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## Foresight, Fortitude and Luck Produce Timely Newspaper

The onslaught of a snowstorm on Wednesday, January 26 was well publicized on television and radio, although many in the Washington area did not believe what they were told. With its nearly 74-year record for never missing its printing deadline on the line, the staff of the Greenbelt News Review worried, however, and with good cause.

Of concern were not only the challenges on the sidewalks and roadways caused by the accumulating snowfall. Since the newspaper is entirely generated electronically, access to electricity is a critical component. Wednesday night is when the paper is put to bed; that is, sent to the printer. By early evening, contractor Lynn Eppard electronically compiles all the individual stories and graphics together in a print-ready form. First, however, she sends the draft newspaper back to the News Review office for proofreading, editorial review and last minute changes.

Staff at the News Review office communicate with Eppard by conference call, fax, email and ftp transmissions. After a series of changes, upon approval the copy

is sent in pdf form to Silver Communications in Sterling, Va., to be printed the next morning. Silver, in turn, delivers to Greenbelt the printed papers on Thursday afternoon for distribution by our carriers.

With snow forecast to begin late Wednesday afternoon, Eppard pulled out all the stops to get her composition work done early. News Review Assistant Editor Barbara Likowski, who was in charge that week, and other volunteers amassed at the newspaper's office at about 2:30 that afternoon, planning to stay until the paper was "put to bed."

Although the Community Center closed early at 5 p.m., Public Works staff kept the steps cleared to assure safe accessibility.

Proofers proofed and editors

edited. With that done, the staff went into final review at 6:30 instead of the usual 9:30 and the

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PHOTO BY CINDY HENNERGER

**News Review carriers Maia Tooley (right) and Katia Cabitelli deliver Thursday's paper on schedule at Hillside after the fast-moving snow storm Wednesday night.**

## Nature Journaling Workshop Brings Winter Wonders

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

While most people were hunkered down in their houses enjoying hot drinks and pampering their snow shoveling muscles, an intrepid group of 20 newly-minted "naturalists" set out on Saturday, January 29 to explore the territory behind the Greenbelt Community Center. Having spent the morning inside at a workshop entitled "Nature Journaling – Enhancing Our Perception of Nature," Greenbelters and visitors from Takoma Park, Cheverly and Pasadena were eager to try their new skills of observation, journaling and drawing.

"Which direction is the wind coming from?" asked Lesley Riddle, Greenbelt assistant director of Public Works and the only bonafide professional naturalist in the group. Fingers were licked and raised in the air as people turned around uncertainly and pointed in various directions.

South, it was finally determined. Participants duly recorded this bit of information in their journals and then dispersed to gaze up at trees, peer under shrubs and examine animal tracks in the snow.

A chilly 10 minutes later, the explorers were back inside stamping their feet to warm up. Laughter filled the room as people displayed oak leaves, seed pods and drawings. Mostly strangers at the start of the workshop, the group had bonded by sharing their love for nature and their varied interests in science, writing, photography and spirituality. They told stories as they sketched holly leaves, perused Peterson field guides and debated the merits of memorizing the Latin names of plants.

A retired woman referred to herself as a "recovering lawyer"

See **WORKSHOP**, page 9

## Greenbelt ACE Recommends Small Grants to Local Schools

by Jon Gardner

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, January 24 council approved 14 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to five local schools. ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations from Greenbelt schools.

The grants are made in response to proposals for projects or items which enhance or enrich school-based activities. They are funded by the City of Greenbelt and selection by council of proposals for funding was made on input from ACE.

ACE invited proposals from the six ACE core schools, those primarily serving Greenbelt students: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. There was no limit on the number of proposals a school could submit.

Projects will take place from February 2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

ACE received 17 proposals from five schools and recommended funding for the following 14 projects:

Greenbelt Middle School was the big winner, with six ACE grants. Two grants, of \$400 and \$419, respectively, will enable the music program to purchase electronic piano keyboards that connect to computer music software; the second will revitalize the library of sheet music to help students transition to high school music programs.

A \$500 grant will fund an artist-inspired gallery show of student art at the Greenbelt Community Center and a second \$500 grant will provide tutoring for struggling algebra students. Two field

See **GRANTS**, page 11

## Hundreds of GHI Members Attend Meeting on 2015 Upgrade Pilot

by Tom Jones

About 350 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) members gathered in the Community Center gym on Sunday, January 23 to discuss a major building upgrade planned for the cooperative's 1,600 homes beginning in 2015. Goals of the town hall were to inform members of plans at this early stage of the pilot project and for project and co-op leaders to hear members' concerns and ideas about the multi-million dollar project.

While some members came to support the upgrade and others to oppose it, most came to the three-hour meeting, to learn more.

At the beginning of the meeting, cards were given to write questions, concerns and ideas for discussion later in the meeting. About 200 cards were collected by "mad hatters" – volunteers wearing decorated hats and yellow shirts. While the mad hatters sorted and grouped hundreds of cards, three presentations summarized the pilot project and upgrade.

Buildings committee member Steve Skolnik explained the five prioritized goals of the upgrade: increase energy efficiency and reduce utility expenses; improve comfort; use sustainable materials where economically feasible; reduce overall lifecycle costs; and maintain the unique and historic nature of the community.

### Survey Findings

Skolnik cited results of a 2009 heating and energy survey GHI had conducted of its membership. Of GHI's 1,600 homes, 684 responses were received.

Skolnik said the most frequent complaints were "I'm cold" and "electric bills are too high." Only 18 percent of respondents said their homes are always warm enough in winter. In addition, residents in homes with block construction complained about too much moisture. Seventy-seven percent said they kept their homes colder than desired so they could lower their heating bills.

Skolnik described GHI's replacement reserve fund, in which a portion of member fees have been saved each month toward long-term replacement of home components. GHI manages the fund by determining the expected service life of each component based on industry and manufacturer standards.

He went on to explain that windows, doors and baseboard heaters are wearing out and that waste pipes in frame homes will also need replacement. "Windows are supposed to last 25 years and are 30 years old," he said.

However, the replacement reserve was intended to fund replacing components of members'

homes, not pay for significant enhancements, such as new insulation in walls or crawlspaces, heat pumps or storm doors. After the meeting, GHI treasurer Sylvia Lewis confirmed that GHI had accumulated \$8 million in its replacement reserve fund at the end of 2009 – the most recent certified annual audit. This fund will continue to grow, she said, until the community upgrade begins.

### Structural Problems

Jim Cohen, chair of the Buildings Committee, summarized some of the structural problems among members' homes. Aging electric baseboard heaters and windows from the prior rehab will have more problems, he said, and they will become increasingly expensive to maintain.

He described the building envelope – "the skin of our houses: roof, siding, doors, windows, the surface below the crawlspace." Currently the envelope of many frame and brick homes allows too much air to blow in and out, he said, while many block homes have too much moisture from lack of air circulation.

Cohen explained that the 2015 upgrade will be different from the rehab project 30 years ago. For 2015 there will be enough time

See **2015 PILOT**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Saturday, February 5**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot by Municipal Building

**Monday, February 7**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession re: Property License Fee Review, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [greenbeltdm.gov](http://greenbeltdm.gov)

**Tuesday, February 8**

**7 p.m.**, Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

**Wednesday, February 9**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with State's Attorney (stakeholder), Community Center

**Thursday, February 10**

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

# Letters

## Open Letter – Feedback Needed

I want to alert you that the school system is facing an additional \$85 million gap in revenues requiring significant cuts totaling that amount in our FY12 school budget.

At the Tuesday Board budget worksession, Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr. released his revised budget proposal with an additional \$85 million in cuts. If there are no additional revenues from the state and county, the \$85 million in cuts will be necessary and will have a significant negative impact on our system.

Municipal leadership and public participation in this process is encouraged.

I ask that you communicate with your community the upcoming public hearings of February 3, February 10 and March 1 all beginning at 7 p.m. and encourage their attendance.

More information is available at <http://www1.pgcp.org/superintendent/budget.aspx>. The link is a direct way to be able to follow the process as well as to email questions/comments in addition to the option of attending the public hearings.

Dr. Hite's proposed cuts were made public on Tuesday. I am interested in your feedback. I will work to keep you informed. This decision-making process happens quickly. The board is scheduled to adopt the budget on February 24.

*Peggy Higgins, LCSW-C  
Member, Board of Education*

## Residents Relate Importance Of Black History Month

by Altoria Bell Ross

Tuesday marked the beginning of Black History Month. The observance celebrates the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month the News Review will run articles about celebratory events and African American residents in Greenbelt.

On a chilly night in January, Mayor Pro-tem and Greenbelt East resident Emmett Jordan, the city's first African American councilmember, talked about the significance of Black History Month and other similar celebrations in the U.S.

"The real importance is understanding your neighbors and the people around you," said Jordan as he drank coffee at the New Deal Café. "The things that make us unique are what make for strong communities as a whole."

Old Greenbelt resident Rhoda Branch who was shopping at the Co-op with her son Dorian, a 9th grader at Roosevelt, said "The achievements of African Americans need to be emphasized more, especially in schools." As the nation's first African American president, Branch said, she is also focusing on President Obama and the progress he's making and the obstacles he is facing that keep him from going even further.

Margaret Cox of Greenbelt East also cited the President as an example of significant achievements and strides of African Americans. "He's made a difference in Black History and also in the world." Cox said her family celebrates Black History Month

by having a traditional dinner honoring their ancestors. In addition, she attends museums or art exhibits and plays and reads the latest writings on the topic.

Clifford Cheeks of Old Greenbelt said that Black History Month is not only a time to look to the past and present but also to the future. "[Black History Month] is an opportunity for greatness. We already have a black president. We don't have an opportunity for excuses."

Marie Verner of Greenbelt East agreed. "[Black History Month] is very important for our children who may not be from a family with great African American figures." Verner said Black History Month serves as a motivating force on what children can achieve. To celebrate, she often watches television specials.

Black History Month started as Negro History Week in 1926, launched the second week in February in conjunction with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, one of the leaders of America's abolitionist movement, by noted Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson. In 1976 during the U.S. bicentennial celebration, the week extended to the entire month.

Black History Month and Martin Luther King events are scheduled in Greenbelt. Storyteller and motivational speaker Bill Grimmette performs the character of Frederick Douglass on Monday, February 7 at 7 p.m. C.R. Gibbs gives a tribute to Dr. King in "Facing the Rising Sun" on Monday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

## Grin Belt



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## Correction

In last week's announcement of a group forming for widowed persons on page 3, column 1, we incorrectly identified the location where the meetings will be held.

The Patuxent Widowed Persons groups will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m., starting March 10 at "The Residences on Greenbelt" (formerly called Rexford Place), 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

For further information call Leonie Penny at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892. Open to all, there is no fee.

## Bugs and Bugsicles By Amy Hansen

On Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) program will present a talk by Greenbelter and Science Writer Amy Hansen on her book topic, Bugs and Bugsicles. The program will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

What do bugs do in winter? Discover the science behind critters' winter secrets. Hansen will bring signed copies of several of her books. Parents and children alike will enjoy this free afternoon arts presentation.

For information email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

## Chinese New Year At Snow Hill Manor

Celebrate Chinese New Year on Sunday, February 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Snow Hill Manor, 13301 Laurel-Bowie Road in Laurel. The celebration, for children ages 3 to 8, includes crafts and games to celebrate the year of the rabbit.

For more information call 301-725-6037; TTY 301-446-6602.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB 4 The King's Speech

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Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

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

Sunday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

\*5, 7:30

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## Greenbelt Baseball

### 2011 Registration Dates

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

Saturdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

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 @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

### DRAFT DAY

Saturday, March 5, 2011

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

(Bad Weather location Eleanor Roosevelt High School Gym)

\*Major League Players Only\*

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

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Email: [GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com)

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

# Community Events

## At the Library

**Storytimes**  
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props:

\*Wednesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

\*Thursday, February 10, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

\*Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

### Black History

Monday, February 7, 7 p.m., "Frederick Douglass: A Living History" presented by Bill Grimmette. Families welcome.

### Kids Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m. Book Discussion, ages 8 to 12: "Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery," by James Howe.

## GHI Notes

Friday, February 4, offices closed. (Note: Members needing emergency service can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Monday, February 7, 7 p.m., Bylaws Task Force – GHI Lobby 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Tuesday, February 15, 8:30 a.m., Ad hoc Yard Lines Committee – GHI Library

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

## Explore Oscars

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Frank Pearlman on the history and some of the lesser known stories of the Oscars.

Pearlman will talk about the biggest winners and losers at the Oscars from the beginning through now. There will be opportunity for participants to ask questions about Pearlman's favorite movies and cinematic moments. Pearlman is an active, well-known resident of Greenbelt who has acted with the Greenbelt Arts Center and has been a lifelong film buff. His passion is sharing his knowledge with others.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For details call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## GreenACES-GCAN Hold Worksession

On Wednesday, February 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) will hold a joint worksession at the Community Center in Room 114. The Sustainability Plan Worksession will begin with light refreshments, followed by a summary of GreenACES activities and a status report on the Sustainability Master Plan.

Afterward there will be a series of breakout circles to solicit input for the Sustainability Plan from GCAN and session attendees. Each breakout group will explore one component of the plan: Land Use, Energy, Transportation, Waste, Water, Food Systems and Food Security.

The Sustainability Plan is a blueprint for the city to address environmental and other factors in planning for city services and community participation to improve the ecological quality of life. All are invited to attend and participate to help the committee.

For details email [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) or call Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234.

## TRU-G Meeting At Youth Center

The next regular meeting of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) will take place on Saturday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway (behind the Aquatic & Fitness Center).

All people concerned with public transit issues in the Greenbelt area and the impact of the recently restructured bus service are welcome.

Limited rides to the meeting are available by emailing [tru-greenbelt@gmail.com](mailto:tru-greenbelt@gmail.com). To learn more about TRU-G and transit issues join the listserv at [trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

## NARFE Meeting Held at Greenbriar

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George's County will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9 at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Merrill Lynch tax expert Natin Gupta will speak on the new tax law.

Membership is not necessary to attend. Call 301-441-1096, dial 0 if directions are needed.

## Frederick Douglass Depicted at Library

In celebration of Black History Month the Greenbelt library will present "Frederick Douglass: A Living History" on Monday, February 7 at 7 p.m. Families are welcome.

Storyteller, actor and motivational speaker Bill Grimmette will perform the character of Frederick Douglass, one of the leaders of America's abolitionist movement.

Grimmette has appeared at the Smithsonian Institution, on National Public Radio, throughout the U.S. and abroad. Other personalities that he has performed include W.E.B. DuBois and Benjamin Bannecker.

The program is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council. Attendees will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Borders Books. This is part of the Celebrating African American History program.

## Greenbriar III Board Meets

The regular Greenbriar Phase III Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 8 at 6 p.m.

More Community Events  
see pages 2 and 5.

## Foundation Annual Tea Fundraiser Is Coming

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will host a tea on Sunday, February 27 at the Greenbelt Marriott. As part of the program the Foundation will announce recipients of the latest round of grants awarded to community groups and organizations.

GCF is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and facilitating activities taking place in Greenbelt which build on the original utopian vision of the city's founders.

Since its beginning six years ago, the Foundation has awarded almost \$80,000 to local nonprofit groups, helping fund projects to enhance the quality of life for Greenbelters of all ages and interests.

For information about the Foundation or to receive an event invitation call 301-982-8993.

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\$10 donation at the door



Remember proms and sock hops? Come to the Valentine's dance and relive those magical memories. Dance the night away to the music of the Retro-Rockets, a 6 piece 60's and rock and roll band playing great music from the golden age of rock and roll. Enjoy the perfect Valentine's treat of classic tunes of Chuck Berry, the Beatles, Little Eva, Wilson Pickett, the Drifters, Patsy Cline, and many other great musicians from the early days of rock and roll. For more information at the band contact Peter 301-596-2017 or e-mail [peter@retro-rockets.net](mailto:peter@retro-rockets.net).



CONTINUING THIS WEEKEND  
AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!

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Auditions: The Burial at Thebes – February 5  
Reefer Madness – March 11 – April 2

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## Greenbriar Phase I & II Boards Meet

The regular meetings of the Greenbriar Phase I and II Boards will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.

## New Deal Café Holds Annual Meeting

The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting in the Café on Sunday, February 20 at 2 p.m. See ad on page 9 for more details.

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## Week of FEB 4

### FRI. – SAT.

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Green Hornet, PG-13  
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The Sanctum, R – in 3D (!)  
No fees at our location  
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20  
Black Swan, R  
11:10, 1:40, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15  
The Roommate, PG-13 (!)  
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:30  
The Mechanic, R (!)  
11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:30  
No Strings Attached, R  
11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15  
Yogi Bear, PG  
11:45, 1:50, 4:15  
True Grit, PG-13  
7:15, 10

### SUN.

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Black Swan, R  
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The Roommate, PG-13 (!)  
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The Sanctum, R – in 3D (!)  
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5:10, 7:30

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2011

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 2 & 4 Cts. Plateau Place & 9 Ct. Southway
- Hoarding Policy Revisions
- Web Content Assignments
- Purchase of New Server
- Approval of Current Action Plan



Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

# Obituaries

## Margaret Hromulak

Margaret Fetsko Hromulak, 94, died on Thursday, January 20, 2011, of pneumonia at the Sanctuary of Holy Cross, Burtonsville.



She was born on August 11, 1916, in Barnesboro, Pa. She and her late husband Joseph Hromulak had lived in Greenbelt over 44 years, 22 of them in Green Ridge House.

Mrs. Hromulak was a homemaker. She loved gardening at their house on Southway.

She was a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church which she and her husband attended regularly. She was a member of the St. Hugh church sodality.

She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Hromulak was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and was interested in senior activities.

Mrs. Hromulak was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Hromulak; her son-in-law James; grandson Leonard; sisters Ann Rakotci, Mary Mattie and Madeline Fetsko and brother William Fetsko.

Survivors include daughters Mary Ann Lewis, Margaret Holt and her husband Richard, and Frances Bernhards and her husband Robert; grandchildren Kimberly Buehler and her husband Lawrence, Kelli Luli and her husband Shawn, Karen Cole and her husband Bradley, Kathy Baumann and her husband Kirk, Adam Holt and his wife Shannon, Dustin Holt and his wife Carol, Cory Bernhards and his wife Casey and Kirsten Bernhards Slagle and her husband Evan; great-grandchildren Sarah Buehler, Jamie Buehler, Jordan Luli, William Luli, Lily Cole, Lewis Baumann, Gregory Baumann, Drew Baumann and Margaret Kathryn Holt; brothers John, Daniel and Andrew Fetsko; sisters Elizabeth Beilstein and Pauline Janasko.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on January 24 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

## J. Michael Hein, Sr. And J. "Mikey" Hein, Jr.

J. Michael Hein, Sr., 51, and his son J. Mikey Hein, Jr., 6, died suddenly due to an automobile accident on January 7, 2011.

Born on June 16, 1959, to Shirley Kirk Hein of Bowie and the late Benjamin Dave Hein, Mr. Hein grew up in Greenbelt, living in the Springhill Lake Apartments. He graduated from Parkdale High School, Class of 1977. He was a successful salesman working in a variety of industries.

He married Tara Barringer October 6, 2002, and they made

their home on Kent Island.

Mr. Hein liked fishing, hunting, being on the Chesapeake Bay and watching his son, Mikey, who was an avid wrestler.

J. "Mikey" Hein, Jr., attended first grade in Matapeake Elementary School.

Survivors include Tara Barringer Hein, wife and mother, of Stevensville; daughters/sisters Shera Hill of Martinsburg, W.Va., Shannon Hein of Laurel, Stephanie Barringer of Wheaton, Sara Hein and Shainne Hein of Stevensville and many relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at Lasting Tributes Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation & Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis on January 15.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Washington Regional Transplant Community, 17619 Little River Turnpike, Suite 900, Annandale, VA 22003 and/or Hein Family Fund, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, MD 20895. For online condolences visit [www.LastingTributesFuneralCare.com](http://www.LastingTributesFuneralCare.com).

## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former resident J. Michael Hein, Sr. and his six-year-old son in an auto accident in Bowie.

### Congratulations to:

– Army Specialist Robert S. Ferraz-Cunha, the son of Greenbelt Jose H. Cunha, who was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance as the primary computer operator of the battery fire direction section, enhancing the training of hundreds of soldiers, officers and Marines. He is assigned to the second Battalion, second Field Artillery at Ft. Sill in Lawton, Okla.

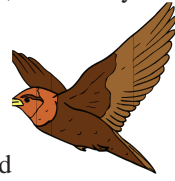
– Stephanie Holland, formerly of Southway, who graduated from Towson University on January 2, 2011, with a B.S. degree in theater design and production. Stephanie, a 2005 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, is the daughter of Marion and Bill Holland and Michael Craddock of Bowie.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## Winter Bird Walk Is Saturday Morning

On Saturday, February 5 at 7:30 a.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will lead a free half-day bird walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University. There will also be an opportunity to bird at the nearby WB&A trail. All skill levels are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for details



## "Polished Gem" Is Book Club Subject

The next meeting of the College Park Arts Exchange book club will be on Friday, February 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. The book to be discussed is "Unpolished Gem: My Mother, My Grandmother, and Me" by Alice Pung. She talks about her family, three generations of Asian women who moved from China to Cambodia through Vietnam and Thailand to Australia and the difficulties she faced as an emigrant growing up.

For information email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



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**February 6, 10 a.m.**

"Self-Discovery and Anti-Racism" by Rev. Preston Mears, worship leader with Carol Carter Walker, worship associate.

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

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

10 a.m. main service

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

#### • Wednesdays

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

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## 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 10:00am**

## Hope Fellowship

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Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

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Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

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301-474-4322

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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 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Sunday School : 9:30 am  
Worship : 11:00 am  
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Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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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)

## 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

### Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Exhibiting artists at the Café through February 28 are photographer Nicholas Condon with his "Walking Through Greenbelt;" etchings, mixed media drawings and paintings by New Deal pianist John Guernsey; and jewelry by Nancy DePatchett.

On Thursday, February 3 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone session for music, poetry, prose and storytelling is from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group resumes its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. the Hot Club of DC is back with Gypsy jazz.

Saturday, February 5 is the TV John Variety Show, showcasing alternative rock group The Underwriters and Edgewood, an Indie/post punk/rock group from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by classical guitarist Bruce Krittr from 4 to 6 p.m. The Lynn Veronneau Trio plays Latin and Gypsy Jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, February 6 the Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 to noon, while Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Next Week

On Tuesday, February 8 Susan Souza plays acoustic Indie music from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 9 is Americana Music Night with Don Walters and The Scrub Pines with roots acoustic music from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, February 10 music therapist Molly Griest, a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, performs original songs from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, February 11 from 8 to 11 p.m. The Galt Line duo displays wide-ranging music including R&B, rockabilly, western swing, jump blues and Gypsy Jazz. The Jelly Roll Mortals take the stage on Saturday, February 12 with original semi-acoustic roots rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, February 13 there will be a special Cupid's Caper Jazz Revue with Pete Reppert and friends serenading Karim and Maria's special Valentine's Day buffet from 5 to 9 p.m. There is a fee (see ad on page 9).

For reservations call 301-474-5642.

### Free Concert Marks Exhibit Opening

The National Gallery of Art will present a free joint lecture and concert at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9. Appearing will be Janice Martin, violinist, with John Wohlstetter, lecturer. The program will include music by George Gershwin. This event is presented in honor of "From Impressionism to Modernism," a new exhibit at the Gallery; it will be held in the West Building Lecture Hall.

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corrected paper was transmitted back to Eppard for final changes. This occurred within seconds of a total power failure in central Greenbelt a little before 8 p.m.

Eppard, in Montgomery County, made the final changes with her lights flickering. Then she transmitted the print copy directly to the printer. She was also able to transmit the copy to Joan Falcão here in Greenbelt for Internet posting before Falcao's power failed. (While power in the city center was out for about 15 hours, Eppard was without power until Saturday morning.)

Meanwhile staff made their way back to their darkened homes, some with help from thoughtful neighbors.

#### Distribution

Falcão, with no power in Greenbelt, tried her uncle's house in Silver Spring, the Silver Spring library, Starbucks and Borders Book Store as well as various Internet possibilities in Kensington but was unsuccessful in uploading the Internet version

of the News Review. After trying so many "foreign" Internet locations, she learned that power had been restored in Greenbelt and she could post the Internet News Review from home.

For all her effort to hasten posting the online paper, Falcão had, in fact, delayed it. "Folks are probably too busy with shoveling to notice," Falcao hoped. "And maybe their paper was delivered earlier."

Silver had no problems printing the paper, which arrived in Greenbelt shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday for distribution. Circulation Manager Ian Tuckman then went out to drop the bundles to a smattering of carriers who were challenged to deliver the papers amidst the snow accumulation.

Efforts to bring the latest news to the Greenbelt community largely happen behind the scenes and in the wee hours of the night. For the many volunteers and professionals that make it happen each week without fail, getting the job done "by any means necessary" is just another day's work.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

GHI employee Bryan McCurdy clears snow from the sidewalk between 14 and 16 Courts Ridge Road on Thursday morning.



# City Information

### MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7-11

Monday, February 7 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: Property License Fee Review at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, February 8 at 7pm, **GREENBELT ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, February 9 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH STATE'S ATTORNEY (stakeholder)** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.*

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Facility Renovations at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is seeking proposals for a Community Development Block Grant funded renovation project. Interested contractors can obtain a detailed RFP Document by visiting the City's website at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/SHL-RFP.pdf>

This is a Federally-assisted project subject to appropriate Federal, State and local laws and implementation regulations as follows: Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u; 24 CFR 135 (Code of Federal Regulations); Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246; the Clean Air Act of 1963, as amended; 40 CFR 15; Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a--276a-5; Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act, 48 Stat. 948, 40 U.S.C. 276 (c); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-332; 24 CFR Part 35 (Lead-Based Paint Hazards); Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI, Public Law 88-352; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended; Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352); and Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension." Additional provisions may apply depending upon the nature of the work to be performed and the contract price.

**Proposals must be RECEIVED no later than 3/4/11 at 10:00 a.m. There is a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on 2/15/11 at 10:00 a.m. at the facility for any contractor wishing to submit a proposal.**

### GREENBELT CARES WINTER WORKSHOPS IN LIFE SKILLS

Register for one or all of the following by calling 301-345-6660.

February 7-Living Alone and Liking it  
February 28-Learning to be Assertive

March 7, Living Well Through Mid-Life Changes

Workshops will be held from 5-6:30pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

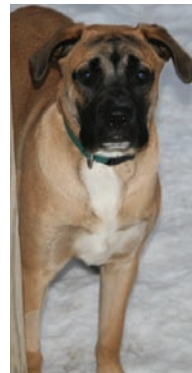
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

COME OUT AND VISIT:



**Sassy**, has beautiful markings and is quite gentle. **Sonny** is an older fellow, but still enjoys playing and getting lots of cuddles. He was sadly abandoned by his owner. **Bullet** is a big sweetheart with a lot of love to give. The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124 Make a donation in the name of a friend! Visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

Greenbelt CityLink: [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)



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### DARLING DANCE

Friday, February 4th from 7-10pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
AGES 7-14 \$2.00 per person

Come out and celebrate Valentines Day with a DeeJay and Dance Competitions. Prizes for winners. Food at a nominal fee. Info: 301-397-2212

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for a pilot project to identify the best options for upgrading all 1,600 homes.

### Research Report

Joe Wiehagen from the National Association of Home Builders Research Center (NAHB-RC) gave the next presentation. The Research Center, which has partnered with GHI to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Building America Program, is leading the analysis portion of GHI's pilot project.

Wiehagen explained that construction design and materials used to build GHI homes in the 1930s and 1940s have resulted in much higher energy usage than in more recent homes. He told the gathered membership that all-electric "modern homes three times the size [of GHI row homes] use about what your homes are using."

Even using so much electricity, Wiehagen explained, many GHI homes are less comfortable than members want. His team has placed temperature, humidity and energy usage sensors in the homes of the 28 members participating in the pilot project.

He held up a temperature graph showing dramatic fluctuations in one pilot home, saying temperatures "go up and down during the day. When they go down below 50 degrees on this chart, some people are very uncomfortable." He added, "This winter has been pushing our limits."

### Top Member Concerns

The mad hatters returned then to present the most frequent questions, concerns and ideas written on cards at the beginning of the meeting. The most common items fell into seven categories.

**Work Members Have Already Done:** Many members have already performed significant upgrades on their homes, installing new windows, heating systems or other improvements. Board President Suzette Agans said GHI leadership intends that members who have paid for their own improvements that meet or exceed upgrades installed by GHI will keep them and not pay for those portions of the project. She said these upgrades will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Crawlspaces:** Members asked what would be done about these areas, particularly whether they would be insulated. Wiehagen said "The crawlspaces are quite a challenge." Several options are being considered, he said, including reducing ventilation and insulating them or leaving them open and insulating the bottom of the concrete slabs.

GHI and the NAHB-RC are reviewing the costs and benefits of different techniques. They will evaluate these variants during the pilot program to find the most effective.

**Funding:** Members asked how much the upgrades would cost and where funding would come from. Cohen said the pilot program was necessary to determine the total cost. He referred to the reserve replacement fund, adding that GHI leadership will take a holistic approach to expenses.

A member could see an increase in monthly co-op payments offset to some extent by reductions in electric bills. Computer models can provide estimates of savings from various improvements, but the pilot project will provide actual savings and experiences which will be used to evalu-

ate which upgrades should occur throughout the cooperative.

**Technologies:** Members also asked about whether GHI had evaluated the use of specific technologies, including solar and geothermal energy. Skolnik said, "We're very interested in the question of environmental sustainability [but] the primary goal . . . is livability and cost control."

He said the Buildings Committee will carefully evaluate costs and benefits of geothermal heat pumps, which involve laying a series of pipes about three feet underground where the temperature is always close to 55 degrees. He explained that solar energy for individual homes is unlikely to be cost-effective because of the community's thick tree cover. The GHI board, however, is currently looking into whether it can profitably install solar panels on the roof of the GHI headquarters building.

Skolnik said different insulation technologies are being evaluated for GHI's different types of construction. Block homes may have hardboard insulation added on the exterior walls, he said, possibly topped with an outer layer designed to retain the block appearance.

Frame houses have wooden floors which may be sealed and insulated with spray foam. Wiehagen said, "There's a real cost tradeoff between different types of spray foam" and selecting products for the pilot project was a critical analysis being undertaken.

**Low-Income Residents:** In response to questions about how low-income residents can deal with high utility bills, GHI Finance Committee is investigating options to make it easier for low-income residents to afford the upgrade project and the cost of the upgrade. Agans referred to the Maryland low-income assistance program described in a brochure available at the meeting and from GHI after the meeting.

She cited the GHI Weatherization Volunteer Corps, a volunteer effort just getting started.

The program seeks volunteers to help with caulking, sealing windows and air conditioners and other projects in homes of those seeking weatherproofing. Volunteers should contact George Bachman at [gbachman@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:gbachman@greenbelthomes.net).

**Why Are We Waiting?** While some members were skeptical that the upgrade was necessary, others wanted it to start immediately. Cohen explained that the buildings committee is not "waiting" – they are following the plan GHI has had in place for years.

Because GHI homes are built with uncommon construction designs, the three-year pilot project will make best use of members' money by identifying the most effective upgrades.

During this first year of the pilot project, baseline data is being collected. At the beginning of the second year, the building envelope in the pilot homes will be improved. During the third year, heating system upgrades will be installed and analyzed for cost effectiveness. Then the most effective upgrades will be recommended to the membership.

### Other Issues

Eldon Ralph, GHI's Assistant General Manager, added, "We need to test [the computer models] by doing the pilot program to see if we actually get the estimated



During the January 23 GHI Town Hall Meeting, GHI Assistant General Manager Eldon Ralph addresses a member question. Also on stage are Buildings Committee member Jackie Kendall, GHI Treasurer Sylvia Lewis, Buildings Committee member Steve Skolnik, GHI President Suzette Agans, Buildings Committee Chair Jim Cohen and NAHB-RC Representative Joe Wiehagen. Below, a view from the dais.



savings and benefits from the upgrades. When we embark on the wide-scale community program, it

can be a program that members are happy with," he said, to member applause.

Individual members also asked many questions. These will be reported in a later article.

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## Police Blotter

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

### DWI Arrests

January 22 and 23, three non-resident men were arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol among other charges in separate incidents. All were released on citations pending trial.

### Disorderly Conduct

January 22, 2:36 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

January 24, 1:09 p.m., 400 block of Ridge Road, a door was damaged.

### Burglary

January 22, 10:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

### Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a green 2001 Mercury Villager van with Maryland tags from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive and a White 2003 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags from the 8000 block Mandan Road. An attempted theft of a vehicle was reported in the 8200 block Canning Terrace.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrests and two by the Metropolitan Police with two arrests in

### Credit Union Robbed

On Friday, January 21 at approximately 6:54 p.m. a man entered the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union in Roosevelt Center, displayed a handgun and took an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years old, wearing a tan coat, gray hooded sweatshirt, gray sweat pants, black mask and a black and white hat (see poster).

Investigation is continuing. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

one of the recoveries. A set of Virginia tags were also recovered by Greenbelt police.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7400 block Greenbelt Road (purse); 6000 block Springhill Drive (DVD/CD player, monitor); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (parking permit); 8100 block Mandan Terrace (tires, rims); and 7500 block Mandan Road (tires, rims).

Vandalism was reported at 9100 block Edmonston Court (punctured tires) and 6000 block Breezewood Drive (broken window).

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*

### Register for Teen Career Program

Registration for the county teens' spring career Building Block Training Program began online at [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com) on Tuesday, February 1. The first session of the Building Block Training Program will be held on Wednesdays starting on March 2 and continuing on March 9, 16 and 23; the second session will be held on April 6, 27 and May 4, 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover. There is no cost for this program; pre-registration is required.

The Building Block Training Program is designed to assist Prince George's County teens, ages 13 to 17, as they venture into the world of volunteering and future employment. The training features four "blocks." Teens may register for any number of blocks.

For information call 301-446-3321; TTY 301-446-3402.

### Slideshow Topic Is Local Black History

Prince George's County has a wealth of beautifully restored historical locations. Learn more about local treasures with this African American history slideshow and discussion on Friday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

This free event is for adults and older kids. For more information email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

### U.S. Army Field Band Performs

There will be a free performance of "Cosi Fan Tutte" selections by the U.S. Army Field Band on Tuesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C. The program is free, open to the public and no tickets are required. Selections from the opera by the Soldiers' Chorus will be performed in Italian with English narration.

For more information call 301-677-5789 or visit [www.ArmyFieldBand.com](http://www.ArmyFieldBand.com).



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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT  
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The Greenbelt Police Department is investigating the armed robbery of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway, that occurred on Friday, January 21st, 2011 at approximately 6:54 P.M. This is a photo of the suspect. Anyone with information on the identity of this suspect or with any information that could assist investigators in this case is asked to call the Greenbelt Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Prince George's County Crime Solvers tip line at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) OR text "PGPD plus your tip" to CRIMES (274637) from your cell phone. Anonymous tips may also be submitted online at [www.crimesolverspg.com](http://www.crimesolverspg.com).

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### Tips for Protecting Wireless Networks

The Maryland Attorney General's (AG) Office has issued advice on protecting security of wireless data networks. Wireless transmissions can be vulnerable to interceptions that collect unencrypted emails, passwords and records of browsing. Such information can be obtained by the network owner or unauthorized users, even by driving through neighborhoods where such data is being transmitted.

OnGuard Online, a consortium of federal agencies and technology industry experts, recommends that residents use up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a firewall; turn off identifier broadcasting that broadcasts a signal from the device; change the router identifier and password from the default original set by the manufacturer; turn off the wireless network when not in use to limit availability to hackers; and public "hot spots" are not secure – they are convenient but users' data are not protected. Gansler further reminds users that if possible use WPA encryption, not WEP. WPA2 is strongest and should protect against most hackers. But even WEP (on older routers) is better than none.

For more information on combatting identity theft, visit the AG's Identity Theft website at <http://www.oag.state.md.us/idtheft>.

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Monday, February 14, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.,  
Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council,  
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Tuesday, February 15, 1 to 7 p.m.,  
Moose College Park Lodge #453, 3700 Metzert Road,  
College Park  
Wednesday, February 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Prince George's Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,  
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Wednesday, February 23, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
University of Maryland, Hillel Center, 7612 Mowatt Lane,  
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**WORKSHOP**  
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PHOTO BY MELANIE LYNN GRIFFIN

**Lesley Riddle led Saturday's Nature Journaling workshop back inside the much warmer Community Center after their foray into the natural environs.**

and said she had come to the workshop to rediscover the right side of her brain. Another attendee shared that she wasn't able to walk as well as she used to and so wanted to learn different ways to appreciate nature. One described herself as a "Jane Goodall wanna-be." Many said they had moved to Greenbelt because of the beauty of the forests and the lake and they wanted to enjoy it more.

This was all music to Riddle's ears, as she conceived of the nature journaling workshop as "a way of reaching out and getting folks outside more." Dressed in tattered blue jeans and a gray sweatshirt which bore a button reading Everything is Connected, Riddle encouraged workshop participants to "get personal" with nature.

"Take time to get to know nature, like you would a friend," she said. "We are physically, chemically and emotionally a part of nature. We need to develop a deeper understanding and reconnect with the parts of our lives we've lost touch with."

Riddle acknowledged that in our stressful culture of emails and traffic jams, finding time for quiet reflection can be a challenge. Several attendees said that their favorite time for contemplating nature is on clear winter nights when the constellations are bright. Don Comis has been known to stay out until all hours watching for fox and coyote. "Sitting on a little hill in Greenbelt all night is like the Serengeti to me," he said.

The workshop was organized by the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (beaverdamcreek.org) and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS.org). They plan to hold a nature journaling workshop each season this year.

**Board of Ed. Budget Worksession Feb. 8**

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a budget worksession as part of the development process of the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget. The worksession will be on February 8 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

**Budget Hearing Held on Feb. 3**

The public hearing on the county School Board Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget originally scheduled January 18 has been rescheduled for tonight, Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. The hearing will take place in the Board Room, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.



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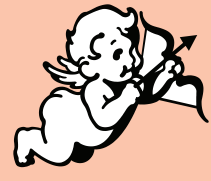
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trips were also funded: \$500 for attendance at a Shakespeare play and \$500 for math students to visit the University of Maryland mathematics and engineering departments.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School won a \$500 grant to support its literary magazine, a glossy, high-quality publication that includes prose, poetry, drawing and photography. A second ERHS grant of \$455 will bring a Holocaust survivor to school as a guest speaker, in conjunction with students' study of the book, "Night," by Elie Wiesel. The speaker visit will be arranged through the National Holocaust Museum's Speaker's Bureau.

A third ACE grant for ERHS, \$500, will fund the purchase of agenda books for special education students.

### SHL PTA

Springhill Lake (SHL) Elementary School PTA will receive two \$500 grants to support two fitness classes. They will initiate a jump-rope fitness class in association with the Greenbelt City Stars and will continue a dance fitness class with Chelsea Calhoun that was begun last year. These after-school classes, which promote artistic expression and fitness, are expected to be popular with the students.

Magnolia Elementary will receive two grants. One \$500 grant will enable pre-K teachers to attend

Spanish language classes at Prince George's Community College. Another \$500 grant will help fund a student recognition program.

One classroom in Greenbelt Elementary School has a pottery kiln in need of repair. The school's PTA won a \$350 grant to repair the kiln for use in art programs at the school.

*Jon Gardner is the Chair of ACE. Kathleen Gallagher also contributed to this article.*

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The fire at 108 Greenhill Road was believed to be started by candles.

## Storm Caused Outages, May Have Led to Fire

by James Giese

The snowstorm on Wednesday, January 26 was unusually wet and heavy and caused havoc throughout the metropolitan Washington area. In Greenbelt, damage was mostly limited to fallen trees and limbs. However, a power outage may have helped cause a house fire.

Ken Hall, Greenbelt Public Works director, estimates there were 10 to 15 fallen trees and numerous fallen branches, many from aging Bradford Pear trees in Greenbelt East. Some of the damaged trees will need to be removed, Hall said, because damage is so severe. While fallen limbs could be the cause for the power outage in the central section of the city, Hall is not aware of the specific cause.

According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, power was out in most of the central part of the city for 15 hours or more, from shortly before 8 p.m. Wednesday to mid to late Thursday. Residents of the 36 court of Ridge and part of the 33 court were an exception, however. They suffered a power outage until late Saturday, according to McLaughlin.

Hall said there were no particular problems experienced with snow removal. Greenbelt police have not reported any storm-related incidents.

### Greenhill Fire

Apparently the power outage resulted in one fire at 108 Green-

hill Road. McLaughlin reported that the cause of the fire appeared to be burning candles. The fire was reported at 10:03 p.m. according to the Prince George's fireboard. News Review staffer Kathleen McFarland reports that her granddaughter, Erin Thomas of Fayette Place, was out walking in the snow when a resident ran out of the house on Greenhill and asked her to call 911 and report a fire.

Greenbelt Company 35 Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Engine was first on the scene according to Assistant Chief Lani Lindsey of the Branchville Fire Department, which also responded to the scene. The fire was primarily in the front living room and the eaves of the rambler home and was brought under control in 20 minutes. Fire loss is estimated at \$90,000 and the cause is still under investigation.



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Greenbelt firefighters battle the blaze, which was mostly confined to the front living room and eaves.

## Playhouse Offers Seniors Free Movie

The next monthly free movie for seniors at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly will be shown on Tuesday, February 8 at 11 a.m. This month's film is "Fireproof."

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## Board of Ed. Meets On System Oversight

The Board of Education of Prince George's County will host a System Oversight Meeting that will focus on Operations and Supporting Services on Thursday, February 10 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be in the Board Room of the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

## Public Hearings Scheduled For School Budget Cuts

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County is preparing for the next school year with a reduced budget. Prince George's County Public Schools superintendent Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., had recently announced that the Fiscal Year 2012 proposed budget was \$1.68 billion before learning of a projected \$64 million shortfall in planned-for funding from the state. Governor Martin O'Malley has announced an additional \$20.8 million cut to the county's school system funding, which now leaves budget cuts totaling \$84.8 million. The education budget is very large; an \$85 million shortfall is a five percent cut in the total budget. The Fiscal Year 2011 operating budget is \$1.63 billion.

Specific cuts in the budget are now under consideration. Hearings have already begun and the final budget adoption will be on February 24. The Board of Education will hold two additional public hearings - at 7

p.m. on Thursday, February 10 and Tuesday, March 1 (after the budget adoption). The board will hold one additional FY12 budget worksession at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. The final FY12 budget worksession (budget adoption) is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 24.

All budget public hearings and work sessions will be held in the Board Room, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt's member on the Board of Education has a letter in this week's Letters to the Editor encouraging parents and the community to become involved in the budget process. More details on the planned budget can be found at the website [www1.pgcps.org/superintendent/budget](http://www1.pgcps.org/superintendent/budget). Questions and comments can also be submitted there. To contact the board by phone call 301-952-6382 or 301-952-6090.

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