drive to combat childhood obesity and piggybacked on the initiatives pioneered by McHale about five years earlier.

"When I was growing up, a lot of activities we are involved in were done outside. We were not stuck in front of computers, playing video games," said Brian Butler, another recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake. "We are just trying to encourage families to come out and get in better shape, keep the kids active," Butler explained the program's goals.

Taisha Small, who came on Friday with her two children, 17 and 9, said that she liked the idea that "gives kids opportunity to do some sports when it is cold outside."

Small also noted that it helps

to "keep kids out of trouble, keep them off the street. I enjoy my kids coming here."

Butler and Jones are doing their best to try to understand what intrigues and attracts different children.

"Often, this court is filled with high school students who like to play basketball but we alternate activities to get more age groups involved," said Butler.

Activities, which FFN offers, include hula hoop dance, football toss, speed shooting drills, inflatable orb racing, jump rope, free throws, etc. Children were also served fresh fruit slices and soft drinks.

But among about 40 predominantly middle school students that night, two competitions were the most popular.

"My favorite competition is fighting with bats and helmet. I am a competitive person. I like to compete and win," said Barly Kanu, 14.

Jibria Thompson, 11 years old, who participated in the FFN for the first time, said that most of all she liked hamster ball.

"I'm so happy that my friend told me about this [FFN]. It is nice that we come here and have fun," said Thompson.

Although recreation coordinators want to have more parents involved, not many were able to attend as some had to work several jobs.

"They [parents] love the fact their kids can come hang out with us, have fun. They know their kids are safe here. But such fact is a curse and a blessing at the same time," said Butler, meaning that parents do not feel the urge to come along. "Now our objective is to get more parents to attend and see what they can bring in."

The department also works to engage the Hispanic community of Greenbelt. The Hispanic population in Franklin Park has large demographics but has not been actively participating in the events like that. To enhance community awareness of the activities, the fliers have recently gone bilingual and now the copies are delivered to residents' homes in both English and Spanish.



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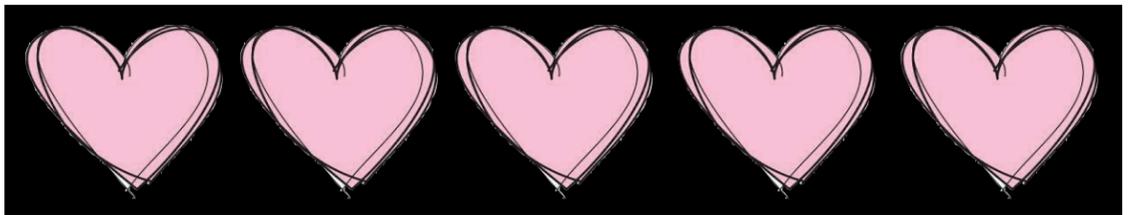


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**Soups On**

On Thursday, February 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will hold a free cooking demonstration: Soup's On, by Adrienne Cook, gardening specialist and Danielle Cook Navidi, nutritionist. Not just a staple of winter, soups do double duty in the spring - transitioning from hearty to the lighter, cool soups of summer. Join the Cook Sisters for fresh ideas on how to liven up soups with the tasty crops of spring. Please note: This program will be offered at 12 p.m. and repeated at 12:45 p.m. This program will take place in the Conservatory Garden Court. No pre-registration is required.

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On Thursday, February 20 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. the University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of a free program, Music, Mali and Citizen Diplomacy: A Performance and Discussion with special musical guests trio Da Kali. Taking part in this event will be Malian Hip-Hop Artist mixing tradition instruments and modern sounds, Amkoullé, Trio Da Kali member and balafon player, Fode Lassana Diabate, Voice of America African Music Radio Host, producer and ethnomusicologist, Heather Maxwell, Grammy-winning music producer and ethnomusicologist, Lucy Duran, and UMD School of Public Policy Professor specializing in International Development Ethics and Democratization and Moderator, David Crocker.

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# LOVE NOTES

My dearest Shobha, what can I give?  
 You've showed me how to smile, what  
 to say, how to live. So I give you this  
 poem for all you have done And I hope  
 that you know that you are the one.  
 Happy Valentine's Day!

Lil Dan,  
 Weights are heavy  
 Jumping Jacks hard  
 Thanks for running me  
 through the paces,  
 You are just great!

Altoria

To my precious wife of 25 years,  
 Lucy, the best in my life.

Clay Jr.

To my daughter Maria of 22 years,  
 The most beautiful sound I ever heard.  
 Say it loud and there is music playing.  
 Say it soft, and it is almost like praying.

Maria,  
 I never stop saying Maria.  
 She helps people who need love  
 The most in a nursing home.  
 I'm so proud of her.

Clay Jr.

Feets,  
 Together for always  
 Your sweet babou

PP  
 Absence makes the heart grow fonder!

BB

Dogged Love  
 Pleading doe eyes lock my orbs for the  
 pleasure feat.

Lola, Eva and that easy boy, Frisco.  
 Hind quarters quiver, nostrils flare with  
 anticipation.  
 Weary Ferguson, rouses. That they will  
 be grazed.

Lust. Blatant for my Ol' Roy meat.  
 Moxie, Roxie, Max Saturday mornings  
 at Sunoco.  
 Lips smack teeth clack in sequential  
 participation.  
 Even Ruby, yes. Undying adoration not  
 fazed.

Cursed Dane! The approach of his  
 heavy feet.  
 Real love, instantly seduced my loves  
 flee and go.  
 Prostrating unabashed, magical elixir  
 exhalation.  
 Et tu, Tara, Mokie, Mr. Bean?  
 Cuckhold to Slim Jims pleased.

Earl H. Kepler

Happy Valentine's Day  
 To all News Review staff for the wonder-  
 ful job done throughout the years  
 serving our Greenbelt Community.

Happy Valentine's Day  
 To all our Greenbelt neighbors!  
 Love, Bill and Shobha

Dear Bill,  
 Happy Valentine's Day to  
 The love of my life!  
 I'm so grateful for all  
 The love all these years.  
 Yours always, Shobha

Michael, Margie, Ben  
 And Abram,  
 I love you, you rock.

Love Iona

To Mommy and Daddy  
 I love you

From Caelan

Dear Leah,  
 Your cheeks are red,  
 And so is your head!  
 Your eyes are blue,  
 And so are you!

Love, Dinah

To Leah from Michael  
 Seiton sure is tasty  
 It is good when it is basty  
 It is not hasty  
 For me to say I love you!

To Dinah from Michael  
 I love you more than  
 Hedwig loves a dead rat!

The Marrython began a decade ago  
 The magic began in a warehouse  
 We went out to lunch  
 You knocked over the punch  
 And then we began on the trail

I huffed & I puffed to blow down your  
 house  
 I thought it might not be done  
 In a park we took the oath  
 Then came a child to charm us both  
 And the Marrython is still my center.

To Robert from Sylvia  
 It was snowing when we wed in '54  
 We ate the cake & drank the wine  
 For 55 years, through rain & shine  
 You have always been my Valentine

Dear David: It has been 22 years since  
 we stood before a judge in Upper Marl-  
 boro on Valentine's Day. Since then, we  
 have celebrated births and marriages,  
 grieved over deaths and divorces. We  
 have experienced the highs and lows of  
 illnesses and recoveries. We have trav-  
 eled the world to learn about different  
 cultures and customs. Each day has  
 brought us closer together in support  
 of family, community and country.  
 For 22 years, I have been fortunate to  
 experience your abiding love. You are  
 my best friend, my wonderful husband,  
 and my truest valentine. Love always.  
 Mashe.

JHJ to E.D.D.  
 Love Grows!

Happy Valentine's Day to all  
 from the oldest News Review carrier,  
 John Henry.

Since Valentine's Engagement  
 1971, love grows. E.

Dear Greenbelt Volunteers  
 Thanks for making it all possible!  
 You're the best.

Barry,  
 You are unique  
 You are caring and  
 You are the best. And I am so lucky to  
 have you in my life!  
 Happy Valentine's Day from a fabulous  
 drummer's wife!  
 "and the heartBEAT go on...and the  
 heartBEAT goes on...la la la"  
 I love you, Rebecca

I love you LuckyOne & LuckyToo  
 Chew it up or Soak it up  
 in The News Review



Sylvia,  
 You are the star  
 Which points the way,  
 The moon which lights  
 The night, and the  
 Sun which warms the day.  
 Will you be my Valentine?

Robert

Dear 7-J  
 I still think you are divine  
 As we celebrate our second Valentine!  
 Love, 60-J

To my Zumba Girl:  
 Even more than my Cheerios (you  
 know – plain with a few Honey Nuts  
 sprinkled on top)  
 It's thinking about seeing you that gets  
 me up in the morning. I could live  
 without my Cheerios, but I can't even  
 imagine living without you.  
 All my love, Bicycle Boy.

Mi querida Anita:  
 El calor de tu sonrisa alimenta mi alma  
 y la luz de tus ojos me guia por la vida.  
 Cuando pienso de ti y de nosotros jun-  
 tos, siento un explosion de energia y  
 felicidad. Haces el todo posible. Eres  
 mi primer y unico amor. Marcos.

My Sweet Darling Lisa  
 I love when you're in my arms  
 When we're apart I miss ya  
 I'm captivated by your charms!  
 We love our trips across the seas  
 To far in between them it seems  
 Cherishing our special memories  
 And sharing our hopes and dreams!  
 Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart!

Love, your Thomas

We've come together from many places  
 Bringing our talents and skills!  
 We keep the smiles on our faces  
 And overcome problems with our  
 strong wills!  
 If you were checking us out on Yelp,  
 You would know where to get the best  
 help  
 Because if there's a problem that needs  
 fixing,  
 You can count on Team Dixon!

If you rank families by order  
 You'd know it's great to be a Foerter  
 There are no clans above  
 When it comes to support, laughter and  
 love!  
 A happy occasion or a time to cry  
 At your side they'll be standing by  
 Whatever you need, they will help out  
 So I'm giving my family a Valentine's  
 Shout out!!  
 We love and miss you Dad!

Love Tom

NBS  
 You know I am from Athens Georgia  
 the state not Greece  
 And you? Tacoma Park, New Haven,  
 NYC, and DC  
 How we both ended up in Greenbelt  
 At the New Deal Café – Labor Day?  
 Fate, chance or something else,  
 Who can really say?  
 No matter the answer,  
 I'm happy to say...I love you!  
 I know it doesn't rhyme  
 but that's probably OK

HHS

You are retired  
 And can finally relax  
 I'm enjoying every moment  
 And love you to the max!

Zoe, red dog,  
 You're such a nut  
 We love you  
 Every time you wag your butt.

Ode To The Woods  
 I have walked with you when your  
 leaves  
 Were flush with summer  
 When I walk in you  
 I get younger and younger  
 I have sat in your midst when  
 The red dawn is breaking  
 You greeted my eyes  
 That are just now waking  
 I have treaded your paths that  
 Lead to places unknown  
 So many treasured secrets  
 You have shown  
 Your are my maiden  
 And my lady too  
 So many more walks  
 I would love to take through you.

The Path of Heart  
 The charm of her winding  
 The quiet of her breath  
 She lets me for awhile  
 Take a deep inner rest.  
 She takes me to the edge of all  
 I want to feel  
 Sweet mother earth  
 She makes it so real!

To my secret love:  
 We talk from time to time  
 And I think we have fun  
 I'd like to get to know  
 If perhaps you're the one.  
 But I'm a bit timid.  
 Please give me a sign  
 I'm hoping next year  
 We'll be Valentines.

- Shy guy

To JJ,  
 Roses are red, violets are blue  
 I bet everybody wishes  
 They had a JJ just like you.

Ammy

To Daddy  
 From Kellen  
 You go to work all day  
 But I like it when you stay and play  
 Because you're the best dad.

To Lulu  
 From Kman  
 I like green  
 You like blue  
 That's not bad  
 It's good, like you

To Kman  
 From Iz  
 Roses are red  
 Violets are blue  
 It sure is fun  
 To play with you!

To Lulu  
 From Iz  
 I like red  
 You like blue  
 You're the best  
 Sister too!

To Dad  
 From Iz  
 You're the coolest dad.  
 You're good, not bad.  
 You do cool tricks.  
 You like chocolate and twix.

To Iz  
 From Kman  
 Roses are red.  
 Violets are blue.  
 Flowers are pretty  
 And so are you.

Jman –  
 Murray, Murray you're so furry.  
 We always seem to be in a hurry.  
 Never time to have a talk  
 Or go on one of our splendid walks.  
 Three kids, a house, friends, and pets,  
 A luckier fellow I don't think I've met.  
 Plus you've got me or I've got you,  
 Or we've got each other that's true.  
 Just your know that from the start,  
 That I love you with all my heart.  
 Happy Valentine's Day, lover.

Super Kids (AKA Our Dearest Izzy,  
 Kellen and Lucy)  
 You are so very smart and cutesy  
 Your laughter floats upon the breeze  
 And tickles leaves up in the trees.  
 You like to always torment each other,  
 We're surprised we're still a sane father  
 and mother.  
 Sometimes we'd like to shoot your with  
 darts  
 But just know we love you with all our  
 hearts.

Love Mom and Dad  
 AKA Super Mom  
 and Super Dad

To Mom  
 From Iz  
 She cooks  
 She reads us books  
 And I like the way  
 Her hair looks.

To my best friend, wife, doctor, maid,  
 teacher, mother and lover,  
 Despite being outnumbered 3-2,  
 we still make a winning team,  
 14 years and counting.  
 You are amazing, and I love you.

Jdblockhead

Nina,  
 It may be like ice out,  
 But my heart warms for you.  
 The snow may be blowing  
 But I still love you true.

XCM

To My Lover –  
 Happy Valentine's Day

BMG

Carolyn,  
 You are, and always have been,  
 The star to this wandering bark,  
 Though cloud-obscured and  
 tempest-swept,  
 My Southern Cross,  
 my ever-fixed mark.  
 Through 25 years and 100 seasons  
 There are three offspring  
 and countless reasons  
 To put in verse and ask in rhyme –  
 Will you be my Valentine?

Kevin

Happy Valentine's Day  
 to my wonderful husband, Bert,  
 and to our little birdie, Bouncy.  
 Thanks for all your love!

Emily

Apollo my cat  
 Sits on my lap  
 Sleeps under the covers  
 Yowls for his dinner and quietly purrs.  
 You're the best!

JS

