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## City Council Supports Relocating FBI HQ to Greenbelt Station Site

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council at its January 14 meeting discussed and approved a letter written to support relocating the FBI to the North Core site at the Greenbelt Metro Station, the development proposed to be constructed at the current parking lot for the station. The letter will be sent to County Executive Rushern Baker and Congressman Steny Hoyer.

Council had previously discussed the topic at a worksession attended by Garth Beall, who represented the developers of the North Core. At the January 14 meeting Beall updated council on his firm's response to the RFI. He said the city's concerns, expressed in previous worksessions, would be incorporated in their response.

It has been widely reported in various news media, including the News Review (February 9, 2012; January 17, 2013) that the General Services Administration (GSA) is considering relocating the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Local and state officials in Maryland and Virginia have responded with proposed

sites and in December the GSA issued a Request for Information (RFI), due March 4.

Beall said the response would show flexibility in meeting the government's needs while also accommodating the interests of others involved, including Greenbelt.

Mayor Judith Davis mentioned the competition from Northern Virginia interests. She said she had read that officials and business leaders there were presenting a team effort to GSA. She wondered if the North Core developer planned something similar.

### Seeks Support

Beall said it is important to GSA that local municipalities support the project. He has reached out to the City of College Park already, he said, and would be doing the same to Berwyn Heights soon. He hoped to garner Greenbelt's support that night.

He said he believes his group is in a good position to move forward. They are putting together a packet that illustrates the attributes of the Greenbelt Metro

site. They are presenting the site not only for the FBI replacement facility but also for mixed use around it.

He described a mixed-use area to be located adjacent to the Metro Station with the FBI campus of four or five buildings to be located toward the eastern boundary of the property.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she was pleased to hear that part of the property that is environmentally sensitive would be left vacant as a buffer for security. Beall told council the minimum construction standard required by GSA now is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold and that the building could possibly be built at the higher LEED platinum level.

### Council Discussion

Councilmember Emmett Jordan, away on business, had communicated support for the letter as drafted, Davis said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wanted to modify the letter

See **FBI HQ**, page 7

## Council Okays New Truck And Treadmill Purchases

by Barbara Hopkins

At its first meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 14 the Greenbelt City Council authorized two large purchases. A replacement truck with aerial lift for the Public Works Department was approved with the adoption of a resolution introduced at council's last 2012 meeting. Five new treadmills for the Aquatic and Fitness Center were also approved for purchase through a bid negotiated by the University of Maryland.

### Truck Purchase

The city began leasing a 2007 Ford aerial lift truck in September to replace a 23-year-old vehicle that had not passed state inspection. The lease allowed for 80 percent of the rental payment to go toward the future purchase of the truck, if the city decided it met its needs. Public Works staff has been satisfied with the

truck's performance and thus recommended that the city follow through on purchase of the vehicle.

The purchase cost, after deduction of applied rents in the amount of \$4,680, is \$34,595. The Fiscal Year 2012 budget provides \$35,000 for purchase of a new truck. In addition the City of College Park has agreed to pay 20 percent of the cost (\$7,855), since the truck will be used in the hanging of banners in College Park.

### Old Truck

The value of the old truck is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,500. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city has not tried to negotiate a trade-in because staff considers it likely that a market can be found for

See **PURCHASES**, page 6

## Greenbelt Hosts New Geocaching Trail Kick-off Event and Activities

by Andrew Phelan

On Saturday, January 5 Greenbelt played host to one of three Geotrail 2013 Kick-off events held in the state. City staff joined forces with the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Geocaching Society to host the event, which celebrated the launch of the new 2013 Maryland Municipal League Geotrail.

The new trail, labeled the Discovering Maryland Geotrail, includes caches in 49 different Maryland towns and cities. Geocaching, essentially a real-world treasure hunting game where participants (geocachers) use GPS devices to locate boxes (caches) hidden at specific GPS coordinates, is becoming an increasingly popular activity. The caches are traditionally filled with small items related to the location where they are found. The City of Greenbelt is home to two caches, one of which is on the Municipal League's new Geotrail. Participation in the trail has many benefits for municipalities, most importantly the potential economic boost provided by tourists visiting a town while they are geocaching.

Over 100 people attended the kickoff event, from Greenbelt residents to some traveling from



Left to right behind the table, Susan Kelley (Maryland Geocaching Society), Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach distribute door prizes.

as far away as Pennsylvania. Attendees ranged from those interested in learning about geocaching to veteran geocachers who eagerly awaited the coordinates of the caches along the new Maryland Geotrail. There were numerous information booths for neighboring municipalities included in the trail, businesses

selling Geocaching equipment and other local organizations. A special Geocaching 101 session was presented by Maryland Geocaching Society for those new to the activity. For those bringing the family, arts and crafts projects were provided for children by

See **GEOCACHE**, page 6



Greenbelt's heroes unite to fight injustice.

## Animation Film to Screen This Sunday at Academy 8

On Sunday, January 27 at 5 and at 5:30 p.m., the premiere screenings for the GAVA/GATE Animation Program "Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Animation Special" will be shown at Academy 8 Stadium Theaters at Beltway Plaza Mall. There will be two screenings of this free program, which is open to the public.

"Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Animation Special" was created by students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program working as

a group over the past two years under the direction of animation instructor George Kochell. The students wrote the script and created and animated the characters. At 15 minutes, the special is the longest animated short produced by the program's students.

It also is the first time the students have used three-dimensional animation. Under the direction of Greenbelt artist Tom Baker

See **ANIMATION**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Saturday, January 26**

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

**Monday, January 28**

**7:30 p.m.**, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, Room 111

**8 p.m.** Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**Wednesday, January 30**

**7 p.m.**, Public Hearing, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Variance Application 11-002-V, Community Center, Suite 200

**Thursday, January 31**

**7:00 p.m.**, GHI Board of Directors' Work Session, GHI Board Room

Editorial**What a Great Idea!**

We hope you noticed a new advertiser this week and last – Old Line Bistro and Fine Wines. The reason for the mention is this – one of our readers discovered the new store which just opened last September. On a second visit she brought the owner a copy of the News Review and a note suggesting he place an ad, which he did.

A suggestion to the rest of our readers? What a great idea! If you trade with a store or service provider that you believe others in Greenbelt might like to know about, ask them to consider advertising. That's a good way for a merchant to reach out to this community of shoppers. Advertising is the life blood of a newspaper.

**Reel & Meal at the New Deal Film Is on Gun Violence**

Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. is the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal featuring "Living for 32." It is an account of the 2007 Virginia Tech mass shootings and the steps it inspired Colin Goddard, who survived with four gunshot wounds, to take toward strengthening national gun control laws, long before the Newtown, Conn. tragedy. Preceding the film a special vegan buffet will be available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

The 2010 film was directed by Kevin Breslin, produced by Maria Cuomo Cole; it was selected for the 2011 Sundance Film Festival. Goddard, his parents and his classmates tell of the terrifying morning at Blacksburg. Goddard follows with his efforts as a volunteer with the Brady Commission to expose the lax availability of weapons at gun shows. The film covers related issues prominent since Newtown: the toll of gunfire, inadequate mental health care and risks attendant to open carrying of weapons in public places. Goddard recently testified at the gun violence panel led by Vice President

Biden.

The discussion following the film will be led by guest speakers Lisa Miller Delity, president of the board of CeaseFire-Maryland (formerly Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse), whose brother, FBI agent Michael John Miller, was murdered in 1994 at D.C. police headquarters; and Elizabeth Ross, mother of Marckel Ross, a county student shot and killed last September while walking to Central High School.

Discussion will include how local residents can influence proposed new national and state gun control legislation. More information is available at [www.livingfor32.com](http://www.livingfor32.com).

This month's Reel & Meal was planned jointly by all three groups that sponsor Reel & Meal programs on environmental, peace, social justice and animal rights issues: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

For more information call Lucy Duff at 301-577-2350 or email Cam MacQueen at [worldisvegan@aol.com](mailto:worldisvegan@aol.com).

**Letters****THANKS!**

We would like to thank all of the thoughtful people who have sent us gifts, tips, cards and notes over the holidays.

We enjoy delivering your News Review each week and wish you all a warm, happy and healthy 2013.

*Sophie and Zach  
Bernheisel  
News Review Carriers*

**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.

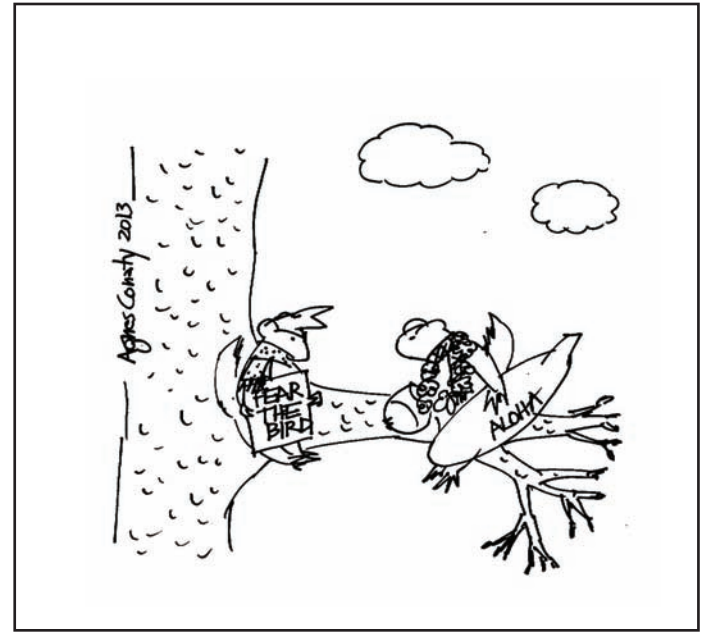
One task would simply be to obtain the names of the nominees from each principal. Some principals respond quickly and others need follow up.

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  
dwlange@terpmail.umd.edu*

**Grin Belt**

**"Enjoy the surf and the sun, while I prep for the big game down south."**

**Patuxent Talk Given On Nature's Variety**

On Saturday, January 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center will offer a free talk for age 10+ on how the wide variety of plants and animals on earth help it work like a complex machine. Each part is necessary to function, from the lowliest microbes to mammals, even chocolate.

Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

**Patuxent Program On Endangered**

On Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. kids ages 8 to 10 can learn about endangered species at a Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center program.

Participants will learn what it means to be endangered and why some of the nation's species are struggling to survive. Discover what can be done to help endangered species in this free interactive program.

Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

**Were You There?**

Did you attend any of the Inauguration activities on Sunday or Monday? We'd like to hear about it and so might our readers. Also, do you have any good photos? Let us know by email at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or telephone Jim Giese at 301-925-7330.

**Corrections**

Last week's Our Neighbors column omitted the "e" in the name of poet John Hayes.

Last week's letter from David Lange seeking assistance with the annual teacher profiles for American Education Week each November was intended to include his email address so those interested in participating could contact him. It is [dwlange@terpmail.umd.edu](mailto:dwlange@terpmail.umd.edu).

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# 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 28 to 31 are:

Monday – Apple juice, baked chicken breast with Teriyaki sauce, fried rice, green and red cabbage, diced peaches.

Tuesday – Orange juice, broccoli and cheese soup, chicken salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Grape juice, Salisbury steak with onion gravy, yams, green beans, rosy apple-sauce.

Thursday – Pineapple juice, oven-fried chicken thigh, green peas, stewed tomatoes, fresh fruit.

No information was available by press time for Friday, February 1.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

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

Thursday, January 31, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info). Patrons are reminded that a wide variety of free digital magazines can be accessed from the county library website at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, January 24, 7 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.

## New Deal Hosts 60s Sing-Along

On Wednesday, January 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a 60s Sing-Along at the New Deal Café.

There will be songs by Simon and Garfunkle, John Denver and the Beatles. Scarves and musical shakers will be available to use and there is space available for dancing. This is an intergenerational, family friendly event sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas & Papas and New Deal Café.

## SHL Spelling Bee Is Tonight, PTA Wed.

This evening starting at 5:30 p.m. (Thursday, January 24) is the second annual Spelling Bee sponsored by the Springhill Lake Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Everyone is invited to come show support for students participating in the Spelling Bee.

### PTA Meeting

The PTA will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, January 30 at 6 p.m. For more information email [springhillakepta@yahoo.com](mailto:springhillakepta@yahoo.com) or call Mrs. Kelly, Ms. King or Mrs. Chung at 301-513-5996.

## Explore Dental Needs Of Senior Mouths

Next Friday, February 1 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited's topic will cover the three things every senior needs to know about their teeth with Doctors Jay McCarl and Dianne Lee.

They will discuss ways to take good care of teeth. The presentation will include the most common dental side effects of today's prescription drugs, how to save teeth and why that is so important and an easy way to know when teeth are sparkling clean.

Dr. Lee has a B. S. from the University of Maryland, College Park. She graduated from the University of Maryland Dental School in 2009 and continued her education in practice management, cosmetic dentistry and endodontics. Dr. McCarl's B.A. is from Gettysburg College; he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland Dental School. His grandfather, James W. McCarl, was Greenbelt's first dentist.

Door prizes are expected.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, with this presentation to be held in Room 114, the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

More Community Events are on pages 4, 5 and 12

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

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 Ěardáš 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.

### Next Week

Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal will screen the film "Living for 32," a film concerning gun control, produced by one of the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting massacre, preceded by an optional vegan buffet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29 Lonesome Pine Bluegrass Band plays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a "60s Sing-along. Thursday, January 31 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. with an open microphone session with Tom Gleason from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 1 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Buck & the Bucktones with bluegrass, honky-tonk and originals from 8 to 11 p.m.

## Greenbelt CERT Elects Officers

Greenbelt's Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) has elected the following officers for the coming year: Coordinator Kenneth Silberman, Deputy Coordinator Courtney Ritz, Treasurer Scott Ritz; and Secretary/Historian Kenneth Theodos.

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WED. – THUR.

Movie 43, R (!)

11, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05

Hansel and Gretel, R (!)

11:05, 1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 10:15

Last Stand, R (!)

11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20

Broken City, R (!)

11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:55

Mama, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 10:10

A Haunted House, R

11:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:35, 10

Gangster Squad, PG

9:50

Zero Dark Thirty, R

11:55, 4:10, 7:40

Rise of the Guardians, PG

1:10

Django, R

11:50, 4:05, 7:35

SUNDAY

Movie 43, R (!)

11, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50

Hansel and Gretel, R (!)

11:05, 1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45

Last Stand, R (!)

11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20

Broken City, R (!)

11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7

Mama, PG-13 (!)

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A Haunted House, R

11:10, 7:35

Gangster Squad, PG

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Zero Dark Thirty, R

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Rise of the Guardians, PG

1:10

Django, R

11:50, 4:05, 7:35

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## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

GHI BOARD ROOM

**Agenda: Review Subleasing Policy and Task Force Recommendations on Unauthorized Rentals & Vacant Units**

## 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](mailto:greenbeltbaseball@aol.com)

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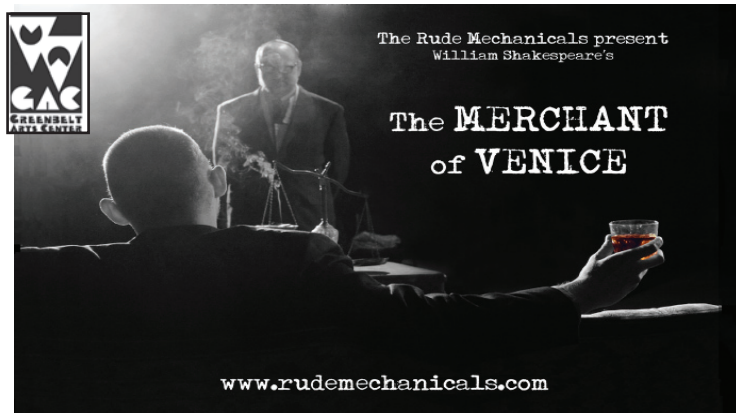
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on purchasing items



## Greenbelt Arts Center Final Weekend



Presented by The Rude Mechanicals

January 25 & 26 at 8:00pm

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\$14 Students/Seniors/Military

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# Obituaries

## Marlene Matthews

Marlene Matthews, 76, died January 9, 2013.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, George P. Matthews, Sr.; children George Matthews, Jr. (Wanda), Natalie Wilson (Rick) and Linda Anderson (Neal); and seven grandchildren: Marlene Wilson, Rick Wilson, Paul Matthews, Ella Anderson, Luke Matthews, Joseph Anderson and Rachel Matthews.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on January 15, with Reverend Walter Tappe officiating. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Condolences can be made online at <http://Marlene-Matthews-last-memories.com>.

## Phyllis B. Bickerton

Phyllis Birtman Bickerton, 79, of Fulton, Md., died January 22, 2013, after a long illness. She was a Greenbelt pioneer, daughter of Greenbelt pioneers Paul and Libby Birtman.

Mrs. Bickerton attended Greenbelt Center School and graduated in 1951 from Greenbelt High School.

She was retired from the Department of Agriculture, Beltsville.

She is survived by daughters Denise Biggins (Dean), Danielle Lineburg (Bill) and son Michael; four grandchildren, Jason and Laura Biggins and Melissa and Kelsey Lineburg; sister and brother-in-law Eunice and Eddie Burton; niece Sandi Yakupkovic; nephew Scott Burton; and many lifelong friends from Greenbelt and co-workers from the Department of Agriculture.

Visitation and service will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 25. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Greenbelt Museum, Box 1025, Greenbelt MD 20768.

## Elizabeth M. Money

Elizabeth M. Money, 82, died on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. She lived at Green Ridge House.

She was predeceased by her husband Bill Money and her brother John.

Mrs. Money is survived by daughter Donna (David) Bedford; son Douglas (Amy) Burns; grandchildren Nikki, Dominic, Allison, Neal and Laura; great grandchildren Lauren, D.J. and Faith; siblings Mary, Pat, Marjorie, Ruth, Alice, Patsy, Jerry and Catherine.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Saturday, January 26 at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852.

Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home ([www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com](http://www.borgwardt-funeralhome.com)).

## ASG Jan. 31 Meeting to Be at H.B. Owens

On Thursday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will hold its monthly meeting at H.B. Owens Science



Center, featuring a presentation by Dr. Keith Strong on "What has Happened to the Solar Cycle?" All are welcome; there is no fee.

The sun is the origin of the energy that powers Earth's weather and climate; the solar cycle is the periodic change in its activity and appearance. The duration of solar cycles is about 11 years, with Earth currently near a high point in solar activity.

Dr. Strong received his bachelor's degree in astronomy at University College, London, and his doctorate in astrophysical X-ray spectroscopy from Mullard Space Science Laboratory, moving to the U.S. in 1976 as a student after an unsuccessful attempt to become Great

Britain's first astronaut. He worked for Lockheed Martin for 32 years as a science data analyst on NASA's Solar Maximum Mission, ending as director of Space Sciences at Palo Alto Research Labs. He has published over 200 papers and chaired several NASA committees including the 2000 Sun-Earth Connection Roadmap that put the Living With A Star initiative in place. Strong retired about five years ago and has an emeritus position at the Goddard Heliophysics Division. His current interests include predicting the solar cycle, the sun's role in global warming, origins of flares and coronal mass ejections, space weather, education and public outreach.

Howard B. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham adjacent to DuVal High School.

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 See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

**ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*

Services

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

**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.  
 Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Japanese Christian Fellowship Event**  
 with Pastor Megumi Enomoto  
 Sat. February 2  
 2:00 pm  
 At Greenbelt Baptist Church  
 English Translation Provided  
 Contact: [Kyoko Hillman](mailto:Kyoko.Hillman@hotmail.com)  
[kyokoh@hotmail.com](mailto:kyokoh@hotmail.com)  
 301-741-2736

Worship Service 11:00am  
 All Welcome  
**January 27th**  
 "Who is Jesus? A King"  
**February 3rd**  
 "A Man after God's Own Heart"  
**February 10th**  
 "How Quiet Trust Results in Bold Action"

## 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.

Reservations are required; visit [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org) or call 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.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10 a.m.**

Thou beholdest, O my God,  
 how every bone in my body  
 soundeth like a pipe with the music  
 of Thine inspiration, revealing  
 the signs of Thy oneness and the  
 clear tokens of Thy unity. (Baha'u'llah)

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)

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
 301-474-7573  
 6301 Greenbelt Road  
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
 Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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[www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org) • [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School, Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
 Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
 Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
 Opportunity for leadership development.  
 Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
 Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
 Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*

  
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
 Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building  
 ALL ARE WELCOME.



We were sorry to learn of the death of Phyllis Birtman Bickerton, 79, of Fulton, Md., on January 22, 2013. She was a Greenbelt pioneer and a 1951 graduate of Greenbelt High School. Sympathy to her sister and brother-in-law Eunice and Eddie Burton and other family and friends.

Our sympathy to News Review staffer Heba Pennington and her sister Dina Moustafa Toulon and son Alexander Toulon on the death of father and grandfather Moustafa Toulon, in Giza, Egypt, on January 9, 2013.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Elizabeth M. Money and extend sympathy to her family and friends.

**Congratulations to:**

– Michael Kerdock, son of Kathy and Mike Kerdock of Plateau Place, who graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., December 14, 2012. The entire family flew to Mississippi to see him receive his B.S. degree in kinesiology.

– Silas Fishburne, 12, son of Brett and Diane Fishburne of Pinecrest Court, who has achieved the rank of Cadet Senior Airman in the Civil Air Patrol College Park Squadron and was awarded the Mary Feik Achievement Award. Colonel Feik, who lives in Annapolis, is very active in the Civil Air Patrol and the College Park Airport Museum as a pioneer in aviation; Silas is home schooled, a seventh grader in the Global Village School program.

– Greenbelt Nursery School on receiving its second five-year accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

– Eleanor Roosevelt High School on its appearance this Saturday on “It’s Academic” at 10:30 a.m. Channel 4 (NBC).

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

– Kathleen McFarland

**BCWWG Meeting Is on Legislation**

On Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m., the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will hold its quarterly meeting in Room 109 at the Greenbelt Community Center, the first in a series of public quarterly meetings. This meeting will focus on Maryland environmental legislation.

All are invited to learn more about BCWWG and sister groups working to protect and improve the environment. Featured speakers for the meeting will be Brent Brolin and Julie Lawson of the Anacostia Watershed Society. Brolin will present the “big picture” of restoration work going on in the watershed, from which flows the legislative agenda and other policy activities. Lawson’s focus is on the efforts of Anacostia Watershed Society, Trash Free Maryland and Clean Prince George’s to pass a statewide bottle bill as well as both statewide and county bag bills.

For more information call Mark Christal at 301-446-1773 or email [christalm@me.com](mailto:christalm@me.com).



# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, January 28, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations
  - Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission General Plan for 2035
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2013-1 (ACE Grant Proposals)
- Community Visioning Report
- 75th Anniversary Report
- Bus Shelter Designs
- M-NCPPC Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment
- Grounds Maintenance Contract
- State Legislation
- Other Reports
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

**MEETINGS**

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

**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.**

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Rd.**

**City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.**

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons nor food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**  
**For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.**

**CHRONIC ILLNESS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

Tips and Tricks for Taking the Lead in Managing Your Chronic Illness. This education and support group will meet for 6 sessions between February 28 and April 11. The group will meet in Green Ridge House’s community room on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Participation is free but space is limited, participants must call Greenbelt CARES (301) 345- 6660 to register by February 25.

**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.**



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Greenbelt Board of Appeals**  
**Variance Application 11-002-V**

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 30, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 on an application filed by Mr. Ibrahim Uyar for consideration of a request for a variance of 7.5 feet from the minimum rear yard setback requirement and a variance of 1.2% from the minimum lot coverage requirement for the purpose of constructing a 286 square foot, one-story addition to the single-family home located at 6807 Landon Court. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-474-0569.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING CITY BUS STOPS**

The City, through a grant from the Council of Governments, is working with a consulting firm to evaluate the safety and accessibility of the City’s bus stops. The City is looking for interested persons to assist in conducting the surveys. All volunteers will be required to attend a mandatory training session, and given the tools and knowledge necessary to complete the surveys. The number and location of bus stops assigned will be determined based on the volunteer’s availability and interest. If you are interested in volunteering and/or have questions please email Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at [thruby@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thruby@greenbeltmd.gov) or by phone at 301-474-0569.

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1**

Monday, January, 28 at 7:30 pm **SENIOR CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Room 111 of the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Monday, January 28 at 8:00 pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm **PUBLIC HEARING, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Variance Application 11-002-V** in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Wednesday, January 30 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** in College Park.

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

**FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

Springhill Lake Elementary School  
 6060 Springhill Drive  
 Thursday, February 7  
 Residents will be allowed to enter the school at 2:30 p.m. Please bring a cart to carry produce.

**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)



**BUNNIES AND KITTIES GALORE!**  
 The Greenbelt Animal Shelter currently has a couple of cute bunnies and many kittens and cats that are waiting to go home with you. They even have a few lovable pooches that



have only love to give. Please come see them and maybe even take home a new friend

Give us a call  
 301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!  
 The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.  
 See all our pets on Facebook!

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Participants in the event visit the various information tables set up in the Youth Center gymnasium.

the Greenbelt Recreation Department staff. Many attendees did not walk away from the event empty-handed as an assortment of door prize giveaways was distributed with help from Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Leta Mach and Susan Kelley

from the Maryland Geocaching Society. The grand finale of the event was the official release of the cache coordinates for the 2013 Maryland Municipal League's Discovering Maryland Geotrail.

More information on the

Maryland Municipal League Geocache Trail can be found at <http://www.md-municipal.org/index.aspx?nid=167>.

Andrew Phelan is a Sports and Recreation Coordinator for the Greenbelt Recreation Department.



Recreation staff Gaye Houchens, Kaila Maguire, Sarah Layton, lead youth art activities during the geocaching event.

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they built scenery, similar to theater scenery only smaller, to use in background shots.

Creation of the film was funded by the 2010 Jim Cassels Service Award created by the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative (Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket), the Greenbelt Community Foundation and by a Prince George's County Special Appropriation grant provided by Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner, with hosting of the premiere by Fox/Academy 8

Stadium and Beltway Plaza.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program is a collaborative project produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) at GATE studios at the Community Center. The program instructs young people ages 10 to 18 in computer animation.

For further information email Barbara Simon at [simongava@yahoo.com](mailto:simongava@yahoo.com) or call 301-474-2191.



PHOTO BY JAY HENRY

Left to right, Shylock, William Cassidy, and Jacqueline Chenault as his daughter Jessica share a moment. The Merchant of Venice is playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center through this weekend. (See ad on page 3)

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the old truck as is.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Assistant Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle about problems with the old truck. When she described them, he said he considered them minor. In fact, he thought the old truck was better equipment than the new one, he said. He questioned if sufficient maintenance is being done.

Riddle said an estimate on one repair had been \$4,000 and that there were a number of Category 2 deficiencies as well as three Category 1 failures that kept the truck out of service. The main problems are with the hydraulics for the boom, Riddle said. She assured Roberts the decision to purchase a new truck had not been made without careful consideration and investigation into the feasibility and cost of repairs to the old one.

The resolution for purchase of the truck was introduced for second reading and adoption by Councilmember Silke Pope and passed unanimously by the five members of council present. (Councilmembers Edward Putens and Emmett Jordan were absent.)

Before moving on to the next agenda topic, Councilmember Konrad Herling asked Riddle how the city was moving toward replacing its fleet with alternative-fuel vehicles. She confirmed that it is moving in that direction.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that the City of College Park receive thanks for contributing to the truck purchase. She noted as well that if other municipalities want to use the truck, they should be charged rent.

### New Treadmills

The city's current budget provides \$28,000 for the purchase of five new treadmills for the Aquatic and Fitness Center. After soliciting bids in August 2012, however, the city was unable to find equipment that met the city's needs and therefore did not move forward with a purchase.

Since then, city staff learned that the University of Maryland has awarded a bid for Cybex 770T treadmills to Gymsource of Frederick, Md., at a cost per treadmill of \$4,995. The staff reports the manufacturer to be a national company with a good reputation. The treadmill model is a new commercial grade unit and the company offers a three-year parts and labor warranty. The City of Greenbelt would be able to piggyback on the University of Maryland bid.

After meeting with Gymsource representatives and seeing a demonstration of the treadmill, Recreation Department staff recommended the city take advantage of this opportunity and purchase five units at a total cost of \$24,975.

Recreation Department Assistant Director Joe McNeal, who was at the meeting, told council he was excited about the new machines and thought users would like them. He said they are an improvement over the old machines.

An information sheet on the product describes patented ARMZ-stabilizers that reach further than conventional ones and provide additional safety. Users can set up an exercise program, charge an iPod or iPhone, scroll through playlists, podcasts and more.

Users can "easily personalize their workout experience with a perfect balance of Exercise/Entertainment/Escape," the brochure says. The deck is described as "soft at landing, firm in the middle and rigid at toe-off" to match the body mechanics of running. Sounds like even Goldilocks would find it comfortable.

All five members of council present voted in favor of the motion to approve the purchase as described. McNeal said the paperwork would be signed the next day and that delivery could be expected within four to six weeks.

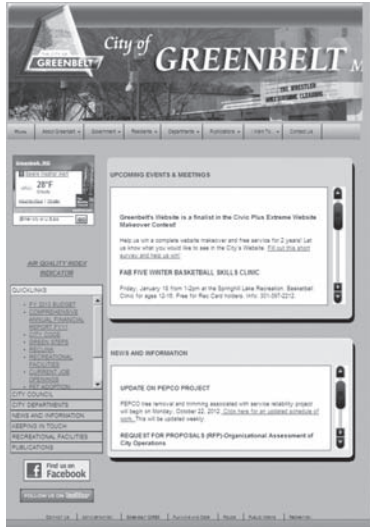
# Greenbelt Wins Extreme Website Makeover Contest

The City of Greenbelt is a grand prize winner of CivicPlus' 2012 "Extreme Website Makeover" contest. The city will receive a free Premium CivicPlus website to increase communication and engagement between local government and residents.

The contest encourages cities and governments to submit reasons for their need for a local government website redesign. Throughout the contest, the city and community members have participated in a digital engagement survey, with citizens also voting through social media for the city to receive a new website. Greenbelt residents were given the opportunity to express their opinions through the current city website, Greenbelt CityLink, on the city's Facebook page and on Twitter. Information about the survey was also posted in the Greenbelt News Review.

As a winner of the contest, Greenbelt will receive a free website redesign including custom design and full development. In addition, CivicPlus will provide three days training at no cost with two years of annual fees waived. All in all, the package is worth several thousand dollars.

"I am so excited to be able to work with CivicPlus to create an interactive city website that will help engage our citizens and coordinate our social media efforts," said Beverly Palau, Public Information and Commu-



nications coordinator for the City of Greenbelt. "Thank you to all the residents and employees that helped us by offering their suggestions."

The current website, located at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) will maintain its simplicity and interactivity while in the redesign process. The current site will still be operational until the new re-designed site is ready to launch.

CivicPlus, which is known for being the leading government website provider, the City of Greenbelt and its residents are looking forward to a website that will continue to enhance its community engagement and communication.

Greenbelt was among 12 winners throughout the country of 161 finalists in the contest.

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to say the city opposes using a site on the campus of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) for this project. He told Beall he hoped they would consider the South Core as a potential site.

Davis pointed out that the developer of the North Core does not own the South Core. Roberts wanted to have the letter refer to the Greenbelt Metro Station in general, rather than specifying the North Core.

Mach opposed using the South Core for the FBI. She said this would defeat the benefit of employees being able to walk directly from the Metro Station to their office.

After more discussion Mach moved to send the letter as written and later said she would not amend her motion to remove language on the North Core or to oppose locating the FBI at BARC. She accepted a modification offered by Davis, however, to change the wording to make a stronger case against a BARC site without specifically mentioning it. The final wording she accepted was "no other site in or near Greenbelt is similarly

suitable" for the project.

Marc "Kap" Kapistan of Beltway Plaza management, also present, showed council a newspaper article saying the Virginia team would unite behind a particular site after GSA clarifies its needs for the project.

He said it was important for the Greenbelt area to "speak" with one voice. He advocated a simple, direct, unequivocal and compelling letter. He understood that Capital Office Park would also be submitting a letter of support.

When the motion was brought to a vote, all five councilmembers present voted for it, including Roberts, who said he still had concerns but was pushing them down the line. Councilmember Edward Putens was not at the meeting.

### Pepco Tree Work

Early in the meeting, Windsor Green resident Edith Beauchamp came before council to ask for city assistance in limiting the tree work Pepco was preparing to do along some areas that she said were private or city property. Beauchamp said she wanted Pepco to be more responsible in

maintaining good service and that she did not consider this a case of "tree hugging." A number of trees had been marked for removal, she said.


Davis said the city had held worksessions with Pepco about city rights of way and that she was not aware that Greenbelt lacked authority for the areas in question along Md. Route 193. She asked Assistant Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle to look into the matter.

Roberts called Pepco's proposal a "scorched earth policy." He thought the amount of trimming planned was unnecessary for a residential area. He said the electrical wires in the questioned area were higher than normal and that the trees probably would not grow up to them. He thought this case called for some "tree hugging," he said.

Beauchamp's report to council also mentioned Pepco's planned use of pesticides on the stumps after tree removal. Davis asked Riddle to also discuss this subject with Pepco subcontractors in light of the city's stance on avoiding such chemical use.



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Fresh Value Pack 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef <b>\$2.99</b> lb.	Fresh Crop Red or Yellow Potatoes 5 lb. bag <b>\$2.99</b>	Breakstone Sour Cream Assorted 16 oz. <b>\$1.50</b>	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. <b>\$2.50</b>	East Coast Fresh Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz. <b>\$6.99</b>
Grocery Bargains			Grocery Bargains	
Progresso Vegetable Classics Soups Sel. Var. 18-19 oz. <b>\$1.25</b>	Barilla Assorted Spaghetti or Macaroni 13-16 oz. <b>\$1.25</b>		Lay's Assorted Potato Chips 10-10.5 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Maier's Assorted Italian Bread 20 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>
Quaker Life/Cap'n Crunch Cereals 10-13 oz. <b>\$2.50</b>	Prego Pasta Sauces Assorted 23-24 oz. <b>3/\$5.00</b>	<b>Wednesday, Jan. 30</b> <b>5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases</b> (except stamps and gift cards)		Entenmann's Baked Goods Assorted 7-22 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>
				Shurfine Assorted Soda 2 Liter <b>80¢</b>
Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine
Deli Gourmet Cooked Ham <b>\$2.99</b> lb.	Fresh Store Baked Petite Kaiser Rolls 12 pack <b>\$1.99</b>	Popcorners Popcorn Snacks Assorted 5 oz. <b>\$1.99</b>	Colgate Premium Toothpaste Select Varieties 4-7.8 oz. <b>\$2.88</b>	Milwaukee's Best Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans <b>\$3.99</b>
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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.

### Arrests

January 11, 2:50 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway. During a traffic stop in which a nonresident male was charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, two nonresident passengers were arrested and each charged with possession of a fictitious driver's license. All three individuals were released on citations pending trial.

January 15, 12:10 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School. An 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with failure to obey a lawful order and disruption of school activities. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

January 13, 12:53 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

January 14, 1:25 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Jewelry and currency were taken.

January 15, 1:06 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronics were taken.

January 16, 11:01 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

### Trespassing

January 13, 1:28 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 49-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vehicle Crime

A 2008 Toyota Prius reported stolen through D.C. Metropolitan police was recovered in the Greenbelt Metro parking lot. No arrests were made.

A set of stolen tags was recovered in the 7700 block Ora Court. They were reported stolen through Prince George's County police. No arrests were made.

Four reports of thefts from autos were received: 7200 block Hanover Drive (laptop and modems), 9100 block Edmonston Road (sunglasses), 8000 block Lakecrest Drive (iPod and currency), Greenway Center (car mirror).

Vandalism was reported in the 7800 block Walker Drive (vehicle was scratched by a person known to the car owner), 9100 block Edmonston Road (car window was broken) and 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (windows were broken on two vehicles).

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.*

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The large crowd rises and cheers at the GCAN meeting January 15 with Delegate Heather Mizeur on water, wind power and fracking. Mizeur is third from the right in the front row, next to GCAN leaders Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman.

## GCAN Legislative Agenda Draws Large, Engaged Crowd

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

The screech of metal chairs on linoleum filled the room as extra seats were added to accommodate the crowd at the first Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting of the new year. More than 30 people, many of them new to GCAN, gathered at the Community Center on Tuesday, January 22 to discuss the 2013 environmental agenda for the Maryland legislature.

Slides of frogs, families and farmers flashed across the screen as Danielle Lipinski from the Maryland League of Conservation Voters explained that protecting water quality and the Chesapeake Bay will continue to be a top priority for environmental groups. Campaigns will include keeping closer tabs on pesticides through a reporting database, placing a fee on plastic and paper bags and passing a bottle bill deposit law. The groups will also be working to ensure proper funding and implementation for water quality measures passed last year.

### Wind Power

Prospects look good for an offshore wind power bill that passed the Maryland House but has been stalled in the Senate. According to Lipinski, the project is "the only serious manufacturing program for Maryland" and will "look like a toothpick" some 10 to 12 miles off the

coast of Ocean City. Tactics for advancing a solar energy bill were also discussed.

The audience had questions, comments or strategic suggestions on every issue, so Lipinski breezed through her presentation, noting, "You people really know this stuff."

### Fracking

The liveliest discussion centered around the issue of fracking, a controversial drilling method used to extract natural gas from shale rock deep underground. Mayor Judith Davis opened the conversation with a report on the challenges she faced trying to pass "even a very watered down" fracking resolution through the National League of Cities. She warned her constituents that "the going will be tough" because Maryland's diverse geography encompasses "the same differing interests and opinions" she had confronted at the national level.

Maryland Delegate Heather Mizeur, known in the halls of the statehouse as "the fracking woman," had people on the edge of their seats as she described the political wrangling in Annapolis surrounding a fracking moratorium. She explained oil and gas industry tactics to "snooker landowners" into allowing fracking on their property with no protection for health, land or water.

She condemned a 2005 Dick Cheney and Halliburton scheme that exempted fracking from federal water protection laws. "We are the only state

that sits on shale gas rock that isn't already drilling," said Mizeur.

### Water on Fire

She described other states as experiencing well water catching fire, increased seismic activity and livestock and horses dropping dead. She promised to continue leading the fight to keep a moratorium on fracking until health and environmental studies have been completed and fully analyzed. Senator Paul Pinsky is a lead cosponsor on a bill to legislate a moratorium.

"No studies, no fracking," Mizeur said. Lawmakers close to the oil and gas industry have blocked funding for the studies but Governor Martin O'Malley's new budget includes more than \$1.5 million to begin studying the issue. "Your sustained engagement is what will help us succeed," Delegate Mizeur told the group.

As the crowd broke up, people signed petitions and postcards to their lawmakers and arranged carpooling to several upcoming rallies in Annapolis and Washington.

A perplexing conflict arose, however, between a Polar Bear Plunge to call attention to climate change and a celebratory winter walk in the woods to honor the 10-year anniversary of Greenbelt's Forest Preserve, both scheduled for January 26. It seems there will be plenty to keep environmentalists busy in 2013.

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**CPAE Holds Zumba Fitness Dance Sessions**

Saturdays, January 26 and February 2 from 11 a.m. to noon there will be a Taste of Zumba fitness workshop with Lee-Ann Doncevic sponsored by the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) at the Old Parish House.

Attendees will get up to speed with the basics of Zumba fitness dancing in an introductory level workshop setting. There is a nominal charge for this drop-in class.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Ave.) near College Park Metro. Parking permits are available.

**CPAE Has Kids' Arts Drop-Ins**

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) children's Arts Drop-in programs led by Aaron Springer and Ann Potter on Saturday, January 26 from 10 to noon and Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Saturday drop-in is held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

This free creative arts workshop is for children ages 3 to 8 who are accompanied by a parent.

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

**Black Military Service Featured in Exhibit**

The Montpelier Arts Center's Black History Month exhibit, "Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Military Service in the United States," is currently open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will continue through Tuesday, February 26. An opening reception will be held at the center on Sunday, February 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception is free but reservations are required.

The exhibit highlights the service and support of African Americans for the U.S. military over a 200-year period from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. "Fighting on Two Fronts" explores African Americans' efforts in the changing face of discrimination at home and abroad.

The Montpelier Arts Center is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel. For more information call 301-627-2270. Reservations for the reception may also be made online at [arts.pgparcs.com/page52557.aspx](http://arts.pgparcs.com/page52557.aspx).

**National Gallery Violin Concert**

The National Gallery of Art will host a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 27. Rachel Barton Pine, violinist, will perform music by Paganini in honor of "Color, Line, Light: Aspects of French Drawings and Watercolors from Delacroix to Signac," an exhibit which recently opened. This concert will be held in the West Garden Court.

**Greenbelt Nursery School Wins Five-Year Accreditation**

Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) has achieved a new five-year term of accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) good through January 2018. The voluntary accreditation is recognized as one of the highest accomplishments for an early-childhood organization. GNS has been accredited by NAEYC since 2002; this is its second five-year accreditation under the organization's new, more

rigorous, process.

Accreditation this year involved a self-study process that measures GNS' program against more than 400 specific criteria in 10 areas that include curriculum, relationships, assessment, teacher quality and leadership, followed by onsite evaluation by NAEYC assessors. The independent national panel reviewed the information to determine whether the school met all criteria. In addition accredited programs submit

annual reports and are subject to unannounced NAEYC visits.

Greenbelt Nursery School, a Greenbelt parent cooperative founded in 1942, offers nursery school classes for children ages two, three, and four; and extended-day programs for children ages three and four. It is located in the Community Center. Further information about the school is available by calling 301-474-5570 or visiting its website at [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org).

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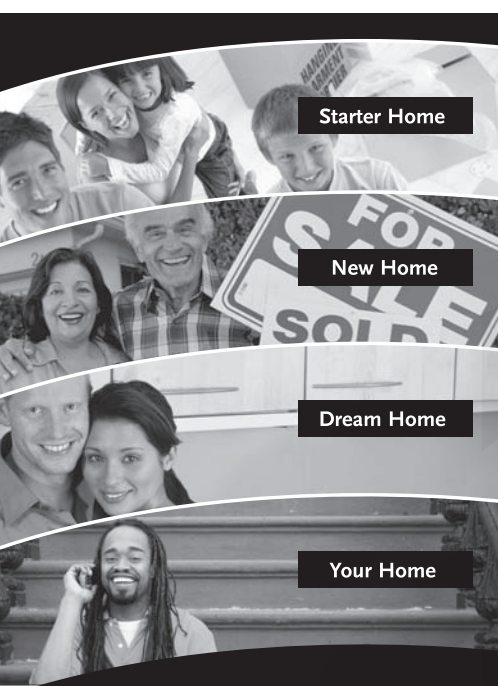
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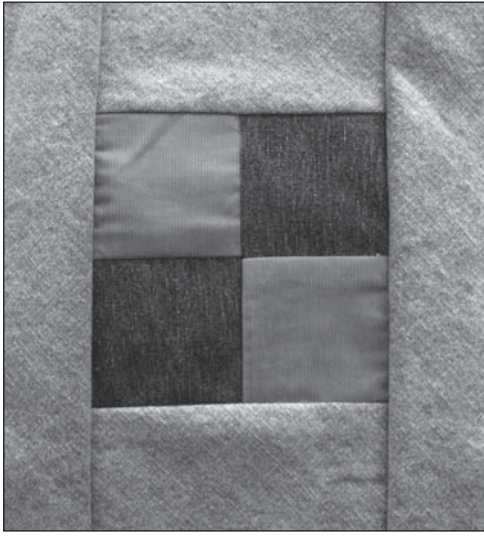
From 1 to 3 p.m. Arrington will facilitate the free quilt block workshop. Participants will create their own quilt block wall art from fabric scraps – a great project for the whole family working together. The program is open to all ages; supplies will be provided.

### Drawing

Immediately after the quilt block workshop, a drawing will be held for two tickets to a show of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter the drawing at the Community Center Art Gallery through 2:30 p.m. on February 3.

### Exhibits

While visiting the Community Center, see the Greenbelt Museum exhibit "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years." In celebration



of Greenbelt's 75th anniversary, the exhibit explores the city's history through an interactive timeline. Across the street is the Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, available for tours between 1 and 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

### Artists' Open House

Artful Afternoon also features a studio open house and sale with the Community Center's nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. Be inspired by work in many styles and media and find unique gifts.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2060.



Paul Downs prepares to venture into the Forest Preserve.

## Downs Offers 10th Anniversary Forest Preserve Winter Walk

Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m. join Paul Downs in a winter woods walk for the 10th anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve established in 2003, the first of several planned monthly events to celebrate creation of the preserve.

The hike, led by Downs, president of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, will be about a one hour hike of moderate level difficulty. Hikers will explore the North Preserve and meander along the creek area. Meet on Northway extended, dressed for the woods, possible mud and for ticks – with sturdy shoes, long pants, etc. The rain date is Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m.

### Stories Sought

Share memories and stories about the woods – both recent and long ago – in celebration of the Forest Preserve. Tell of experiences, feelings, why the woods are special in the teller's life. Stories can be humorous or serious, long or short (subject to editing). Selected stories will be included at the Preserve website, in publications and may also be submitted to the News Review. Send to [greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com).

For questions or more information email the Celebration Planning Committee for the 10 Year Anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve at [greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com) or call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Low-cost Cat Spaying Program Is Available

A joint promotion of PetSmart Charities, Last Chance Animal Rescue and the new Prince George's SPCA-affiliated county Animal Shelter, The Spay Spot, at 8210 D'Arcy Road in Forestville will make low-cost cat spaying available through the month of February.

This is a chance to curb cat reproduction in advance of the usual heat cycle, preventing unwanted litters from being born. Animal shelters refer to spring time as "kitten season" because that is when they receive the largest influx numbers of unwanted litters, making them hard to adopt. A special "Beat the Heat" promotion will spay female cats for a special rate of \$20. A maximum of 500 sterilizations is covered in the "Beat the Heat" program.

Spaying and neutering is safe for kittens as young as eight to 10 weeks old, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Spaying a female cat before its first heat cycle can be beneficial, because the procedure is also known to improve the health of the pet and reduce risks for certain reproductive cancers and infections. Female cats can have as many as three litters a year; kittens can breed as young as four months old.

To schedule an appointment, county residents (Prince George's and Charles County) should call 301-254-8151 and mention the "Beat the Heat" promotion.

## Prince George's County Choice Program Registration Deadlines

Program	School Sites/Websites	Open House/Info Session	Application Deadline
Biotechnology	<u>Fairmont Heights HS</u> (Grades 9-12) <u>Largo HS</u> (Grades 9-12)	Information sessions were held during the Fall Back-to-School Night	March 11
Creative & Performing Arts	<u>Benjamin Foulois Academy</u> (Grades K-8) <u>Hyattsville MS</u> (Grades 7-8) <u>Thomas G. Pullen</u> (Grades K-8)	Information sessions were held during the Fall Back-to-School Night	March 12 NOTE: Lottery Application Process for Grades K-5; Audition Process for Grades 6-8
<u>French Immersion</u>	<u>John Hanson French Immersion</u> (Grades K-8) <u>Robert Goddard French Immersion</u> (Grades K-8)	January 24 • 6 p.m.	March 11
<u>International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program</u>	<u>Central HS</u> <u>Crossland HS</u> <u>Laurel HS</u> <u>Parkdale HS</u> <u>Suitland HS</u>	January 22 6:30 p.m. Central HS	February 13
Montessori	<u>John Hanson Montessori</u> (PreK-8) <u>Judith P. Hover Montessori</u> (PreK-6) <u>Robert Goddard Montessori</u> (PreK-8)	Information session was held during the Fall Back-to-School Night January 17, February 21, April 18 and May 16 • 10-11 a.m. Information session was held during the Fall Back-to-School Night	March 11
<u>Talented &amp; Gifted (TAG) (TAG Center Programs)</u>	<u>Accokeek Academy</u> (Grades 2-8) <u>Capitol Heights ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Glenarden Woods ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Heather Hills ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Highland Park ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Longfields ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Valley View ES</u> (Grades 2-5) <u>Greenbelt MS</u> (Grades 6-8) <u>Kenmoor MS</u> (Grades 6-8) <u>Walker Mill MS</u> (Grades 6-8)	Check individual school websites for dates of information sessions	March 11
<u>Visual &amp; Performing Arts Program</u>	<u>Suitland High School</u>	January 17 7-8:30 p.m. Annabelle Ferguson Auditorium	February 1
Charter School	Address	Open House/Info Session	Application Deadline
<u>Chesapeake Math &amp; IT (CMIT) Academy</u> (Grades 6-12)	6100 Frost Place, Laurel	January 11 5:30 p.m.	January 31
<u>College Park Academy</u> (Grade 6 & 7)	TBA	January 16 7 p.m. College Park City Hall	January 31
<u>EXCEL Academy</u> (K-8)	7910 Scott Road, Landover	January 17 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	January 31
<u>Imagine Andrews</u> (K-8)	4798 Yuma Road, AAFB	January 24 6-7 p.m. Imagine Foundations at Morningside	January 31
<u>Imagine Foundations at Leeland</u> (K-8)	14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro	TBA	January 31
<u>Imagine Foundations at Morningside</u> (K-8)	6900 Ames Street SE, Morningside	TBA	January 31
<u>Imagine Lincoln</u> (K-8)	4207 Norcross Street, Temple Hills	TBA	January 31
<u>Turning Point Academy</u> (K-8)	7800 Good Luck Road, Lanham	January 25 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (snow date Jan. 31)	January 31

NOTE: Those schools or programs that are underlined have corresponding websites that can provide additional information

