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Eric Zhang's Year in Photographs

by Marat Moore

Photographer and blogger Eric Zhang shared highlights from his marathon Greenbelt 2012 Photo Project in a slide show held January 15 at the Community Center. The event, organized by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum as its first lecture of the year, drew a sizeable and appreciative crowd.

It's hard to grasp the scope of his project and the depth of Zhang's commitment.

Consider the numbers – during Greenbelt's 75th anniversary year, he likely shot tens of thousands of images and published 8,391 images with accurate and descriptive captions on his blog at www.greenbelt2012.wordpress.com. During the year Zhang photographed 300 events – the equivalent of nearly one photo shoot every day of the year.

"I always wanted to do something on an American small town but I just didn't know which one," Zhang said. When he and his family moved here and he learned the city's history from the library, he thought Greenbelt might be a good place for a photo project. In late 2011 he saw flyers promoting the city's 75th anniversary celebration "and I knew that should be the year to



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Greenbelter Eric Zhang talks with his audience as he presents a slide show of his year photographing Greenbelt.

do it," he said.

To accomplish his task, he would shoot photos at events on weekends and weeknights and begin work after his young children were in bed, "around 9:30 p.m." he said. Often he would work until 1 or 2 a.m. and then get up early the next morning for his full-time job.

Each of his 289 posts was a photo story; he shot multiple images of each event, gathered information and names, selected a smaller group of images and

wrote a narrative. From his first post on January 1, "A Morning Walk in Greenbelt," each post was a complete story of an aspect of Greenbelt life. His final photographs came in the last moments of New Year's Eve at Roosevelt Center, when residents gathered to sing "Auld Lang Syne," countdown to midnight and cheer when the Old Greenbelt Theatre marquee lit up to usher in 2013.

See ZHANG, page 7

Greenbelt Area Sector Plan And SMA Deadline Looms

by Thomas X. White

At the end of 2012 the Prince George's County Planning Board completed its action on the Preliminary Greenbelt Metro Area and Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan (Preliminary Sector Plan). The Planning Board held a work session on November 29, 2012, to discuss the Preliminary Plan and after review directed the technical staff to prepare a supplementary digest of the public testimony and comments received on the plan and to prepare a resolution to adopt the Preliminary Plan and an endorsement of the proposed Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) associated with the plan. This action was a disappointment for the City of Greenbelt and others who had strongly urged the Planning Board to remand the Preliminary Plan and SMA to the technical staff for further consultation with the affected jurisdictions to address their objections and come up with an approved Plan. Planning Board action on the resolution and the endorsement of the SMA were taken at their meeting December 13.

Chad Williams, the project manager for the Preliminary Plan and SMA, and Tamara Jovicic, a team member, have said that

February 5 is the date for consideration of the Preliminary Plan and SMA by the Prince George's County Council at a worksession sitting as the District Council. With March 11 the legal deadline for final action on the Preliminary Plan, following the worksession the District Council could place the Preliminary Plan and SMA on its agenda for either February 26 or March 5. On either of those two dates the District Council would have several choices to make. They could approve the Preliminary Plan and SMA that was adopted by the Planning Board; they could approve with amendments; they could disapprove the Preliminary Plan and SMA; or they could schedule another Public Hearing on the Preliminary Plan which would give the District Council an additional three months (June 2013) to take final action on the Preliminary Plan and SMA.

Now that the Preliminary Plan and SMA are on the District Council's agenda, all the possible meetings will be at the County Administrative Building in Upper Marlboro. Information on the plan and its status can be found at www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm.

GSA Answering Questions Raised By Request to Relocate FBI HQ

by James Giese

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is hosting an Industry Day today to enable potential responders to get an overview of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters project put forth in a request for information (RFI) issued December 3, 2012. The RFI is seeking proposals related to relocating the headquarters of the FBI. The purpose of the RFI is to "obtain responses from members of the development community, local and state jurisdictions and other interested parties, that are interested in providing a new headquarters facility for the FBI with potential collocation of the federal entities within the National Capital Region." GSA is willing to consider the exchange of the J. Edgar Hoover Building (JEH) as part of this potential transaction, the RFI informs potential developers. GSA wants to get this information for planning purposes and to make strategic decisions about a new FBI headquarters facility.

"Responses to the RFI will assist GSA in exploring redevelopment possibilities to exchange the current outdated and overcrowded J. Edgar Hoover Building, a 2.4 million square foot facility, located on Pennsylvania Avenue,

NW in Washington, D.C., for the construction of a new state-of-the-art FBI headquarters," the GSA explained in a press release announcing the Industry Day event.

Considered a prize plum, officials from all the metropolitan Washington jurisdictions are hoping to get the new FBI facility located in their jurisdiction. In Prince George's County there is an effort to get the new facility located at the Greenbelt Metro Station site.

On January 4 the GSA released its first set of responses to questions that have been asked of it concerning this project. GSA states that the FBI's headquarters operations, currently located in 20 leased locations as well as the JEH, do not meet the bureau's needs in terms of size, security and collocation of integrated operating units. By consolidating these locations into one facility, GSA expects to save close to one million rentable square feet of space, one-third of the space now occupied, through efficiencies of the new facility, elimination of redundant spaces and updated workplace solutions. In particular, GSA is interested in learning how the development and financial communities would view an

exchange of JEH for the development of a new FBI headquarters.

In other responses in the first Question and Answer informational statement the GSA said it will not release the names of those registering for today's meeting nor will it release RFI responses in whole or part to other responders.

The GSA describes the condition of the Hoover Building "as nearing its life-cycle age and exhibiting signs of deterioration, but the primary reason for considering a new facility is that JEH no longer suits the needs of the FBI due to its size and interior configuration and the FBI's security needs." However, due to logistical and security reasons, the GSA does not plan to allow potential responders to tour the building prior to submitting their proposal for re-utilizing the building. That could make it difficult to determine either the feasibility of converting the building to another use or its demolition cost.

The site location for the new facility is limited to the National Capital Region. That area is defined as the District of Columbia, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William Counties in Virginia and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland.

City Opposes County Plan To Cut Paid Fire/EMT Staff

by Barbara Hopkins

As reported in the January 10 News Review, the Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Department plans to cut coverage by paid county staff for municipal fire departments during periods when the volunteer staff is limited or unavailable, currently from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. On March 1 the county plans to discontinue such coverage at the Branchville station, which provides service to Greenbelt West, including Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt Metro Station and Franklin Park, as well as to portions of Berwyn Heights and College Park.

The county's actions are aimed at reducing overtime for career firefighters and at meeting commitments made by the county to the career fire service union for minimum staffing at county fire stations. Cuts in coverage are also planned for West Lanham Hills on Rt. 450, Seat Pleasant and Boulevard Heights.

City Opposition

The City of College Park has written County Executive Rushern Baker opposing the cutback and requesting funding necessary countywide for continued fire station coverage. The letter cites

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What Goes On

Monday, January 21 – City and Greenbelt Homes Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22

6 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education Meeting with Principals, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Community Center

Wednesday, January 23

8 p.m., Council Worksession, City Manager Update, Community Center

Saturday, January 26

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Editorial**Movie Lovers' Review Contest Held by Paper**

News Review staffers Eli Flam and Jim Link have been offering our readers succinct, non-judgmental previews of coming movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

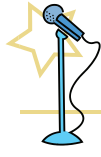
This week it's your turn to write a succinct, judgmental review of the current films – either *Les Miserables* or *Lincoln*. Reviews should be 50 words or less and emailed to gnrfunmail@gmail.com. The News Review will publish the best – brevity, wit and clarity will count.

Please include your name, address and phone number.

Open Microphone For Kids on Sunday

A Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, January 20 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.

**Grin Belt**

"These are tickets to the Inauguration not scratch offs!"

Letters to the Editor

Suitable Recognition For Van Schoonhoven

Like many people in Greenbelt, we were sorry to hear of the death of Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, former principal of Greenbelt Center Elementary School. We remember him well as a strong advocate for education and the children of Greenbelt. He was the driving force that made Greenbelt Center School the excellent school that it was.

In fact his contribution to the city and the school system were recognized at the groundbreaking for the new Greenbelt Elementary School in the spring of 1992 when a Japanese Dogwood was planted to commemorate his work. Unfortunately something is missing. The tree, which is flourishing nicely in front of the school, does not have a commemorative plaque.

We think now is the time to correct that oversight. We are checking with the school about placing a plaque at the tree and looking into the costs. If you also are interested in contributing to this effort and seeing this done, please contact one of us.

Mary Ann Baker,
mabaker41@verizon.net

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leta.mach@verizon.net

THANKS!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank the Maryland Geocaching Society and the Maryland Municipal League, whose generous help made the Geocaching Kick-Off event Saturday, January 5 possible.

Special thanks are also extended to the gold sponsors of the Maryland Municipal League Geotrail, Magellan, L.L. Bean and the City of Havre de Grace. The City of Greenbelt thanks the following for providing information tables at the event: City of Bowie, City of Laurel, Town of Cheverly, Town of Seat Pleasant and the Greenbelt Volksmarchers. Finally, thank you to Greenbelt Girl Scout Troop 4816 for providing concessions throughout the event.

Joe McNeal
Assistant Director
Recreation Department
City of Greenbelt

THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who sent their support to us, both during my husband's illness and after his death. It was and is very gratifying to me to be part of this wonderful, supportive community.

Marjory M. Donn

THANK YOU!

On Sunday, January 6 my friends and I attended Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC) to celebrate Maryland's new marriage equality law. At the 10 a.m. service entitled "Love and Loyalty: Celebrating Enduring Love," PBUUC minister Reverend Diane Teichert offered reflections on the nature of long-time love relationships and the congregation honored the life-time commitments of all couples present – gay and straight, newlywed or long-time. Talented musicians performed love songs by Paul McCartney and John

Lennon, among others. A faux "wedding reception" followed after the service complete with wedding cake, a DJ and dancing and toasts. The service was very moving and the wedding reception was a blast! I danced to great tunes and met new friends. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Only Demonstrator?

Hundreds of thousands in France are demonstrating against same sex marriage. Why was I the only one demonstrating against the Same Sex Marriage celebration at New Deal Café on Sunday, January 6?

Bill Norwood

GreenBeLT Pride's New Deal Celebration

GreenBeLT Pride hosted an Equality Rocks! celebration at the New Deal Café on January 6 to thank those who supported marriage equality. This family-friendly event brought neighbors, friends and new members together.

Special thanks to State Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Tawanna Gaines, Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Rodney Roberts and Mayor Judith Davis for attending.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
WEEK OF JAN 18

Lincoln
(PG-13)

FRIDAY
*4:30, 7:30

SATURDAY - MONDAY
*1:30, *4:30, 7:30

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
*4:30, 7:30

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On Screen**Lincoln: Man and Myth**

Director Steven Spielberg and the uncanny Daniel Day-Lewis have created a Lincoln who is both mythical icon and wily pragmatist. The 16th President ruthlessly shepherds the 13th amendment, which abolishes slavery, through Congress just four months before his assassination. The cast includes Sally Field, Tommy Lee Jones, David Strathairn, Hal Holbrook and James Spader. Written by Tony Kushner, *Lincoln* comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, January 18.

Rating: PG13, Running Time: 2 hours, 25 minutes.

– Jim Link

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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—\$40/year.

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

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**PRELIMINARY AGENDA****GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, January 24, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Water Treatment Contract for HVAC Equipment
- Review of Pet Policy for Parkway Apartments

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Request to Extend Yard to Extent of GHI Property Boundary, and Exception Request for Shed Constructed Other Than As Permitted, 4F Ridge
- Comments from 30-Day Member Review of Proposed Revision of GHI Rules for Landscaping
- Woodlands Committee Recommendation on Ancestral Knowledge Inc.'s Proposal
- Authorization of Additional Expenditure for Job Classification/Salary Survey Contract, 2nd Reading
- Tub Re-glazing Contract for 2013-2015, 2nd Reading

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



Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 21 to 25 are:

Monday - All sites closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Tuesday - Grape juice, turkey breast with gravy, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, fresh fruit.

Wednesday - Pineapple juice, baked chicken breast, mixed beans, dilled carrots, heavenly fruit salad.

Thursday - Fruit punch, beef and peppers, lima beans, scalloped tomatoes, fresh fruit.

Friday - Apple juice, corn chowder, sliced cheese, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits.

Star Party Planned At City Observatory

On Saturday, January 19 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 7 p.m., although telescopes may be set up earlier. Objects to be observed include the moon just past the first quarter phase and Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites, along with several nice star clusters and nebulae.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

At the Library

Read to Rover

Saturday, January 19, 2 p.m. Children ages 6 to 11 build confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child reads for 15 minutes. Registration is required.

Storytimes

The library will be closed on Monday, January 21 in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit pgcmls.info.

GHI Notes

Friday, January 18, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 21, Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation - Board Room

Wednesday, January 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting - Board Room

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting - Board Room

Monday, January 28, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting - GHI Lobby

Tuesday, January 29, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting - GHI Library

Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m., Board of Directors (Rentals Worksession) - Board Room
Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club greeted the year 2013 with an important meeting to elect the following slate of officers, who were installed by Director of Recreation Julie McHale on January 2: President Cathie Brannan, first Vice President John Henry Jones, second Vice President Randi Anderson, Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald, Corresponding Secretary Suze Marley and Treasurer Warren Wilcox. Let's give these volunteers lots of support and encouragement for the upcoming year.

We'll be playing Bingo on January 23 and invite all to join in the sing-along on January 30, when we'll ring in the New Year with Chris Cherry and Stephan Brodd.

Remember, this is the time to pay dues. We always welcome new members and guests.

Everyone needs to have a candy kiss in their "survival kit" to remind them everyone needs a hug or a compliment, every day.

Explore Preventing Falls on January 25

The Friday, January 25 Exploration Unlimited program will be on improving balance and preventing falls. Led by fitness presenter Julia McFadden, the Marketing Manager for Specialty Care Services, it will include ways to improve balance and prevent falls.

McFadden has held numerous positions in the fitness industry as exercise specialist, wellness facilitator, personal trainer and fitness director. In addition to public speaking, she has made television appearances and contributed to trade publications. She has been a fitness and wellness professional for over 20 years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Inauguration Day Party at Café

On Monday, January 21 the New Deal Café will hold an Inauguration Party. Inaugural festivities of course include the presidential swearing-in ceremony, inaugural address, inaugural parade and numerous inaugural balls and galas honoring the re-elected president.

Beginning around 11:30 a.m. the presidential oath of office will be administered to Barack Obama on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. People can watch the inaugural events on the big screen at the Café. All are invited to come and celebrate.

Chef Karim says he is planning a special All-American menu in honor of the occasion.

The Café party will continue in the evening when Ruthie & the Wranglers appear from 7 to 9 p.m. to play rockin' American Roots music with original Americana Country to rousing Surf instrumentals. The group's lyrics, high energy and spritely hillbilly harmonies set them apart from the rest.

For details visit www.newdeal-cafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

City Notes

Animal Control staff reported that three dogs were surrendered by a homeless family.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew put down millings (recycled concrete) on Northway extended going toward Northway Fields.

Agriculture/Parks/Playgrounds crew installed protective fencing for the forest preserve on Hamilton Place.

The Youth Center hosted a Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail kick-off event with around 150 people attending the event. Food and refreshments were provided by a local Girl Scout Troop. For more information on the MML Geocache Trail visit <http://www.mdmunicipal.org/index.aspx?nid=489>.

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FRI. - SAT. - SUN.
Last Stand, R (!)
11:35, 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35
Broken City, R (!)
11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
Mama, PG-13 (!)
11:25, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
The Haunted House, R (!)
11:10, 12, 1:20, 2:15, 3:30, 4:25, 5:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10
Gangster Squad, PG (!)
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:55
Zero Dark Thirty, R (!)
11:55, 3:20, 6:50, 10:05
Django: Unchained, R
1:10, 6:45, 10:05
Rise of the Guardians, PG
11, 4:30

TUES.
Last Stand, R (!)
11:35, 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35
Broken City, R (!)
11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
Mama, PG-13 (!)
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The Haunted House, R (!)
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Gangster Squad, PG (!)
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Zero Dark Thirty, R (!)
11:55, 3:20, 7:40
Django: Unchained, R
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Rise of the Guardians, PG
11, 4:30

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Last Stand, R (!)
11:35, 2:05, 4:30, 7:05
Broken City, R (!)
11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05
Mama, PG-13 (!)
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The Haunted House, R (!)
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Gangster Squad, PG (!)
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Zero Dark Thirty, R (!)
11:55, 3:20, 6:50
Django: Unchained, R
1:10, 6:45
Rise of the Guardians, PG
11, 4:30

THURS.
Hansel & Gretel, PG-13 (!)
10 p.m.
Last Stand, R (!)
11:35, 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 10
Broken City, R (!)
11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45
Mama, PG-13 (!)
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Zero Dark Thirty, R (!)
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Django: Unchained, R
11:30, 6, 9:30
Rise of the Guardians, PG
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More Community Events
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The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club presents

Building Your Thinking Power - Mental Flexibility

at the Greenbelt Community Church

Saturday, January 19th, 2013 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM

For more information and to register, contact David Alexander (301-345-4718, alexa038@yahoo.com)

Fee: \$8 Space is Limited! Refreshments Provided

Greenbelt Arts Center

The Rude Mechanicals present
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Presented by The Rude Mechanicals

January 18, 19, 25, 26 at 8:00pm

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission; \$14 Students/Seniors/Military

Please note: This production contains the use of non-nicotine electronic prop cigarettes which produce water vapor similar to theatrical hazers.

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

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:
January 19 (11:00pm after Merchant) improv NOW!
February 1 and 2 - Stargazing A guest production from alight dance theater
February 22 - March 16 - Superior Donuts

Greenbelt Arts Center
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Greenbelt Baseball

2013 Registration Dates

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

Saturday, January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Registration will be held at the following locations and times

10 a.m. - noon @ Greenbelt Youth Center

10 a.m. - noon @ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

DRAFT DAY
Saturday, March 2, 2013

10 a.m., First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)

(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 9, 2013 same time and location)

Major League Players Only

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:
Commissioner Jim Inzeo at 301-832-6631 or at greenbeltbaseball@aol.com

Tu B'Shevat Seder Welcomes All

Friday, January 25 at 6 p.m. there will be a Tu B'Shevat Seder, free and open to all, at Mishkan Torah to commemorate the annual New Year of the Trees. Dr. Seuss' Lorax has nothing on the Jewish people, who have been speaking for the trees for over 3,000 years.

The joyous seder, led by Mishkan Torah Education Director Bret Goldstein, celebrates the wonder of trees and includes tasting first fruits, an obligatory four cups of wine or grape juice, songs and each other's company, along with a pot luck dinner. Attendees are asked to bring a dairy or meatless dish. Anything commercially prepared must have a kosher hechsher.

The entire community is invited; reservations are required and may be made by mail at 10 Ridge Road, online at www.mishkantorah.org (follow prompts in upper left corner) or by calling 301-474-4223.

Exodus to Be Read At Shabbat Shira

Saturday, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a special Shabbat service at Mishkan Torah for Shabbat Shira, which marks the annual reading of the exultant song in the Book of Exodus on the crossing of the Red Sea into freedom after the liberation from Egyptian slavery.

Rabbinical student Saul Oresky and Cantor Yael Fischman will lead a creative service of chanting, singing, poetry and guided relaxation in honor of the day. The Mishkan Torah Choir will lead some of the scheduled songs.

There is no fee or reservation required; the whole community is invited to participate.

Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Boxwood resident Marlene Matthews, 76, who died January 9, 2013. A funeral Mass was held January 15 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.

Congratulations to:
- Timothy Hensel, who made the Dean's List at the University of Maryland in his first semester there. He is the son of Colleen and the late David Hensel and the grandson of Irene Hensel and JoAnn McCarthy.

- John Hays, whose poem "Hunter's Moon - Wyoming" has been published by the Dark Metre horror poetry newsletter.

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

- Kathleen McFarland

In Memoriam

A Good Neighbor, Good Friend, Margaret Smith

I met Margaret Smith in the spring of 1985 when I moved in across the street from her. She could see my house when sitting at her kitchen table and I could see hers from mine. We always knew when someone was visiting or if something had happened. We kept an eye out for each other. We became good friends, family.

When I returned to work in 1992, a year after my son was born, I needed someone to care for him in the morning. I remember sitting at Margaret's kitchen table agonizing over finding someone and already missing him.

And out of the blue, she said, "Just for the morning? I love Evan. I will keep him." I started to cry and asked her if she was kidding.

For the next four years she and Evan were together. Over the years she gave him breakfast, took him to the playground or to toddler gym or Mom's Morning Out or to nursery school. People would tell me they had a nice time with Evan's grandmother. And I would hesitate and then understood - they meant Margaret.

Evan's dad was supposed to pick Evan up at noon but Evan did not want to leave because it was time for Butch, Margaret's son, to come over for lunch from his job at Goddard. Butch would let Evan see his truck and let the boy get him his Coke from the refrigerator.

Evan adored Butch, wanting to be just like him when he grew up. Evan told me he was going to work near me when he was big so he could come over every day for lunch like Butch did and come on Saturday and mow the grass!

Margaret had introduced Evan to three of his favorite things - bacon, Coke and chocolate. But Butch showed him how to be a grown up son.

While Evan was in for winter break from college for two weeks, we went over to see Margaret. They sat and reminisced and caught up. He needed to see her before she left us and she was thrilled to see him.

I still look out the window for her and I miss her very much. Rest in peace, my good friend.

- Robin Olson

Roosevelt Dems' Trip To Annapolis January 21

Monday, January 21 - also inauguration day for President Obama's second term and the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. - is the day for this year's Roosevelt Democratic Club annual trip to Annapolis to be greeted and feted by Greenbelt's state Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and newly-appointed Delegate Alonzo Washington. Washington, a resident of Riverdale, takes the place of Justin Ross, who resigned.

The group will dine on Three Brothers' fare and listen to talks outlining this year's state issues.

There will be a charter bus leaving Greenbelt from the lower lot at the library at 5 p.m. sharp.

There is a fee for the event, which includes transportation and is payable when boarding the bus. To reserve a place on the bus or for more information call Pam at 301-858-3058.

Annual Dues

Now is the time to renew annual club dues. The dues form is available from Treasurer Austin Henr on January 21 and may be paid at the February 15 meeting or mailed to the club at P.O. Box 824, Greenbelt, MD 20786-0824. There are reduced rates for those 62 or older.

Club meetings are usually held on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. All are welcome.

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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, January 18 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the John Lee Experience takes over from 8 to 11 p.m. with music drawn from blues, African, Indian and classical music.

Saturday, January 19 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by John Guernsey with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Nice Trys play Cinematic Folk and Honky Tonk from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 20 the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the monthly kids' open microphone session for the whole family from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. There will be Middle Eastern music and dance with Darkuba Dawg Hafila playing the oud, darbuka and riq from 5 to 7 p.m.

Next Week

Monday, January 21, Inauguration Day, Barak Obama's inauguration will be shown on the Café's big screen television, along with a special American menu of chicken and ribs available all day long. Ruthie & the Wranglers top off the party with rockin' American roots music from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, January 22 Steve Haug plays imaginative folk and covers from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 23 the Cajun Music Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, January 24 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. The evening features the Songwriter's Association of Washington open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 25 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Orchester Prazevica performs a mix of Slovak and Gypsy songs in the style of Ľadáš and Gypsy jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, January 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. is Greg Meyers' Community Jazz Jam. Afterward John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. then Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes serve up a blend of Chicago, West Coast Swing and Jump Blues peppered with Soul from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 27 from 5 to 8 p.m., Snakehead Run specializes in authentic blues, jug and string band music.



Life Line Screening At Legion Jan. 21

Greenbelt American Legion will be the site for a day-long Life Line Screening program on Monday, January 21.

The screenings available include tests to identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease. Bone density screening for osteoporosis risk is also offered.

Screenings are painless, modest and take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. There is a fee for these medical tests and screenings.

Nonfiction by Women Book Club Meets

People are invited to join a discussion of literary nonfiction by women at the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House.

The book to be discussed January 18 is "Darwin's Ghosts: The Secret History of Evolution," by Rebecca Stott.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth, near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.



Letters to the Editor

Volunteer Call

I hope you have enjoyed reading about the teachers and other staff members of the six Greenbelt schools for the past nine years.

However, this may be the last year for this series of articles in celebration of American Education Week.

I have enjoyed coordinating the series but will not be able to continue it nor have I found someone to take it all on. Perhaps the responsibilities could be divided among three reliable people.

One task would simply be to obtain the names of the nominees from each principal. Some principals respond quickly and others need follow up.

The second task, the overall coordinator, would be to obtain the contact information for possible reporters from the News Review editor. These are usually regular reporters or university journalism students. The coordinator would provide the school nominee contact info to each of the reporters, then monitor their progress. Providing status reports to the newspaper staff is helpful.

The third task would be to provide copies of the printed articles to the schools featured each week.

A lot of work by one person and, hopefully, much less work if done by three people working together. Any volunteers?

David Lange

*Li'l Dan Celdran,
GBLT Ally and
GreenBELT Pride Board
Member*



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-25

Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**-Annual Meeting with Principals at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 23 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION - City Manager Update** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

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OPENINGS ON TRIPS TO Udvar-Hazy Center and Metamorphoses

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has openings for the following trips: Udvar-Hazy Center on Thursday, January 31, 9:00am-3:30pm and Metamorphoses at Arena Stage on Wednesday, February 27, 9:30am-5:00pm. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join us. There is a cost for each trip. The Udvar-Hazy trip does NOT include lunch, but the Arena Stage trip includes lunch and show. Transportation is included in both. Pre-registration is required.

Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability & Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 21st, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 21st
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
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American Education Week – November 12 to 16, 2012

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers and staff from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. Selections were made by their principals.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Turning Point Academy. In previous weeks we featured Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools and Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools.

Scales Works Hard to Build Character

by Altoria Bell Ross

Lois Scales keeps it real at Turning Point Academy. She is the Family Life Director overseeing the character education program at the public charter school. The position entails educating parents and students about qualities that enable them to be their best.

During monthly meetings, Scales coaches parents to encourage their children to be learners, to talk to their children and find out what is going on in their lives and help them achieve unfulfilled goals and dreams. Sometimes, students and parents work as a team. In December, they moved and exercised together in Fuel Up to Play.

Scales says she is the happiest when parents recognize their rightful role as their children's first educators and that the schools reinforce and add on to that foundation.

Teachers also receive a character education curriculum. January words are "unique" and "potential." Scales also teaches bullying and peer pressure classes with the use of games and technology.

A former Catholic school teacher, Scales taught for 10 years in D.C. She came to Turning Point in 2006. In addition to spreading the gospel of character



Lois Scales

education, Scales is a certified medical technician, bookkeeper setting the budget and a food handler. She also holds a master's degree in instruction and supervision from Regent University.

Although Scales is chief cook and bottle washer, she says she loves seeing parents excel and that her job is challenging. "It keeps me on my toes. I have to have humility for the children."

She adds there are two kinds of people in the world—those who hinder and those who support.

"I'm proud to be a supporter here. 'I love what I do.'"

Five Words

Courage – I learn the most about myself by facing challenges

and taking risks.

Concern – I need a challenging and supportive community in which to develop my character.

Curiosity – I am responsible for my own learning.

Integrity – I am gifted with a unique potential and conscience is my guide to discovering it.

Leadership – I am a leader through asking the best of myself and the best of others.

Five Principles

Destiny – Each of us is gifted with a unique potential.

Humility – We believe in a power and purpose beyond ourselves.

Conscience – We achieve our best through character and conscience.

Truth – Is our primary guide.

Brother's Keeper – We help others achieve their best.

10 Priorities

Truth over harmony
Principles over rules
Attitude over aptitude
Set high expectations and let go of the outcome.

Value success and failure.
Allow obstacles to be opportunities.

Take hold and let go (Your attitude sets everything).

Create a character culture.
Humility to ask for and accept help.

Inspiration: Job #1

West Believes in Putting Forth Ones' Best Effort

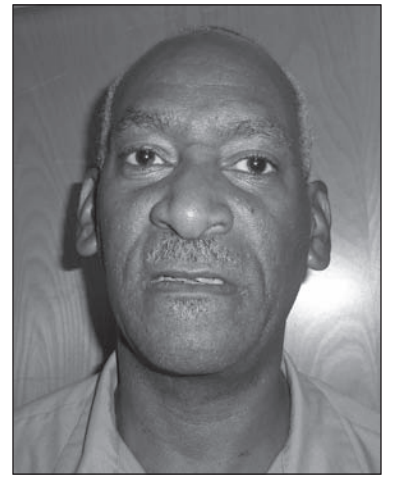
by Altoria Bell Ross

Jerome West believes that whatever type of work he performs, he must put forth his best effort. Such effort is evident at Turning Point Academy where the floors are gleaming and the halls are clean. West, who has been a janitor for two years at the charter school, located in Greenbelt East but serving a wider area, has fine-tuned his craft in Prince George's schools for 20 years.

"I love working around kids," said the father of three grown children. "I like making things look nice."

West has a history of making things look nice. He spent seven years doing so at Kenmore Elementary School and 10 at Thomas Pullen School where teachers voted him the Best Supporting Personnel for 1989-90. West and honorees from other schools dined at Martin's Crosswinds with the superintendent of schools and the director of plant operations. Another proud moment for West were the pictures a first-grade teacher at Pullen had her class draw of him.

At Turning Point Academy, he helps students in the lunch room, emptying trays, collecting trays, sweeping up trash between lunch periods and mopping up spillage. While working, West says



Jerome West

students often speak to him and ask him questions.

"It makes me feel good and makes the job happier when student notice and respect you."

In addition to his work in the main building, West sweeps and buffs the tile floors and vacuums the carpeted temporary portables and dusts when he can.

The Capital Heights native, who graduated from Suitland High School in 1975, says he has learned to adapt to different environments. Thus, West left the school system for Windsor Green as maintenance supervisor

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Zhang opened his slide show with historic images from the New Deal and Rexford Tugwell of the Resettlement Administration (RA), a former economics professor at Columbia. Tugwell brought in his former student Roy Stryker to head up a storied team of documentary photographers including Walker Evans, Arthur Rothstein, Marion Post Wolcott and Marjory Collins, all of whom spent time photographing in Greenbelt. Many of these photographers worked for the Farm Security Administration (FSA) as well. Some of their photos line a hall of the Community Center.

After this historical introduction, Zhang organized his slide-show images into categories, beginning with the 75th Anniversary events.

"Whenever there was a conflict, I would go to the anniversary event," he said. His blog post of the 75th Anniversary Gala in October – when he photographed people at all the tables – was the most viewed of the year, he said.

Other categories were Greenbelt organizations, special community events, places of worship, Greenbelt places and Greenbelt people. The special events were the city's annual events – the Labor Day Festival, July 4th fireworks, Festival of Lights, Baseball Opening Day Parade, the marathon on President's Day and so many more – which, Zhang told the audience, "have become the traditions of Greenbelt."

"For a small town to have its own marathon," he added, "is

very unusual."

Other highlights for Zhang were learning about the Volksmarchers and the museum that maintains a physical presence of the New Deal years that gave Zhang a context for the historical photographs of residents in those early years.

When alight dance theater put on performances in the museum last year, Zhang photographed them in settings and poses similar to those of the photographers who had worked in the 1930s. He showed an intriguing series of then-and-now photos that paired the older photos with shots he'd taken last year of the dancers in period dress at the museum. In another side-by-side pairing, he showed Arthur Rothstein's 1930s image of a stairway in Center School lit by a column of glass block next to his photograph of the same stairway. He noticed the differences – the ceiling was dropped and a pendant lamp hung in the current photo, but much else appeared the same.

Throughout the show, audience members nodded and laughed at seeing themselves or other familiar faces in the photos. Kathleen McFarland added details to one of the stories Zhang told of Don Freeman visiting the museum and recognizing others in photos in the museum exhibit.

Zhang was so thorough that he captured images and text about aspects of Greenbelt that many long-time residents didn't know. Two examples – of an underpass at Edmonston Road to the middle school that is now grown over

and of the first house occupied in Greenbelt. Zhang researched and found the house and talked to the current owner.

As he ended his presentation, the audience gave him a standing ovation and then sat down for a period of questions: How did you come to Greenbelt? What are your plans for this year? Would you consider running for City Council?

"One reason I came to Greenbelt is right here – Barbara Havekost," he said as the audience laughed and looked at Havekost. He talked to her and Dorothy Lauber at a GHI open house held outside of Greenbelt. "He asked questions for 20 minutes," Havekost replied, "and here he is." "Thanks, Barbara!" one woman said.

Regarding his plans for 2013, Zhang said that he would be looking through thousands of images he didn't post and also considering some new approaches – possibly longer interviews which he had no time for last year or photographing a different dimension of life in Greenbelt.

"What I did this year was the public side of Greenbelt. But if you look at the FSA photographs, many are of weddings and birthday parties and other private events. If I continue with this project I may try to take pictures of more weddings and other more private events."

As the program ended and the audience gave him another rousing ovation, Zhang picked up his camera and took pictures. Glorious habits die hard.

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delayed response times as placing the lives and property of citizens at increased risk and says that the change places an increased burden on local fire departments.

At its meeting on Monday, January 14 council discussed the issue. Master Police Officer Kelly Lawson of the Greenbelt Police Department, who works also with the fire station, said Branchville has an engine that provides water whereas Berwyn Heights has a rescue squad and ladder truck but no water engine. While Berwyn Heights may be a first responder to Greenbelt West in many instances, in case of fire the first responder would have to be Branchville.

Lawson added that she believes a problem across the nation in a tight economy is that people may have to work longer hours at paying jobs, causing them to sacrifice volunteer time. She said the training and preparation to become a firefighter take considerable time and effort.

Greenbelt is surrounded by other nearby fire stations, Lawson said, but due to demographics and development, the need is greater on the west side of the city. Things get complicated, she said, when one station is out on a call and another station needs to respond to a call in the first's locality.

Safety Net

Lawson said eliminating daytime coverage will eliminate the safety net currently available. Without that safety net, she said, response times could be longer.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts moved to send county offi-

cials a letter opposing changes to the schedule at Branchville station. Mayor Judith Davis stressed that there needs to be more funding for firefighters. She added that the issue should be on the agenda of the next Four Cities meeting.

Councilmember Leta Mach agreed with Davis. Security, she said, costs money. The motion passed with all five councilmembers present voting in favor. Councilmembers Edward Putens and Emmett Jordan were not in attendance.

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for four years where he replaced lights and cared for trees, lawn and flowers. He left the condominium and worked in a mailing warehouse in Upper Marlboro. West ended his sabbatical at Manor Care in Largo before returning to Prince George's County Schools.

The art of helping others runs in his family. West's son cares for the mentally challenged. One daughter is a Metro train operator and the other works for the government. The roots are deep. His mother was a church kindergarten/first grade teacher in Southwest D.C. and West's father was a mechanic at Washington Gas and Light. His brother drives limousines in Antioch, Calif.

West says he enjoys working in the school system.

"I put forth my effort to please. I like cleaning."

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Robbery

January 8, 4:18 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A man approached another person, assaulted him and tried unsuccessfully to take property from his pockets. The robber fled on foot. He is described as being a 6'5" tall black man with a slim-to-medium build, wearing a black ski mask, black jacket, black gloves and dark-colored jeans.

Arrested Twice

January 6, 2:44 a.m. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with false activation of an emergency call box at Greenbelt Metro. Later the same day at 12:07 p.m. he was arrested again, this time at Beltway Plaza, and charged with trespassing on private property. In each instance he was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

January 6, 3:28 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue. A 30-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

January 8, 1:42 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive. A 57-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

January 4, 7:37 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

January 5, 9:32 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Elec-

tronics were taken.

January 6, 4:29 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

January 7, 4:35 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. Electronics and currency were taken.

Vandalism

January 8, 11:12 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A sliding glass window was damaged.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A silver 2002 Adly scooter with Md. tags was taken from the 7900 block Lakecrest Drive and a red 1996 Dodge Ram pickup with Md. tags was taken from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

A 2000 Plymouth Breeze taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered later the same day by D.C. Metropolitan police. No arrests were made.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2013 Ford E250 U-Haul van reported stolen through Prince George's County police was recovered at 11 Court Ridge Road. No arrests were made.

Three reports of thefts from vehicles in parking lots were received: Roosevelt Center (purse), Beltway Plaza Shopping Center (iPad), Greenway Center (bag containing papers). Other thefts from vehicles occurred in the 100 block Westway (paper goods) and 200 block Lakeside Drive (box of lock assemblies).

Three reports of vandalism were received: 7600 block Mandan Road (tires were flattened), 6400 block Ivy Lane (car window was broken), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (car window was broken).

A Review

The Quality of Mercy Is Not Strained by Rude Mechanicals

by Jim Link

The Rude Mechanicals bring their patented, most excellent brand of Bardolatry to the Greenbelt Arts Center with their modernized production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

Director Caitlin Clare Williams' inspiration to set this somber comedy in 1960s Baltimore works beautifully. She has her actors chain smoking elegantly, drinking with *louche* insouciance, accoutered in three-piece suits, glittery sheaths and flirty dresses. "I was looking for a certain effect – Barry Levinson's *Libertyville* meets *Mad Men* meets *The Merchant*," said Williams. Spot on.

These successful mercantile capitalists are smug fat cats – except for Shylock, the "wicked" usurious Jew.

"Merchant" is a comedy because of its happy ending(s). The wealthy, beautiful, virtuous Portia (lovely, poised Meredith Coyle) deftly sidesteps a parade of oafish/narcissistic suitors and weds her true love Bassanio (very capable Devon Tully). Portia's servant/confidante Nerissa (vivid, mischievous Erin MacDonald) marries Gratiano (very convincing Michael J. Dombrowski).

Shylock's daughter Jessica (accomplished, even seductive Jacqueline Chenault) marries her Christian lover Lorenzo (suave, handsome Kyle McGruther) and is awarded her father's fortune on a technicality by a Christian, possibly a kangaroo court. And Antonio, the titular merchant (played as dignified, generous and anti-Semitic by Brian Moors), narrowly escapes Shylock's knife – oh, that pound of flesh! – and miraculously recovers his supposedly sunken ships and their treasure.

But these happy endings have always been fraught with ambiguity – shadowed, if not completely trumped, by Shylock's rigid adherence to the letter of the law. That pound of flesh again. Nasty? Yes. Justified? Maybe.

Traditionally Shylock has been depicted as a gross caricature –



Antonio (B. Harrington Moors), Gratiano (Michael J. Dombrowski), Lorenzo (Kyle McGruther) and Bassanio (Devon Tully) discuss business.



Launcelot (Joel Lorenzetti), Alerio (Elise Berg), Salanio (Gary Wynn) and Gobbo/Stephana (Katie Wanschura) mock Shylock losing his daughter.

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flat palms out, a shoulder shrugging miserly Jewish money lender. But the grand fury and ruthless logic of his great speech – “I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands? . . . If you prick us, do we not bleed? . . .” has always left audiences uncomfortable, has even evoked sympathy for this “villain.”

In our post-Holocaust era, though, Williams has banished every trace of caricature. Instead it is Shylock’s near moral grandeur, played against the hypocrisy of a Christian society sanctimoniously oblivious to its own greed and double standards, that Williams insists on. And she has the perfect Shylock to pull it off.

William Cassidy is superb as a man more sinned against than sinning, to borrow Shakespeare’s description of Lear. Cassidy’s Shylock is absolutely riveting in his great speech; it resonates with moving appeal for the common humanity of everyone.

A delicious tweaking of the original has Jessica lolling about in her mere slip of a slip, puffing a cig and sipping wine with her amorous Lorenzo on the night they elope. They are caught practically in flagrante delicto; Jessica hastily puts herself together as the play moves forward. This “most beautiful pagan” can actually be seductive – who knew?

Let’s let Antonio’s mom, who happened to be sitting next to me, have the last word. “What do you think of Antonio?” I asked disingenuously. “Oh, Brian – he’s terrific!” So is the whole play.

“Merchant” is playing on January 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m.

WSSC Seeks Comment On New Regulations

On January 24 from 7 to 10 p.m., the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will hold a community meeting to receive public input on proposed changes to its Watershed Use Regulations. The regulations were recently revised following a study by EA Engineering and meetings with various stakeholder groups and will be available online at <http://wsscwater.com/> by January 17.

The meeting will be held at the WSSC Auditorium in Laurel. People may speak for up to three minutes by signing up at the meeting or emailing name and contact information to communications@wsscwater.com or call 301-206-8100.

Email written comments or send them to: Watershed Comments, WSSC, Office of Communications & Community Relations, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707.

The deadline for comments is midnight January 24.

Once signed by the general manager, the regulations will become effective 30 days after being published.

Wildlife Center Offers Programs on Sat.

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Local NAMI Support Group Meets

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ACE Has Yearly Meeting with Area PTA Presidents

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its annual meeting with Greenbelt PTA presidents in late October. PTA or other parent-teacher group presidents from Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy were represented. Susan Breon, ACE chair, welcomed the participants and described the history of ACE. The idea of having the PTA officers meet with ACE staff is to give them a chance to interact with representatives of the other schools and discuss successes and problems.

Karen Yoho, PTA president for Greenbelt Elementary, described activities completed or planned for the school year. Yoho mentioned the successful used book booth that the PTA annually sponsors at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival – always a good fund raiser. She described the second annual Rafael's race, in memory of a student who died three years ago. It is the school's second year with a new principal, Monica Gaines, and Yoho commented that Gaines spent her first year observing all school activities. To encourage parents to participate in PTA meetings, the PTA is planning to have a special topic session for parents before the general monthly meetings.

Anne Gardner is PTA president at the newly opened Greenbelt Middle School. Everything in the school is new, she said, and the PTA is pretty new too. Parents have been trying to become more active in the middle school. This year, several sixth grades have become part of the middle school, making it a three-year school. Sixth graders who formerly went to Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools now attend Greenbelt Middle. The PTA is working on grants and fund raisers.

They are planning an activity day where, for a small fee, students do not have to wear their uniforms and will participate in games, dancing and concessions. They also had a Wednesday night fund raiser that was successful. PTA members who have come from their children's elementary schools say that fund raisers are very different in middle school. Money is needed to support teacher needs and teacher projects.

Renee Ramirez is PTO presi-

dent at Turning Point Academy, a K-8 charter school located in Greenbelt East. She indicated that there is a new principal this year and parents are hopeful of more school activities. Ramirez said there is a handful of dedicated parents who help; they need more parent participation. They had a successful movie night fund raiser and are planning a recess night with activities for students and parents and possibly a wellness group.

Magnolia

Dawn James, president of the Magnolia Elementary School PTO, is new this year and has a planning background. Her PTO provided breakfast or snacks during the teachers' first week back to school as well as at back to school night. The PTO planned a walk for education and a magic

show. Both were successful fund raisers. They also conducted a fingerprinting night. They are working on an electronic mailing list of parents. James also wants to document the PTO activities for future PTO members. She indicated that there are 90 PTO members but only about 10 show up for the meetings. To encourage participation, she has designed a website and is working to make PTO handouts more appealing and colorful.

Attracting parents is a common problem among all the school PTAs. Breon commented that marketing is a challenge. Anne Gardner (Greenbelt Middle School) responded that marketing is expensive – too expensive – to have 1,000 flyers printed to send home to parents. She uses email but only to those who

have provided an address to the PTA. Some PTAs were able to place activity information on the school's website.

There was a brief discussion of other fund raising possibilities; dinner night at the Silver Diner and other restaurants; a corporation that might sponsor a specific activity; and gift certificates from general merchandise and food stores.

ACE member Jon Gardner discussed the ACE grant program which was closing shortly. Only a few applications had been received. He mentioned this annual event where grants for up to \$500 can be used for field trips, events at school, equipment, etc. There must be a defined budget and, if approved, a written report must be filed after the project is approved and completed.

Botanic Garden Offers Sweet Lecture

On Saturday, January 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. Todd Brethauer will speak about the history of sugar. Discover the history, botany, production and processing of sugarcane, sugar beets and palm sugar. Come trace the movement of the major commodity over thousands of years as it moves from the jungle, fields and forests to your kitchen table. See how the plant product is transformed and how it transformed countries along the way. Learn about the important roles played by Alexander the Great, Columbus and Napoleon in sugar production and the special role of Norbert Rillieux (1806-1894), the black-American engineer seen by many as the father of the chemical engineering profession. This lecture is free, but pre-registration is required:

Visit www.usbg.gov to register and for more information.

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75th Anniversary Committee



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