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GHI Board Deals with Home Improvement Choices, Funding

by Diane Oberg

On Thursday, December 4, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors decided which home improvements they will recommend for members to approve for installation in all homes. Members will vote on these options at a special membership meeting in the spring.

The board also discussed how to deal with residency requirements for unit rentals where the legal members of a unit reside in the unit for only part of the year.

Improvements Program

The details of how the non-replacement reserve improvements would be funded are still to be worked out. The Finance Committee is working on recommendations for the board's consideration. In addition, although estimated prices were included in the analysis used for this meeting (developed by the Buildings Committee), Treasurer Chuck Hess pointed out that actual costs will not be known until GHI puts the program out to bid.

The board had discussed the options in detail at a work session with the Buildings Committee on October 30. There was little additional discussion of the options at the December 4 meeting, with GHI President Steve Skolnik polling board members as to whether each item should be mandatory or optional and then taking a vote to approve the total package.

In the end, few items were approved to be recommended for installation in all houses; most

will be recommended for installation at the member's option.

Home Types

For brick homes: the items suggested for installation in all units were: air seal attic perimeter and insulate and install gaskets around attic hatches. Offer at member's option: blown-in attic insulation, installation of bathroom vent fans and installation of casement windows. An option mentioned, but not decided, was whether to offer members the opportunity to install casement windows over the kitchen sink in a unit where all other windows were being replaced with sliders or double hung windows. This option would eliminate the need for members to get a ladder or climb up onto their kitchen counter to unlock or lock this window.

For block homes: all improvements to the block homes will be presented as optional. These include installing vinyl siding over 2-inch insulation, installation of bathroom vent fans and installation of casement windows. (Sliding windows will be provided under the replacement reserve program.)

For frame homes: recommend for all units: air seal attic perimeter, insulate and install gaskets around attic hatches and install insulating hatch covers and pull-down stairs. Offer at member's option: blown-in attic insulation, installation of bathroom vent fan and vinyl siding over exterior insulation.

The board has not yet decided whether to require all members, or at least two adjacent members in a row, to install the insulation to gain consistency in the thickness of the exterior walls and to avoid gaps between units.

One open issue with the bathroom fans was how they would be vented. This issue was not decided at this meeting. The Buildings Committee and the consultant working with GHI on the program recommended venting the fans through the roofs on the brick and frame buildings. A number of board members expressed concern about punching holes through the roofs.

Prior to voting on the package of recommendations, Skolnik invited members to voice their opinions. The package passed by an eight to one vote, with Director Aaron Marcavitch opposed. Although he supported the program, he disagreed with some decisions as to what should be optional vs. installed in all units.

Effect on Charges

Two members raised concerns about the impact of these improvements on member charges, particularly for those on fixed incomes.

Insulation options attracted a fair amount of member attention. Rodney Roberts opposed exterior insulation on frame units. He said that it would not insulate the structure but could trap moisture.

Theodora Scaroto, of Hillside,

See GHI, page 7

American Education Week

In celebration of American education, these columns have been telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. For the final week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Organized by Lisa Zammuto, the stories feature teachers or staff members at each school. David Lange, who originated the series, assisted.

War Veteran Manion Is Also a Veteran Teacher

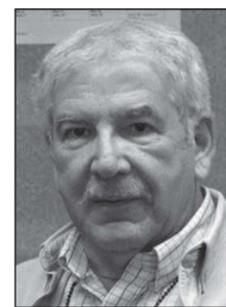
by Edgar Guerrero

A person's interests can take them almost anywhere imaginable, whether it be a battlefield as a journalist or a classroom as a teacher. William Manion was able to experience events that most teachers would not face.

Born in Lockhead, N.Y., Manion is the second eldest of five children. He attended a small college outside of Pittsburgh, St. Vincent College.

"It only had about 800 students total, which was perfect for me because I was an average student in high school. Being in a college that small with English classes that had 10 to 15 people, I needed that so I had to do my work. I couldn't hide in a class with 1,000 people like some schools, so it worked out well for me," Manion said.

Originally Manion had not



William Manion

set out to become a teacher. When entering college, he was planning on majoring in liberal arts but that changed to English. After graduating college, Manion sought journalistic career opportunities because of his passion for writing. But after working as a journalist, he got the idea of becoming a teacher.

"I had a couple of teachers I thought were really good and I wanted to be like them," he said. But I also had this one teacher that was so different and difficult that I wanted to be the opposite of her because she was so strict, plus I like working with people. To begin with, I didn't know what I wanted to do - I was a late bloomer," said Manion.

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Kovach Says Teachers Changed her Life Path

by Nebeyu Mesfin

Meghan Kovach has been a math teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) for seven years. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and moved to Towson, Md., at the age of 10. After graduating from Dulaney High School, she went on to attend the University of Maryland College Park. With a double major in mathematics and secondary education at UMCP, Kovach graduated in 2008.

Kovach loves working with kids. Growing up she took jobs around kids, including positions as a swim coach and a Sunday school teacher.

She says one important reason she teaches is because she believes that having a good teacher "makes the biggest difference in development." This belief is based on her own experience in high school, where she was taught by amazing teachers who "really changed" her "path in



Meghan Kovach

life," one of the most influential being her physics teacher.

Kovach says that math "came naturally" to her as she was growing up, which is why she chose to major in math. Kovach taught the 8th grade for four years, eventually moving on to teach high school math at ERHS. She

now teaches Advanced Algebra S/T, Algebra 1 common core and Honors Trigonometry.

Kovach says the best feeling during teaching is "having a good day with her students" and "seeing them make great progress," more specifically when students make connections and really understand what is going on during class. Seeing students graduate and "become amazing people" is what keeps her motivated to teach. She likes to keep contact with her students, keeping bonds made during former years.

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New Year's Party Offers Zero Waste And Plenty of Good Entertainment

by Konrad Herling

The third New Year's Evening with Friends Show, a program that celebrates the arts and creative ideas bringing the community together, will occur at the Greenbelt Arts Center, beginning at 8:30 p.m. and concluding with a singing of Auld Lang Syne on the mall at midnight. The event strives to be a zero waste management program so everything from decorations to tableware will be consistent with that goal. Helping to welcome patrons will be Sparky the Fire Dog, the Pollinators, last seen in the Labor Day Parade and the friendly Greenbelt Lion. The committee is also working to secure a police officer or two who also play a musical instrument so stay tuned for next week's article.

Artists returning from last year will be Emmett Jordan on guitar,



Glenn Harris on base, Jan Knutson on guitar and Konrad Herling on piano. Additionally, a few of the short videos from the Utopia Film Festival should get the imagination and laughter going, as well as a talented magician, Matt. In the works is a short robot/technical presentation from kids involved with Maker Space.

There will be dancing in the halls of the Arts Center as well, as folks get their limbs ready to ascend to the Roosevelt Center Mall where our group will sing Auld Lang Syne at midnight.

Don't forget, those attending will have an opportunity to contribute to the Friends of the Greenbelt theater's fundraising efforts that will enable an installation of a reel-to-reel 35mm projector system for the historic movie theater. This system would allow the Greenbelt theater to showcase the very best films from archives across the D.C. metro area and beyond.

For more details about the event or to make reservations, call Konrad at 301-345-9369.

What Goes On

The city offices will be closed on December 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Editorial

Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings

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

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

In the past there have been confusion and also some instances of wrongdoing by non-carriers misusing old donation envelopes. Another confusion may occur to people who receive more than one paper. To resolve the problem, we now include the current year on the envelopes—please make sure the envelope has 2014 on it for your News Review carrier.

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

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



THE CHILDREN OF GREENBELT ALL WANT THE SAME THING THIS YEAR... SNOW DAYS!

PETER REPERT

Letters to the Editor

Three Year Wait?

Seven years ago, the city council approved a 62-page document called the "Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines," and it created a nine-member Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) to recommend policies based on the document. Since then, FPAB has interpreted those guidelines to mean zero maintenance and zero management – a view championed by the council's liaison to the FPAB, Rodney Roberts.

At the November 24 city council meeting, the council apparently agreed that the policy of zero maintenance and management was not appropriate by agreeing to hire professional forest ecologists to evaluate the preserve's health and make recommendations. The problem is that the evaluation process is expected to take at least three years, probably longer.

During this period, the council seriously weakened protections of the preserve by banning the city manager from issuing permits to volunteer groups, supervised by a qualified expert, to begin removing some invasive plants that have made deep inroads into the preserve.

Unless the council revisits the issue, the most sensitive parts of the preserve are likely to be overwhelmed by two particularly aggressive invasives, stilt grass and English ivy.

The first picture shows a blanket of stilt grass that has destroyed a beautiful valley of ferns on the perimeter of Greenbelt Park, which is located on the opposite side of Route 193 from Greenbelt. The second picture is taken in the heart of Greenbelt's North Woods, the



PHOTO BY WILLIS WITTER

English ivy, climbing trees, where it produces seeds for distribution into the Forest Preserve.

most sensitive part of the preserve. There are more than 50 trees with similar straightjackets of English ivy that tower to heights of up to 50 feet. The ivy towers are not readily visible from any of the established trails in the preserve, so perhaps no one is aware of the extent of this infestation.

I note that Damien Ossi, a biologist with the D.C. Department of the Environment, attempted to organize volunteers to remove stilt grass and English ivy in three outings this past fall – September, October and November. Somehow, a majority on the FPAB, through back channel contacts with city government, managed to have all three events canceled.

On November 24, the city council banned any projects such as those envisioned by Mr. Ossi, who had coordinated his plans with city staff. As stated earlier, the ban on invasive plant management projects approved by the city manager is likely to last for at least three years.

The city council can always revisit this issue but I am not

optimistic. As on the FPAB, a majority on the council seems skeptical that invasives pose an immediate threat to the preserve.

My hope is that the voters of Greenbelt take the city's policy of zero management and maintenance of the Forest Preserve into account when Greenbelt holds its next election this fall.

Willis Witter

Misleading

On two separate occasions, Mr. Willis Witter has submitted to the News Review a photo of English ivy, to demonstrate that this invasive is overrunning the Greenbelt Forest Preserve but the first photo he submitted was on city land behind his house on Empire Place and last week's photo was the GHI woods off Ridge Road.

This is very misleading since both photos were not in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and seem to be a scare tactic to urge immediate action rather

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Correction

In the continuation article on the council meeting of November 24 (page 1) that appeared in the December 11 issue we reported that council approved a request by Councilmember Rodney Roberts that an issue be referred to the Ethics Commission. Actually, council did not approve the request, but agreed to discuss it at an executive session. The topic raised by Roberts will be considered at an executive session scheduled on December 22.

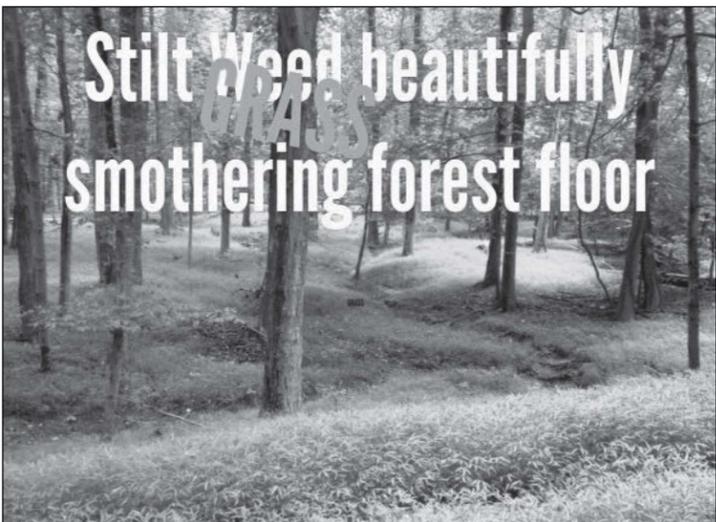


PHOTO BY ALISON BECK

Stilt grass in Greenbelt Park.



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 25 issue. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m.

Carriers Needed

News Review Routes in Franklin Park, \$10 wk. Call Arlene Clarke at 240-988-3351

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Community Events



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

This natural arrangement that graces the front porch of Mary Lou Williamson's home provides whimsy for the holidays.

At the Library

Saturday, December 20: 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11, helping them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call 301-345-5800 for more information.

All Prince George's County library branches will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays. The Greenbelt library will reopen on Friday, December 26 at 10 a.m.

All libraries also will be closed on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1 for the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day holidays. The Greenbelt library will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 10 a.m.

Solstice Celebration For Forest Preserve

Join the Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Committee on Sunday, December 21. Beginning at 5 p.m. Christian Stone will lead a solstice walk in the woods to wish the Green Belt well for the next year and give thanks for this past year. Join Stone as he guides walkers into the woods for a celebration of the beauty and gifts of the forest. Meet on Northway extended near the Greenbelt Forest Preserve sign. Bring poetry or readings to share (about nature, forests, etc). Event will end roughly around 6:30 p.m. Bring a flashlight, dress for possible mud and cold.

For more information contact Susan Barnett at greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com or 443-388-2961.

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Now is the time to plan ahead in order to accommodate changes in the regular advertising and print schedule of the Greenbelt News Review. Please note the following:

Christmas Week Issue – Dated Thursday, December 25

Advertising and Copy Deadline:
MONDAY 12/22 at 8 p.m.

New Year's Week Issue – Dated Thursday, January 1

Advertising and Copy Deadline:
MONDAY 12/29 at 8 p.m.

Holiday Office Hours:

Monday 12/22 – 2 to 4 p.m.; 6 to 8 p.m.
(Tuesday 12/23 – Saturday 12/27 – CLOSED)
Monday 12/29 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6 to 8 p.m.
(Tuesday 12/30 – Saturday 1/3 – CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Monday at 8 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

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



Greenbelt Photographer Eric Zhang was on hand to capture visits with Santa at the Youth Center on December 13. Above, Angelina White (2) poses for a photo with Santa and Elf Sarah Layton.

Below, from left, Emma (7), Jack (4) and Cara Cantwell (9) pose with Santa.



GHI Notes

Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday, December 19, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday, December 22, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Thursday, December 25, OFFICE CLOSED (Christmas Day), Emergency maintenance will be available.

Friday, December 26, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency maintenance will be available.

Brenda Lewis Retires from GHI

After 18 years of employment at Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Brenda Lewis has decided to retire. She began as the executive assistant to the general manager in 1996. In 1999, she was promoted to the position of assistant to the general manager, and then to director of human resources (HR) in 2004.

A retirement party is planned on Tuesday, January 6 at 6 p.m. at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn. (See ad on page 8.)

Maesha McNeill will take over as the new HR manager when Brenda retires on January 15. McNeill brings many years of HR experience to her new position.



Democrats to Share Ideas, Hold Election

Come celebrate the holiday season with the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. Enjoy good food and conversation as membership discusses priorities for the club and upcoming activities.

The club, which just gave \$500 to the city's Emergency Fund at the recent city council meeting, is celebrating its 38th year. Its membership is growing, even as election results were discouraging. How do Democrats turn things around? What is the substance of the party's mission? How might that mission and story be best expressed?

Will the Democrats move toward a more progressive, or a more moderate, model? Come, be part of that process. Bring a dish to share with friends and, last of all, share your ideas and concerns with folks who also care about key issues of the day. An election for new officers will be held.

For more information, call 301-220-1025.

– Konrad Herling

City Notes

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff are working on the final proposal to purchase 12 new pieces of weight equipment for the fitness wing. The center is collecting Toys for Tots.

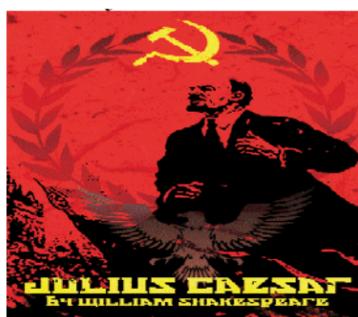
Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 31.82 tons of refuse and 14.36 tons of recyclable material.

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) staff reports 51 people traveled to New York City to see the Rockettes. The trip was organized by Barry and Mary Moien for the Golden Age Club; the bus was partially paid for by the TR budget.

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Ticket prices: \$20, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth

COMING SOON

Tales of Terror: Poe's Birthday Bash - Jan. 16-18, 2015
The Renaissance Man Clybourne Park - Jan. 30-Feb.21 - Directed by Bob Kleinberg

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

Aerotech Gutter, DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction are performing fall gutter cleaning and inspections. Inclement weather may affect the schedule but the workers plan on being in this approximate area the week beginning December 22.

Ridge Courts 69-73; Research Courts 1-9; Hillside Courts 19 & 22; & Greenhill #133

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

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



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Week Of Dec. 19

FRIDAY thru TUESDAY

The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies, PG-13 (!)*
11, 11:55, 2:30 (3D), 3:30, 6 (3D), 7, 9:30, 10:10
Annie, PG (!)*
11, 12, 1:45, 3, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10
Exodus "Gods and Kings," PG-13 (!)
11:25, 3:15 (3D), 6:30, 9:45
Night At The Museum, PG (!)*
11:30, 12:15, 1:55, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 6:50, 7:35, 9:10, 10:00
Top Five, R(!)
11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

WEDNESDAY

The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies, PG-13 (!)*
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Annie, PG (!)*
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11:30, 12:15, 1:55, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 6:50, 7:35
Top Five, R(!)
11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20
The Interview, R (preshow)
7
Unbroken, PG-13 (preshow)
7

THURSDAY

Unbroken, PG-13 (!)*
3, 6:40, 9:50
The Interview, R (!)*
2, 4:40, 7:20, 10
Night At The Museum, PG (!)*
2:20, 3, 4:40, 5:20, 7, 7:40, 9:20, 10
Annie, PG (!)
2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies, PG-13 (!)*
2:40, 6:30, 9:40
Exodus "Gods and Kings," PG-13 (!)
2:05, 6:15, 9:30
Top Five, R(!)
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

At press time we were alerted that Sony has canceled The Interview.

Obituaries

Keith M. Marshall

Longtime Greenbelter Keith Marshall died of cancer December 8 at Washington Hospital Center. He was born June 11, 1936 in Princeton, W.V., and attended the local schools. Mr. Marshall learned to play the tuba at an early age and played in the school bands, adding the string bass in college so he could play with dance bands.



He enlisted in the Navy in 1958, later going through OCS and becoming the navigator and watch officer on the USS Denebola. He joined the Naval Reserve and was a Lieutenant at the time of his discharge in the late 1960s.

Mr. Marshall worked for the State of Maryland as a public health sanitarian, specializing in water and sewer issues, food safety and rodent control. He retired in 1989 as chief of zoonosis control.

Music was always a part of his life, even during his working years, when he played tuba in the Rheinlanders polka band at Blob's Park. In retirement he joined the Greenbelt Concert Band and the University of Maryland Community Band; he also played with smaller dance and Dixieland bands and brass ensembles.

He is survived by his wife Martha, his sisters-in-law Susan and Eleanor and nephews Robert Leftwich and Troy and Brian Reynolds. Keith was predeceased by his sister, Jane Reynolds Marshall. There will be no memorial service. Arrangements are being made for burial at sea with military honors at a later date.

Donations to the Greenbelt Concert Band in memory of Mr. Marshall will be accepted by Band Director Tom Cherrix, 301-552-1444.

Cindy Frend

Long-time Greenbelt resident and News Review volunteer Cindy Frend succumbed to a fast-acting cancer on Monday,



December 15. She was an active member of the Berwyn Heights Fire Department, acting as secretary for the past 25 years. She retired from a career at Verizon and went to work at the FBI, following in her father's footsteps. She wanted to work where her father had worked. She was a proofreader for the News Review for many years.

She is survived by her son Daniel, grandson Brennan and granddaughter Caitlin, all of Glen Burnie, and her best friend Jim Davis of Greenbelt.

Services will be held on Friday, December 19 at noon at Gary K. Kaufman Funeral Home at Meadowridge Memorial Park at 7250 Washington Boulevard, ElkrIDGE. Burial will be at the Memorial Park after services. A reception will be held at the Anne Arundel County Fire Department hall at 8586 Veterans Highway in Millersville.



Unitarians Offer Christmas Events

On Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church will have a Living Nativity with Reverend Russ Savage and Worship Associate Noel Monardes, the Choir and Chalice Dancers.

The Christmas story will unfold in a spirited, no-rehearsal nativity pageant. Guests are encouraged to wear a barn animal, angel, shepherd or magi costume. Guests can also watch and be enthralled.

This is an all ages service; children and youth are invited to remain in the meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery care for the youngest is provided.

At 8 p.m., the church will offer a program Joyful Singing in Solemn Stillness with Reverend Savage, Worship Associate Monardes and the Choir and Chalice Dancers. They will be singing both new and traditional carols and telling old and true stories.

Each service will end with the traditional candlelighting ceremony. The offerings will support the Warm Nights program to shelter the homeless.

Mowatt Memorial Offers Holiday Music

Mowatt Memorial UMC invites its Greenbelt neighbors to celebrate the Joy of Christmas together at two special events.

On Sunday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. selections will be presented from the Christmas cantata Night of the Father's Love written by Pepper Choplin, led by Mowatt's Remarkable Celebration Choir. Prelude will be offered by Faith Baptist Church Praise Team and talent from Mowatt. The children from both churches will conclude the program with a tableau of the birth of Jesus. Desserts and beverages will follow.

On December 24 from 5 until 7 p.m., an outdoor live nativity will be presented with both animals and people playing the parts. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS,
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24,
6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.
Christmas Cantata, December 21, 6:30 pm

“Every man of discernment, while walking upon the earth, feeleth indeed abashed, inasmuch as he is fully aware that the thing which is the source of his prosperity, his wealth, his might, his exaltation, his advancement and power is, as ordained by God, the very earth which is trodden beneath the feet of all men.”

Baha'i Writings

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Sunday Worship
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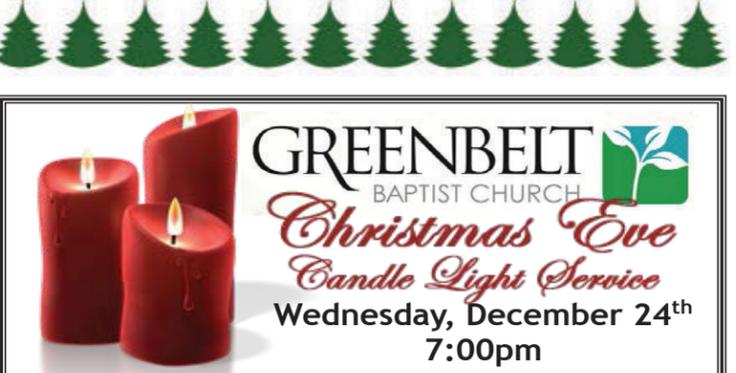
Glennye Grindstaff, Pastor

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December 21, 10 a.m.
Yule

Guest speaker Katherine Earle;
with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

On this shortest day of the year, people use this time for introspection, reflection, and family. The Norse tradition believes in "a gift for a gift." As we give our congregation the gift of support and fellowship, we will ask the gods for a gift in return as the wheel of the year turns.

Wednesday December 24, 4:30 p.m.
All-Ages service with Living Nativity
Rev. Russ Savage and Dayna Edwards, Director, Multigenerational Religious Exploration, with Worship Associate Van Summers, the Children's Choir, and the Chalice Dancers

The Christmas story will unfold in a spirited, no-rehearsal nativity pageant. Wear your own barn animal, angel, shepherd or magi costume, or one of ours, or just watch and be enthralled. The service will end with the traditional candlelight ceremony. (The offering at both Christmas Eve services will support the Warm Nights program to shelter the homeless.)

8:00 p.m.
Joyful Singing in Solemn Stillness
Rev. Russ Savage with Worship Associate Noel Monardes, the Choir and Chalice Dancers

Come, hear carols familiar and carols new, stories old and stories true. Sense the calm settling in around us on this dark night, the angels bending to sing "Peace on Earth, to all good will." The service will end with the traditional candlelight ceremony. (The offering at both Christmas Eve services will support the Warm Nights program to shelter the homeless.)

Register on Jan. 12 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its winter 12-week GED course starting Monday, January 12 and continuing through Wednesday, April 1. CARES will provide two locations for the Winter GED program. Registration for the course at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, will be on Monday, January 12 from 10 a.m. Classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon through Wednesday, April 1. This is a combined class, reviewing basic math and English skills, critical thinking and analytical skill in social studies, science and computer skills.

Registration for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, will be on Tuesday, January 13 at 10 a.m. This is a combined class for both GED 1 and GED 2 students. This class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday. GED I will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. GED II will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. The course will end on Thursday, April 2.

GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn higher level math skills, critical thinking skills, writing skills and computer skills.

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

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

Students have to be at least 16 years old to take the GED course. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland; students ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

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

Chorale Presents Program Dec. 21

The College Park Chorale, part of the College Park Arts Exchange winter events program, will hold its Winter Concert on December 21 at 7 p.m., followed by caroling.

This event takes place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.



We were saddened to learn of the death of Cindy Frend who was a News Review staff member for many years.

Condolences to friends and neighbors on the tragic death of Alvin Hargrave this week.

We were saddened to learn of the death of another member of that outstanding class of old Greenbelt High School, the Class of 1948. Winston Hazard of College Park, 83, died on October 6 at a nursing care facility in Frederick. He was retired from NSA and was active in civic affairs in College Park for many years, including serving as a member of the city's Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee from 2001 to 2013. A memorial gathering for friends and family will

be held at the Berwyn Baptist Church on Saturday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. Those wishing to attend may RSVP by calling the church secretary at 301-474-7117.

Congratulations to Tim Mullaney on his graduation from UMBC this week. Tim graduated with a degree in sociology. He is the son of Michael J. Mullaney and Sarah Powell Cooper and brother of Kerry D. Mullaney, all of Greenbelt. Tim is a former News Review carrier and Sunoco employee as well. He is currently a band member of D.O.C and Genocide Pact.

Welcome to Richard Fink, Public Works new Superintendent of Parks and Grounds.

— Kathleen McFarland

Letters to the Editor

than follow the Forest Preserve Guidelines, to first get a professional evaluation by a forest biologist or ecologist and then formulate a plan of action based on that evaluation. Unfortunately, Witter, a Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) member, does not support the Forest Preserve Guidelines and advocates action before professional evaluation. I agree with Jean Newcomb's December 11 letter to the editor, that hasty action often leads to greater environmental damage.

As a lifelong Greenbelter, roaming the woods for over 60 years, I can assure Witter that the Forest Preserve will not disintegrate without man's immediate intervention and can wait for a

well-thought-out plan of action following a professional evaluation, as supported by the majority of the FPAB members.

Bill Rich

Editor's Note: The November 20 letter from Willis Witter describes the location of the English ivy in the photo he submitted as "a half acre of woods on city-owned property behind my house." It was the newspaper staff that incorrectly identified the location as the Forest Preserve. We noted that error the following week.

Also, Witter has endorsed the long-term program for an assessment of the Forest Preserve and an appropriate plan.



City Information

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, December 22, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a personnel matter.



This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to the City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not

financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau: the funds provide refreshments for the counseling sessions.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): fund initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters at the shelter.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 22 through 26
Monday Route – Regular schedule
Tuesday Route – Regular schedule
Wednesday Route – Regular schedule
Thursday Route – Refuse only, collected Wednesday.
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 26th.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, December 27th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

WANTED: WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS!

The City of Greenbelt will be compiling Welcome Packets for new residents in January. Local businesses, groups, organizations are encouraged to provide materials to include in these packets. Flyers, coupons, promotional items, etc. Please provide 300 of what you would like to include to the city office, attention Beverly Palau, at 25 Crescent Road by Friday, January 16th. If you have any questions, please contact bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov or at 240-542-2026.

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The illustrious 44 years of Manion's teaching career began in 1968. He arrived at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) a year after it opened and has been at the school since then, though after his first year of teaching, the United States Army drafted him for two years during the Vietnam War. While in Vietnam, he was a writer for an army newspaper. Although he was not in combat, he added that this was a tough job.

"I was not a big fan of going to war, but I went," he says. In the long run it worked out; it paid for a lot of my masters degree. They made me a writer, which was fine, but I had a terrible job where I had to write obituaries for people who were killed in Vietnam for their local newspapers. That was not fun."

After those two years, the English teacher was back in the classroom where he remains to this day. Manion was previously the journalism advisor at Eleanor Roosevelt.

"I always liked teaching journalism; you're at the heart of the school, you know everything that's going on," he said. He explained that he believes that it helped students with their writing skills by exposing them to other forms of writing as opposed to

just formulaic writing.

Heads Department

Today, Manion leads the English department at ERHS. As the department head for the past 14 years, he has upheld the integrity of the Roosevelt writing program. He shared that "the most difficult thing about being the head is keeping everybody happy, keeping everyone on the same page."

Both his former and current students have nothing but great things to say about him. Current student senior Ayanna Hancock said, "His class has always been a positive experience. I feel comfortable in his class. Unlike some teachers, he accommodates all of his students, not just a few. Honestly, he's one of the greatest English teachers I have ever had. Not all heroes wear capes."

One of his former students senior Mai Nguyen said, "I love Mr. Manion – he's really chill. The way he taught was very relaxing but very interactive. Much of our work was verbal opposed to just doing worksheets. That was awesome!"

In his free time, Manion enjoys reading, traveling and playing golf. He also enjoys writing. After retiring, he plans on writing a book.

Edgar Guerrero is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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Obviously, teaching is not a perfect job, as it comes with many downfalls. Kovach says one of the challenges about teaching is finding out how to motivate students who don't want to learn. Along with this comes the challenge of finding the motivation and patience to continue teaching when she has a "challenging class."

Kovach loves to cook, hike and camp in her spare time. ERHS senior Dennis Chacko was taught trigonometry by Kovach during his 11th grade year. He describes Kovach as being "one of the most patient math teachers he's ever had." Another senior Jamieson Davids had Kovach as a teacher for Algebra 1 during his 10th grade year. He says she was "a very fun and interactive teacher."

Currently a resident of Washington, D.C., she visits Rock Creek Park approximately twice a month and occasionally travels to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. She was also recently married.

Nebeyu Mesfin is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



City Ranks #1 in Fighting Childhood Obesity

The National League of Cities (NLC) has recognized Mayor Emmett Jordan and the City of Greenbelt for recent achievement in health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC).

LMCTC is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative, which is dedicated to solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation.

Today, Greenbelt ranks number one, having earned five gold medals in areas addressing nutrition and physical activity. Specifically, free breakfast and lunch is offered to all elementary students in Greenbelt and free lunch is offered to Eleanor Roosevelt students who qualify. In the summer, Greenbelt Recreation Department works with the county camp programs that offer free lunch to all registrants, and snack choices are taken from a list provided by Dietary Guidelines for Americans. These are just a few examples of Greenbelt's healthy living achievements.

Julie McHale, the city's director of recreation, said, "In parks and recreation, Greenbelt is really becoming a public health advocate. We have great facilities too. And with our city council's support in pursuing programs like LMCTC, we are realizing our healthy living goals."

Medals are awarded based on achievements in each of the following five goal areas:

- Goal I: Start Early, Start Smart: Promoting best practices

for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time in early care and education settings

- Goal II: My Plate, Your Place: Prominently displaying My-Plate in all municipal or county venues where food is served

- Goal III: Smart Servings for Students: Increasing participation in school breakfast and lunch programs

- Goal IV: Model Food Service: Implementing healthy and sustainable food service guidelines that are aligned with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

- Goal V: Active Kids at Play: Increasing opportunities for physical activity

"We congratulate and commend the City of Greenbelt for your efforts to improve the health of your community's children and families," said NLC President Chris Coleman, mayor of Saint Paul, Minn. "Through the leadership and dedication of local elected officials in cities, towns and counties across the country, we are beginning to see a measurable decrease in obesity rates and a cultural shift towards health."

More than 450 cities, towns and counties are participating in LMCTC. Each month, NLC recognizes local elected officials who achieve key benchmarks for the five LMCTC goals. Greenbelt is one of fifteen cities recognized as gold medal standing. The city's neighbors, Rockville and Annapolis, also ranked in the top 15.

For more details visit HealthyCommunitiesHealthyFuture.org.

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Patuxent Research Activities, Closures

Stop by the National Wildlife Visitor Center to see the Hollingsworth Art Gallery's December artist, Jay Coleman. Visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/gallery.html to learn more.

January features Patuxent Research Refuge and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center staff.

The North Tract will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24) and remain closed through Friday, December 26. It will re-open on Saturday, December 27.

The Visitor Center will be closing at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24) and remain closed through Friday, December 26. It will re-open on Saturday, December 27.

The Visitor Center grounds will remain open on Christmas Eve until sunset; however, the grounds will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

The North Tract will be closing at noon on New Year's Eve (Wednesday, December 31) and will remain closed through New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1). The Visitor Center will be closing at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Wednesday, December 31) and will remain closed through New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1).

The Visitor Center is closed to the public on Thursdays.

Hunting, now in session, may be occurring in various areas throughout the refuge this fall season through January 31. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas or trails when visiting.

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objected to the use of spray foam insulation, which could adversely affect residents with compromised immune systems. She called for an environmental health consultant to review all of the home improvement plans.

A resident of Plateau Place expressed concern that sealing the homes too tightly could create homes that could not breathe.

Tom Sporney, director of technical services, noted that the frame homes have soffit and ridge vents that let the underside of the roof decking stay cool but do not affect the interior humidity. Currently, the frame homes have more air exchange (or air infiltration in other board members' descriptions) than the block homes, thus air quality is not expected to be a problem.

Roberts argued that GHI should not tell members what improvements they need, even under the replacement reserves. He said he did not need new windows and doors, but needs a decent heating system. Until he has that, he said, everything else is a waste of money.

Board member Bill Jones pointed out that replacing all these components at once would be less expensive than replacing them individually.

Lauren Cummings of Ridge Road asked the board to explore permitting members to vote by mail. She said the bylaws allow this but do not spell out the procedures. She said it is not

the board's role to decide who is educated enough to vote. The board did not discuss this issue at the meeting.

Replacement Reserves

Many of the most critical improvements, according to GHI, such as windows, doors and heating systems, as well as vinyl siding on the frame homes, are covered under the Replacement Reserves and do not require a member vote or additional financing. During this meeting, however, it was noted that until GHI puts these improvements out to bid, it will not know if the reserves will be sufficient for all the anticipated work.

Crawl Spaces

Skolnik provided an update on crawl spaces since the October 30 worksession with the Buildings Committee. Given the concerns, both health-related and practical, about use of spray foam insulation, the Buildings Committee is researching alternatives. It hopes to submit its report to the board by the end of the year.

GHI staff has conducted a random inspection of the crawl spaces under 20 of the 189 rows of frame homes. These inspections have revealed that all of the vapor barriers and insulation should be replaced and that a large percentage of the sump pumps are not working. Staff has now repaired all defective pumps in these rows and is continuing to inspect and repair and replace all sump pumps in frame buildings.

Unit Rentals

So far this year, GHI has encountered three situations where each member claimed to be a part-time resident, while renting the unit out to a tenant without authorization from the board. GHI does not currently intervene where full-time members rent a room in the unit without authorization. However, some members believe that spending just a few nights in the unit satisfies the occupancy requirement. In April the board established a task force to examine the issue of residency requirements for unit rentals and to make recommendations.

The task force's recommendations were presented to the board. They recommended that the board define the phrase "Member must reside at the Premises" in the Mutual Ownership Contract to mean that member will be considered to reside at the unit if the member either: 1) is approved for the Maryland Homestead tax credit at the GHI location or 2)

meets all of the following requirements: a) stays overnight for at least 180 days a year, b) has a current Maryland driver's license or non-driving ID showing the GHI address and c) shows a W-2 or 1099 for the most recent tax year issued to the member at the GHI address.

The board quickly came up with several issues. Since the expectation is that this definition would apply to other areas where residency is an issue, concerns were raised as to how this definition would apply to snowbirds, who leave the area for warmer climes during the winter. Board members were also concerned whether it would open a loophole where members could rent their units (rather than a room) without board approval so long as they were there for 180 days. This would conflict with GHI's current policy on rentals. The board unanimously agreed to table the motion to approve the task force's recommendation pending further review.

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Grocery Bargains		Special Holiday Hours	Grocery Bargains	
Pillsbury Asst. Brownie or Cake Mix 15-18.4 oz. \$1.00	Gold Medal All Purpose Flour Reg./Unbleach. 5 lb. \$2.00	CO-OP Supermarket Will Be Open Weds., Dec. 24 from 8am til 6pm CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice Blends Assorted 64 oz. \$2.00	Green Giant Canned Corn or Green Beans 14.5-15.25 oz. 60¢
Bumble Bee Solid White Tuna 5 oz. \$1.25	Hershey Assorted Chocolate Baking Chips 8-12 oz. \$2.50		Fransesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauces Assorted 23-24 oz. \$1.50	Sparkle Paper Towels roll \$1.00

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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. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Arrest

December 4, 11 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 28-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with first degree burglary after officers responded to a report of someone attempting to force open the window of a residence. He fled on foot and was followed by an off-duty police officer to a nearby vehicle. He then exited the vehicle and again fled on foot, this time to a residence in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. He was located, positively identified, arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI/DUI

November 30, 11:57 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. An 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with alcohol and traffic-related charges after an accident investigation. She was released on citations pending trial.

December 6, 7:01 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 45-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with alcohol and traffic-related charges after officers responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated driver. She was released on citations pending trial.

Theft Update

December 7, 10:16 a.m., 4 Court Ridge Road. The parcel package stolen December 3 from a residence on Lakeside Drive, reported December 4, was recovered by a citizen in the parking lot, opened and empty.

Theft

December 4, 7 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. A parcel package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.

December 5, 12 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. An iPad tablet was taken from a room at the Greenbelt Marriott after the guest accidentally left it after checking out.

December 6, 5:55 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken at the Kids Foot Locker.

December 8, 4:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A woman saw a man on her patio attempting to take a bicycle. He fled on foot when she confronted him.

December 8, 7 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A video game player was taken.

December 10, 2:20 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Two 14-year-old youths, and one 15-year-old were arrested for burglary after an officer on foot patrol observed them standing in front of an apartment window, with one reaching through a break in the glass attempting to unlock the window. They were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Counterfeit Money

December 4, 8 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A man who placed an ad on Craig's List to sell a pair of sneakers met with a man answering the ad. Later, after completing the sale, it was discovered that counterfeit money had been used.

December 5, 7 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Counterfeit money was passed at the Beltway Aquarium.

Burglary

December 7, 9:10 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A microscope and two computer monitors were taken after a break-in at a medical office.

December 8, 7 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Two bicycles were taken from the balcony of a residence. One is a gray and red 21-speed Tony Hawk brand and the other a blue 24-speed Mongoose brand.

Vehicle Crime

Three acts of vandalism were reported. In the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive a rear window was broken. In the 6100 block Breezewood Court a rear brake light was broken and in the 9200 block Springhill Lane paint on a vehicle was scratched.

Theft was reported in the 7800 block Mandan Road where a GPS unit was removed after the front passenger window was broken.

Freak Accident Kills Resident

Alvin Hargrave, 77, a long-time resident of Charlestowne Village in Greenbelt was killed in a freak accident on Greenbelt Road in front of Beltway Plaza in a three-car collision with a stolen ambulance on Monday, December 15, according to press reports. Hargrave had been a mathematics teacher in the Montgomery County schools, but had retired. In Greenbelt he was an active tennis player and a member of the Greenbelt Tennis Association and the Greenbelt American Legion, according to an acquaintance.

A passenger in the Hargrave vehicle, identified by WUSA9 as Cheryl Linkins of Riverdale, was treated for injuries and released.

According to various press and television news accounts, the incident began about 5:30 p.m. on the inner loop of the Beltway in the vicinity of the I-95 merger with I-495 when the two-member crew of the Branchville Fire Company and Rescue Squad returning from a transport observed a vehicle leave the roadway and stopped to assist. The driver of the involved vehicle, identified as 36-year-old Sebastian Isaksen of Silver Spring, attacked the two crewmembers and entered and drove off in the ambulance.

Leaving the Beltway at Kenilworth Avenue and then turning west on Greenbelt Road, the ambulance crashed into Hargrave's vehicle, causing a three-car collision that resulted in Hargrave's death. The ambulance then careened over the curb and down an embankment into Beltway Plaza, ending up on its side on top of a parked vehicle in front of Joe's Crab Shack, damaging up to nine other unoccupied vehicles. Three people were treated at the scene of the accident.

Isaksen was injured in the accident, taken in to police custody and transported to a hospital where he was treated and released. He has been charged with carjacking and assault and other charges are being considered. Investigation is by the Prince George's County Police.



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1952 Lunch Counter Movement in Missouri

by Virginia Beauchamp

The two years I spent in Missouri were a revelation. Although I had black friends in Michigan where I grew up, at school and at the University of Michigan, I did not personally witness discrimination. Across the street where I had first lived in Ann Arbor was a pre-Civil War mansion, a former safe-house for runaway slaves. Then in 1948, I taught an integrated high school class in Ypsilanti, Mich., a city with a history of integration before the turn of the 20th Century and part of the Underground Railroad. One black male had graduated from high school there in the 1890s.

Missouri was different. At Stephen's College for Women in Columbia, Mo., where I taught from 1951 through 1953, our janitor – a college-educated black man – could get no other kind of work. Only one black student attended the University of Missouri. He was studying law, not offered at the state's black college.

I soon found a small, biracial group working to change things – the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). No restaurant in town at that time served blacks and we decided to try to change things. A group of us, blacks and whites together, sat at a lunch counter in the dime store waiting to be served. We took alternate stools, our mixed group occupying every seat. When the waitress approached our white members, we insisted she wait first on our black companions. By store policy, however, she could not serve blacks at all. A group at the bus station's lunch counter, occupying every stool, was treated the same. Both groups kept sitting there. At last, both places changed their policy and agreed to serve blacks. Later, we worked on the movie theater, where blacks had been excluded, and they changed their policy as well.

We celebrated that summer of 1952 at the best restaurant in town, a mixed crowd on the bal-

cony used for large groups and overlooking the patrons below. Our special guests were CORE's founder, James Farmer, and his wife who came East to join us. His story as a student is told in the film *The Great Debaters*, starring Denzel Washington. CORE's website (yes, the organization is still around) describes his first inspiration for such sit-ins and his early civil rights efforts. (See core-online.org for more information.)

The beginnings of movements are often not publicized but small steps like ours can lead to a larger national effort.

Only a few of us are left to recall those days. As the news unfolded in Ferguson, I found myself returning to my years in Missouri more than 60 years ago.

Virginia W. Beauchamp, PhD, University of Chicago, 1956, was the first Coordinator of Women's Studies in 1967 at the University of Maryland and a member of the first organization there on women's issues. Now 94, she chaired the Women's Commission for the University in 1990.

She is in the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in Baltimore for her work on equity issues (see msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/whflist.html).

Beauchamp has been on the staff of the News Review since the 1950s.

Lakewood Group Handles Traffic, More

On October 29, the newly revitalized Lakewood Civic Association held a meeting at the Baptist Church on Greenhill Road. President Daniel Gomez led the discussions, which focused mainly on two subjects: (1) the problem of buses and cars traveling too fast on Greenhill, a main artery through the community; (2) how to work with absentee owners of homes that are neglected or abandoned.

Residents in attendance discussed ways to slow down traffic on Greenhill, especially at the steep hill leading to Hillside Road. A vote was taken to increase requests to the city for an electronic sign, stop sign or even speed bumps. Some attendees complained that residents of Lakewood did not have input into the decision to make Greenhill Road a major bus route.

Attendees also voted to seek advice from city and county offices on ways to communicate with owners or to seek legal help in solving the problem of several unoccupied houses which are in poor condition, detracting from the attractiveness of the community and even, in one case, posing a danger to children.

New ways to communicate with the 100 homeowners of Lakewood were discussed and Gomez assured the group that, in addition to email and phone by the "court captains," there will be signs at Crescent Road and Hillside to inform residents of the next meeting. Election of officers will take place next March.

– Kathleen McFarland

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ERHS Girls Soccer Team Happy Despite 3-1 Loss

by Patrick Gleason

A 3-1 loss in a state semi-final often produces tears. But for the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls soccer team it was a source of smiles and a sign of progress. After losing six seniors at the end of last year, including current UMBC defender Nicole Delabrer, the Raiders did not miss a beat as they repeated as league, county and region champions.

Although Roosevelt bowed out of the state tournament to now two-time defending champion Walt Whitman, their semi-final performance produced pride. As the first half whistle signaled a scoreless period, the Raiders were in familiar territory – last season's semi-final loss to Catonsville began with a 0-0 first half that descended into a 5-0 defeat. Five minutes into the second half versus Whitman the Raiders surrendered two goals in quick succession, conjuring memories of last year's collapse. However, Roosevelt proved resilient as lightning-quick leading goal scorer Sheyenne Bonnick scored on the ensuing kickoff, assisted by junior Airica Gilliam. The undefeated Vikings surrendered only seven goals all season and earned The Washington Post's number one ranking, yet mid-way through the second half the Raiders trailed by only a goal. Although Whitman never relinquished control and would eventually tack on a goal after a questionable penalty kick

call, the result rewarded a large Roosevelt senior class that has helped the program to three regional championships in four years.

Bonnick and sophomore classmates Inonge Kaloustian and Natalie Hanno garnered much of the opponents' attention. They led an offense that scored over 70 goals during a 14-3 season. However, it is the defense that solidified the team, especially against the high-powered Whitman offense. Junior goalkeeper Elaina Perry, who tallied 11 saves in the semi-final, and senior defenders Caitlin Conn and Isabella Brewer – both four-year varsity players – keyed an unforgiving unit. Accompanied by newcomers Anna Sava and Erika Jackson and the strong bench play of senior Katia Cavigelli, the Raiders shut out 11 of their opponents as they emerged from county play undefeated.

Replacing starting senior forward Emma Thrift and key distributor Holly Hughes in addition to his stalwart senior defenders will be no easy task for Coach Bob Sowers, but an offensively talented sophomore class and the sure-handed Perry in goal is promising for the Raiders. This coming year will begin a quest for a third consecutive region championship – and the program's first state title since 2003.

Patrick Gleason is a University of Maryland student interning at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

ERHS Students Work On Sickle Cell Cause

by Cyntra D. Scott

The students in the Do Something Club at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are putting in some hard work volunteering with a local non-profit organization, Inspiring More Minds (IMM). Their goal is to make a change through collecting change. The students take on a number of community service and volunteer projects throughout the year. IMM came to the students with a proposal to partner with them in raising funds and awareness for sickle cell disease. The students have taken on

the fundraising challenge and they are working to get quarters from students every day through raffles and other fund raising ideas.

IMM is dedicated to the improvement and enhancement of the lives of those who have sickle cell disease. This nonprofit organization, founded by Greenbelt resident Bronwyn Scott, provides educational and entrepreneurial grants for individuals with this condition and an online community of support. The IMM website is inspiringmoreminds.com.

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Artists Selected for 3 Gardens, Davis to Donate to Art Projects

by Kathleen Gallagher

In the process of the Greenbelt City Council selecting artists to undertake art projects at the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens at the November 10 regular meeting, those in attendance were surprised by Councilmember Judith Davis' announcement that she would donate \$5,000 toward making an art piece out of a giant dead tree trunk. For one of the gardens Davis was invited to meet with the Arts Advisory Board to work out the details. Charles Bergen, Joseph Stebbing and Zavel Mosquera were approved to do the art work, each at a separate garden.

Last April council approved a proposal for a public art/signage project submitted by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and alight dance theater for the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens. The gardens are a CHEARS project that focuses on educating the public about healthy food options, sustainable growing practices and water quality through experiential learning, demonstrations and workshops.

Maggie Cahalan and Jeannie Bellina, representing CHEARS, Angella Foster of alight dance theater, Tatiana Ausema of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board (AAB), which has had a longstanding interest in increasing public art in Greenbelt, and Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor for the city, described the process that brought them back to council that night to request approval to begin negotiating contracts with the three selected artists.

The three gardens are located on the grounds of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Community Center and Schrom Hills Park. The artwork will include text identifying the gardens as a CHEARS project. CHEARS and alight have received grant funding from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Greenbelt Community Foundation for the project, with in-kind support to be provided by city staff, as well as by the artists, whose art for the city is offered at less than market price. The artwork will become the property of CHEARS, which will assume responsibility for maintaining it to a standard acceptable to the city.

A call for artists was issued in May. Fifteen complete applications were submitted, from which a selection committee chose five finalists who submitted designs then vetted by a conservator, city staff and AAB.

As the final step of the selection process, the city council's approval was sought at the meeting for CHEARS and alight to commission artwork from Charles Bergen, Joseph Stebbing and Zavel Mosquera, with a goal of having the works installed on site by the end of September 2015.

Slides of the designs submitted by the selected artists were shown to council. DeWald noted that the works of the three artists are all quite different, which is good for this project, she said. In response to a question from Councilmember Konrad Herling, Cahalan said they were still finalizing the exact locations at the gardens for artwork. In addition to approval for the site locations by the city council, plans for the Community Center site will also have to be approved by the Maryland Historical Trust and the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who has volunteered to assist with the site work and installation, asked if the projects would rotate and how long they were expected to remain in their locations. He also asked whether, in case of vandalism or other need for repair, the works would go back to the artists.

Site Specific

DeWald replied that the artworks would be site specific and not rotate. The longevity is an open issue, she said, with expectations ranging from 10 to 20 years as the time over which it would continue to be reasonable and affordable to maintain them. She said CHEARS will have responsibility for maintaining the artwork, but that the specifics of how that would be done would be negotiated as part of the artists' contracts. It is believed that volunteers can be trained to undertake much of the maintenance.

Councilmember Judith Davis commented on how impressive she had found Howard Wellman's conservator report in offering guidance on what factors needed to be considered for creation and maintenance of these works as public art. She asked if those considerations had been taken into account in the selection of the artists, and Foster and DeWald assured her that they had.

About That Tree Trunk

Davis went on to say she had noted that one of the selected artists, Joe Stebbing, often created carvings from fallen trees. She asked about the trunk stub to the

east of the Community Center, which the AAB had previously assessed at her request as a possibility for use in an art project. Davis said it was starting to decay and that if it is usable, something should be done with it soon.

DeWald replied that at the time there was no funding to do anything with it; moreover, the AAB had not been sure it would be the highest priority if funding became available, in part because of its location. She said she had talked with Stebbing about it, including whether it could be used as part of the gardens project. He had estimated it would cost a minimum of \$5,000 to do in this location but that to use it for this project, the transportation costs would be too high.

After a pause, Davis asked, "If someone donated \$5,000, would the Arts Advisory Board be able to do something with it?"

Ausema replied that on earlier discussion the board was excited about the idea of making use of that piece of wood but that a decision would have to be project-based, depending on what could be done at what cost. She said although the primary concern had been location, that did not have to be a determining factor, since it could be moved to a site where more people would see it. Transporting it would, however, add to the cost, she said.

At this point, Davis announced that she would donate the \$5,000 if the board could do something with the tree trunk. Ausema promptly invited her to attend the next meeting of the AAB to discuss it. DeWald said if the trunk were to be moved, one idea that had been mentioned earlier would be to place it at the center of one of the plantings at Schrom Hills Park, where there would be a natural focal point.

Getting back to the actual agenda item – after Jordan ascertained that no one else in the room wished to commission a work of art – Roberts made a motion to approve CHEARS' moving ahead to negotiate contracts with the three selected artists. Once determined, the specific location of the artworks within the three garden areas will be provided by the city council for its approval.

Learning Disability Assn. Organizing Local Chapter

by Marcel Warfield

Chris Casey, strategic planner for the federal government and father, wants to make a difference for certain students by starting a Learning Disability Association (LDA) chapter in Prince George's County.

According to the LDA website, the mission is to create opportunities for all individuals affected by learning disabilities and to reduce the incidence of learning disabilities in future generations.

It is a personal issue for Casey, 63, two of whose three children suffer from learning disabilities. His 15-year-old son has a form of dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD) and his 13-year-old daughter has attention deficit disorder (ADD).

Both attended Prince George's County Public Schools until Casey's son reached the fifth grade, where Casey did not see much growth in his children.

When Casey realized the county was not aggressive enough about informing parents about special learning needs and ways to detect them at an earlier stage, he moved his two children to a non-public school in Hyattsville, the Chelsea School.

"Chelsea School is a non-profit school for students with learning disabilities. Its curriculum, designed to prepare students for the rigors of college-level courses, includes small group instruction, remedial tutors, access to speech-language-therapy and occupational therapy and counseling."

In a video posted on the Chelsea School website, students talk about some of the challenges caused by their learning disabilities. Students recall being bullied both by students and teachers in other schools they attended.

The teachers at the Chelsea School are helping the students to deal with their personal disabilities, helping them to feel

better about themselves and their learning abilities.

Casey feels these issues need to be brought to the county's attention, which is why he has chosen to start a chapter of LDA. He does not want to see parents experience the same struggles he endured with the county school system.

New Organization

With a local organization, Casey said he would personally attend every PTA meeting throughout the county to inform interested parents about their options for assisting their children with learning disabilities. Raising more awareness about learning disabilities will help parents and educators more quickly identify the issue. The earlier students can be identified and evaluated, the sooner they can be aided with solutions.

"My main goal would be to move the needle of satisfaction," Casey said. He wants to create a chapter to make change for special education instruction. As the students are educated, he hopes to see their measurable improvement.

With better special education instruction, Casey projects there will be fewer disputes between teachers and parents and a method established to help students find success in any atmosphere.

Although this local chapter would have a major impact in the learning disability community, Casey has learned that the process can take time. He will continue to be patient.

In the meantime, he will be hosting events to inform all those interested and to raise awareness about learning disabilities. The more people are "involved and engaged," he says, the more they will see it as a process of disseminating information to educate parents on the issues.

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