

## WMATA Supports Greenbelt Site For Possible FBI Headquarters

by James Giese

On February 14 the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) approved an Amended Greenbelt Joint Development Agreement (JDA) relating to the development of the Greenbelt Metro Station property that would allow either the current developers of the property or Prince George's County to build a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters facility there.

According to public comments prepared by WMATA staff in explanation of the new agreement, the amendment to the current Joint Development Agreement would allow Metro's 78-acre Greenbelt Station parcel to be placed in competition for the new FBI headquarters site. It continues to permit the approved developer, Renard Development Company, LLC, to compete for the FBI site if the U.S. General Services Administration or the FBI seek a privately controlled site.

If, on the other hand, the GSA requests a publicly controlled site, Renard can assign the agreement to Prince George's County which can make the proposal. In that case the county would become the developer and assume all of the development obligations of the agreement.

Finally, the amendment extends the duration of the agreement so that if no site selection has been made by March 1, 2014, the current cutoff date, it will continue to be in force until the Greenbelt site is either selected to compete for the FBI headquarters or is eliminated from the competition.

### Key Highlights

The current agreement supports the board's goal of ensuring financial stability and investing in assets, since fair market value will be paid for the Metro site and since Metro parking and bus facilities will be replaced at no cost to Metro, the staff report stated.

The current agreement also supports WMATA's goal of improving regional mobility and connecting communities since an FBI headquarters at Greenbelt will encourage reverse commuting, thus better utilizing Metro capacity. Such a use of the site would serve as a development catalyst for Greenbelt and nearby communities. It would also implement Metro's agreement with GSA to encourage mixed use, transit-oriented development anchored by federal agencies at Metro stations, according to the staff report.

However, WMATA staff makes clear that Metro's support of Prince George's County is non-exclusive and that Metro will cooperate with all other jurisdictions seeking to compete for the FBI headquarters at a Metro station site.

According to reports in various local newspapers, the proposed approval of the amended Greenbelt agreement was strongly criticized by Jeff McKay, a Fairfax County Supervisor. McKay claimed the Metro action would

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## Council Cheers CHEARS Volunteer Programming

by Thomas X. White

All seven members of the Greenbelt City Council were present at its regular meeting on Monday, February 11. The agenda was a relatively light one with two presentations by Prince George's County officials, a brief budget update by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the award of an after-hours cleaning contract for the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the review of several state legislative proposals.

In addition, council considered a proposed letter to congressional representatives expressing concern regarding a recent Federal Emergency Management Administration decision to withhold disaster coverage for Hurricane Sandy victims residing in cooperatives and condominium regimes.

### CHEARS Partnership

Last year council authorized the city's participation in a partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) that included a full-time Volunteer Maryland Program Coordinator for selected environmental programs in Greenbelt, such as a Forest Stewardship Program entailing the recruitment and training of residents as volunteers.

The partnership was made possible by CHEARS in providing a cash match for the Coordinator's stipend (\$4,750 in 2012) and in the city's providing office space and support services for

the program.

Kristen Wharten reported to council on her efforts last year as the Volunteer Coordinator, with Leslie Riddle, Public Works Department, supervising her activities. Wharten will be leaving to resume her academic studies; however, she has laid the foundation for continuation with CHEARS for another year.

Councilmember Leta Mach moved to approve the staff recommendation to continue the program. Council agreed.

### Cleaning Services

In response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for after-hours cleaning services at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, the city received several responses with pricing for overnight facility cleaning and alternative pricing for semi-annual carpet cleaning, quarterly floor tile scrubbing and annual cleaning of exterior windows. A total of eight proposals were received, ranging from \$29,880 to \$146,557.

City staff then conducted interviews with the firms that had submitted the four lowest bids and, based on interviews, identified Dalmex, Inc. as the preferred choice. Their base proposal was \$31,200 and their bid for the three alternative cleaning services was \$3,200. Council unanimously approved the award of the cleaning contract to Dalmex.

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## Black History Month

February, Black History Month, celebrates the achievements of African Americans and recognizes their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions and reflections of Greenbelt residents of African descent. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

## Grace Gyemfi Focuses On Celebrating the Positive

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt resident Grace Gyemfi is, in the words of African American playwright Lorraine Hansberry, "young, gifted and black." Though having direct ties with Ghana, the birthplace of her parents (see story below), she prefers the description Ghanaian American. However, she says no matter the hue, "race is a big deal" in the United States.

"To pretend race doesn't play a role in people's lives is a joke," says the 29-year-old Boxwood resident. Gyemfi says people often don't know how to handle differences in culture and, as a result, "say something offensive." She has had people ask her personal questions about her hair and ask to touch it. But the issue really struck home for her about six years ago, when as she was trying to park at Safeway, a driver swooped in front of her car. "He called me a 'nigger' and I was livid," she said.

Instead of allowing her experiences with racism to negatively



Grace Gyemfi

affect her, Gyemfi focuses her gifts on celebrating the positive contributions of African Americans to the country by producing the first Black History Month assembly at her school, Kip D.C. Will Academy in Washington, D.C., where she is an eighth

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## Ghanaian American Gives Her Views on Slave Trade

by Christine Gyemfi

*In honor of Black History Month, Greenbelt resident Christine Gyemfi, who was born in Ghana, reflects on that country's role in the slave trade and subsequent apology, stating it a milestone in African American history. Christine Gyemfi is Grace's mother.*

Africans were sent to the Americas and sold into slavery between 1450 and the early 19th century. More than a million are believed to have died in transit across the so-called "middle passage" of the Atlantic due to inhumane conditions aboard slave ships and the brutal crushing of any resistance.

America and Europe have long accepted the role they played in slavery, but Africans whose ancestors collaborated with European and Arab slave traders had never publicly done so. The idea that some Africans sold their own people into slavery has been downplayed by history books.

Ghana became one of the first African countries to offer an apology for its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. In 2007, Ghana's 50th anniversary of its independence included an effort

called "Project Joseph," which invited blacks to trace their history to the slave trade and reconnect with the land of their ancestors.

The ceremony of atonement was performed as an apology to African American and Caribbean people. Renee Kemp, who was present, writes in "An Apology in Ghana" on the PBS website, Wonders of the African World:

"For those of us who witnessed the ritual apology in Ghana, there can be no more excuses. Africa's children can no longer afford to do harm to one another - that is the message given in the apology of the Ghanaian chiefs. And though their atonement was 400 years in coming, it was as joyous as a wedding, as solemn as a funeral and as poignant as a long-awaited family reunion."

As a Ghanaian American, I am delighted!

**Editorial**

**Help Wanted**

As you've probably heard by now, your community newspaper is in trouble. After many years of relatively good financial health, our advertising – without which we cannot produce a weekly newspaper – has been declining for some time. Currently, we often fall short of ad revenue for a 12-page paper.

As a result, our news editors struggle to achieve the tricky balance of providing the local news that our citizens rely on in the space paid for by that week's ads. We sometimes have enough copy for a 16-page paper but do not have enough advertising to pay for it. In News Review parlance, "Our overset runneth over," when the number of stories exceeds space available.

That's why we need your help. After 75 years of weekly volunteer service, we are counting on you to join us in this endeavor – publishing the News Review – the life blood of this city. If you agree, please consider making a contribution to this effort – \$10, \$15, \$50 – whatever is right for you. We are heartened by the response received so far due to last week's call for help from the community. With your support we will work to ensure that the News Review continues to serve as the "glue that holds Greenbelt together."

Thank you.

**Hyattsville Energy Fair Held for All**

On Wednesday, February 27 the City of Hyattsville will host a community energy fair at Hyattsville City Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The fair is open to everyone who wants to learn how to lower their utility bills and make their homes more comfortable through energy efficiency.

There will also be information for residents of Hyattsville, College Heights Estates, Riverdale Park and University Park to learn more about the Small Town Energy Program (STEP) in place there since last July and concluding this July, with almost 400 homes thus far enrolled. STEP helps those people access rebates from \$450 to \$4,650 for recommended efficiency improvements, and it includes energy evaluation plus ongoing advice from an energy specialist.

**Free Youth Concert At Nat'l Cathedral**

On Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. the eighth Annual Celebrate Youth! High School Choir Festival, a combined high school choir event available to the public without charge, will be held at the Washington National Cathedral.

The annual festival is a one-day experience for about 300 young singers from public, charter and independent D.C. schools. This year readings will be offered by Barbara Harrison, a WRC-TV (Channel 4, NBC) anchor who began in 1981, covering child health issues, special features and Wednesday's Child, which features children available for adoption. Harrison was a recipient of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Ted Yates Award for outstanding community service, as well as of several Emmy awards and other recognitions.

**Child Care Subsidy Wait List Reopened**

On March 11, with the re-opening of the state child care subsidy waiting list, more low-income working families with child care need will have the possibility of having such assistance. The Maryland State Department of Education, working with the Department of Budget and Management, will partially lift a freeze on income level eligibility to use the federal and state monies.

For example, a family of three can still be eligible with an income of \$23,676 – a 57 percent increase over the previous income eligibility maximum. In recognizing the reality of the very significant portion of working families' budgets that goes to child care, the state will help up to 2,300 more families get safe, quality care over the next three years.

Currently 14,800 families are on the waiting list. Costs for poverty level three-person families are now about half their annual income and, thus, beyond their means. Each local Department of Social Services administers the assistance program through vouchers to defray costs for recipients' child care expenses. Applicants here can file through the Prince George's Department of Social Services.

**The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival General Meeting and Elections will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Letters**

**THANKS!**

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their help in finding missing Co-op members. Many of those whose names were listed in last week's News Review article (on page 7) were located by Greenbelters who have contacted the store with current information allowing us to reach family members.

We still need help to find members or family for the following: Karen Zevallos, Katherine Adeladide, Lillian Vallandingham, Nicholas Brockuniern, Catherine Dalton, Ruth Mathes, Emory Harman, Marian Slaugh, Patsy Betts and Ruth Dungan.

If you have contact information, please send it to Greenbelt Co-op, 121 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or call the store at 301-474-0522.

Bob Davis,  
Store Manager

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On Wednesday, February 27 the free monthly Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music, with optional dinner and socializing from 6 to 7 p.m. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit www.newdealcafe.com.

**Turner Reads to Kids At GES Tomorrow**

A reminder to all that Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner will be at Greenbelt Elementary School tomorrow, Friday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. reading to two fifth-grade classes from "Who Is Louis Armstrong?" by Yona McDonough.

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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—\$45/year.

**Green Ridge House Opens Wait List**

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from February 25 through March 1, 2013, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled adult.

All applicants must have with them a valid Maryland State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$36,400 for individuals and \$41,600 for couples.

All apartments are one bedroom units. *Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply.*



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

# 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 February 25 to 28 are:

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

Tuesday - Orange juice, split pea soup, chicken salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday - Grape juice, Salisbury steak with onion gravy, mashed spiced yams, green beans, rosy applesauce.

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

No information for Friday, March 1 was received by press time.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, February 21, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting - GHI Board Room

7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - GHI Board Room

Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m., GHI Town Hall Meeting - Greenbelt Firehouse

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

## Free Classes on Aging Gracefully Feb. 22-23

On Friday, February 22 at 12:30 and 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m., free half-hour Ageless Grace seminars on aging exercise and instructor certification, open to all, will be offered in the Greenbelt Youth Center multi-purpose room.

The classes will be run by Denise Medved from North Carolina, who designed and will teach the fun Ageless Grace chair-exercise program.

Pre-registration is not necessary. Attendees can come, sign in and plan to enjoy the seminars. More information is available at [www.agelessgrace.com](http://www.agelessgrace.com) or by emailing Karen Haseley at [khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov) or calling 240-542-2054.

## GATE Annual Meeting To Be Held March 10

The Annual Meeting for Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) has been set for Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in Room 204 at the Community Center. Current GATE members and potential members are invited and all are welcome to attend.

This year's meeting will feature Dave Zahren as its speaker. Zahren, a Greenbelt resident, has worked as television station WJLA-TV's weekend weather forecaster since 1990.

A former Peace Corps member, science teacher of 14 years and moderator of the high school scholastic program "It's Academic," he has also produced and hosted public television programs and served as senior television specialist with the county Office of Television Resources. Zahren will discuss what inspired him to explore television as a positive medium to educate children.

GATE President Bob Zugby, Treasurer Tom White and staff will report on the programs area residents have produced in the past year and outline educational opportunities and potential new programs for the coming year.

For more information call GATE at 301-507-6581.

## At the Library

### Adult Program

Tuesday, February 26, 7 p.m.: African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on the African Diaspora, "The African Presence: Around the World, Past & Present." He will discuss new and old communities of black people all over the world and the surprising ways they have arrived at distant locations far outside Africa.

### 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, February 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, February 28, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info). For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## Explore Oscar History

On Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m. the Explorations Unlimited program will feature a presentation by Frank Pearlman on the history of the Oscars, lesser-known stories, along with winners (and losers) of this year's 2013 Academy Awards. Come prepared to answer trivia questions and get a chocolate or two (or three).

An active, well-known resident, Pearlman participates in many classes and activities at the Community Center and the Greenbelt Arts Center. He is a lifelong film buff whose passion is sharing his knowledge with others.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This program will be in Room 114, the Senior Classroom. All are invited and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Turner Chat'n Chew In City Tomorrow

Friday, February 22 from 9 to 10 a.m. Greenbelt's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will welcome District 4 constituents here at Atlanta Bread (on Cherrywood Lane across from the Beltway Plaza Giant Food store) for another of her Chat and Chew sessions. City Police Chief James Craze will join Turner at the meet and greet and will answer questions. Information will also be provided about living wills. All are invited to attend.

## Hewagama is Speaker At Next ASG Meeting

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center in Lanham on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker Dr. Tilak Hewagama will give a presentation titled "Exploring Planetary Atmospheres: Follow the Trace Elements." He will talk about ground and spacecraft observations of solar system planets and satellites that have provided data helping to refine understanding of them.

Hewagama is a scientist with the University of Maryland, College Park and works at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt. He received his Ph.D. in 1991 from the University of Maryland, also studying at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and the University of Wyoming in Laramie. His research interests include planetary atmospheres, earth science, extra-solar planets, molecular spectroscopy and related topics.

The H.B. Owens Science Center, at 9601 Greenbelt Road, is adjacent to DuVal High School. All are welcome; there is no admission fee.

*More Community Events are throughout the paper.*

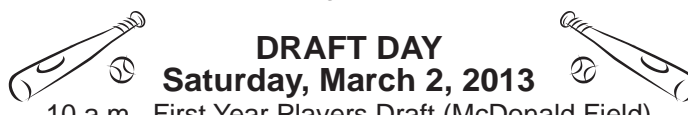
## Greenbelt Baseball

2013 Registration Dates

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

**Saturday, February 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\***

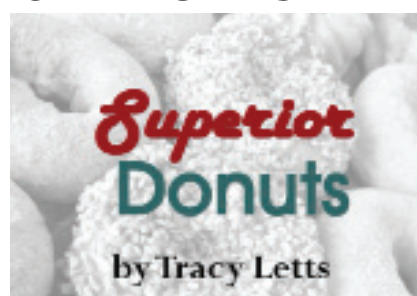
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For more information please contact:

Commissioner Jim Inzeo at 301-832-6631 or at [greenbeltbaseball@aol.com](mailto:greenbeltbaseball@aol.com)



## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING THIS WEEK



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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:  
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## The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

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or call

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## Spaghetti Dinner

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The Last Exorcism, Pt. 2, PG-13  
21 and Older, R

## FRI. - SAT. - TUE.

Snitch, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:25, 9:50  
Dark Skies, PG-13 (!)  
11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35  
Escape from Planet Earth in 3D, PG (!)  
2:15, 9:15  
Escape from Planet Earth in 2D, PG (!)  
11:45, 4:35, 7  
Good Day to Die Hard, R (!)  
11:30, 2:05, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45  
Beautiful Creatures, PG-13 (!)  
11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55  
Safe Haven, PG-13 (!)  
11:05, 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:45  
Identity Thief, R  
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Warm Bodies, PG-13  
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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, February 28, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM



### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Request from M&T Bank to Become a GHI Lender
- Exception Request for Proposed Screened Porch, 8A Ridge
- Review Task Force Recommendations on Unauthorized Rentals and Vacant Units
- Yard Line Certification: 12 Court Laurel Hill
- Revision Regarding GHI Rules for Landscaping
- Schedule a Date for Committee Training Program
- Addition Maintenance Task Force Recommendations on Skylights
- 2013 Gutter Cleaning Contract, 2nd Reading

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

# Obituaries

## Harold George Domchick

Former Greenbelt resident Harold George Domchick, 96, died on February 18, 2013, in LaPlata, Md.

Mr. Domchick was born on June 15, 1916, in Hazleton, Pa.

Mr. Domchick was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as a sonar man on the USS Riley. When he returned home he joined the U.S. Army Field Band as a saxophonist at Ft. Meade. After retiring from the military, he worked as a driver's license examiner for the MVA.

He moved to Greenbelt after the war, living in several locations, the longest at 11 Court Ridge Road.

He was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion, the Masons and Greenbelt Community Church. He most enjoyed playing music with fellow musicians with the Rheinlanders at Blob's Park in Odenton, but was involved with the music program at church, sometimes playing the sax. He was the meat cutter at Co-op for many years. Later he would bring his list of groceries to the store and someone would gather what he needed as he talked with people he knew. He pumped gas at the Co-op gas station, always keeping busy.

Mr. Domchick was predeceased by his parents, George Domchick and Elizabeth Wilson Domchick who lived in the 45 Court of Ridge Road.

He is survived by his children: Judy Hall and her husband Alvin of Reedville, Va., Harold Domchick, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Greenbelt, and Margaret Barton and her husband Bob of Beltsville; sister-in-law Ellen Domchick of Wheaton; grandchildren Joanne, Karen, Glenn, Dianne, James, Jessica, Nicole and Katharine; and great-grandchildren Benjamin, David, Hannah, Tyler, Jack and Sam.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 1 p.m. until the 4 p.m. funeral service at Raymond Funeral Chapel (5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Md.)

Interment will be on Monday, March 11 at 11 a.m. at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham. Arrangements were by Raymond Funeral Service of La Plata.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



Sympathy to Harold and Nancy Domchick, other family and friends of longtime resident Harold Domchick who died February 18, 2013, in La Plata.

**Congratulations to:**

– Editor Mary Lou Williamson, who was recognized by the Prince George's County Council on Tuesday, February 19 for her exceptional service to the News Review in a joint Proclamation by Council Chair Andre C. Harrison and Greenbelt's District 4 Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner.

– ERHS senior Aaron Solomon who, under the tutelage of Greenbelter and USDA soil scientist Michel Cavigelli, won first place at this year's ERHS science fair for his project "The Effect of Polymer-Coated Nitrogen Fertilizers on Nitrous Oxide Emissions."

– Kenneth Silverman, who was promoted to captain in the Civil Air Patrol on Valentine's Day.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## County Salutes Our Editor



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**Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner reads the Council's proclamation honoring Mary Lou Williamson for her work on the News Review.**

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 (301)474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

February 24<sup>th</sup>  
 "Opposition to God's Work"  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 "Protecting the Weak"  
 March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Guest Speaker (Eric Redmond)

Worship Service 11:00am  
 All Welcome

## Labor Day Festival Meeting and Elections

The General Meeting and Elections for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed For the Festival

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks related to the 2013 Labor Day Festival. To volunteer email the committee at greenbeltlaborday@gmail.com or call 301-675-0585.

## Black History Program

On Tuesday, February 26 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Montpelier Mansion staff will make corn husk dolls as done in 18th century Maryland at the Deerfield Run Community Center. For details call 301-953-7882; TTY 301-445-4512.

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

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- Sundays  
 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
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- Wednesdays  
 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor  
 301-474-7573  
 6301 Greenbelt Road  
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

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 Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
 Midweek Lenten Services, Wednesday 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

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

**Upcoming Events At New Deal Café**

On Thursday, February 21 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be traditional and modern high-energy jazz from the Seth Kibel & Bay Jazz Project.

On Friday, February 22 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Then from 8 to 11 p.m. Sahel headlines with a blend of African roots music and influences from around the world.

Saturday, February 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano. Martha Capone, one of the hottest female guitar players on the scene, headlines with her band playing classic rock and blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, February 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Darkuba Dawg Haffa provides live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

**Next Week**

Tuesday, February 26 the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet performs from 7 to 9 p.m. The monthly Cajun Music Jam will be held on Wednesday, February 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 28 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session with the Songwriters Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, March 1 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; then Ren Rick headlines with classic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Saturday, March 2 schedule begins with the TV John Show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m.; then John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Jelly Roll Mortals playing semi-acoustic roots rock from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, March 3 is the weekly sign language brunch discussion from 10:30 a.m. to noon. In the evening Harp 46 entertains with classical and world-music instrumentation from 5 to 8 p.m.

**ERHS Orchestra Concert on March 6**

The Orchestra Festival Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the auditorium will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Playing at the concert will be the Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. The school's music program draws students from northern Prince George's County.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is at 7601 Hanover Parkway. This free event is open to the public. For more information call 301-661-9699.

**ERHS Band Festival Concert on March 8**

A Band Festival Concert will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) auditorium on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. It will include the school's Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and the Roosevelt Band directed by Sally Wagner. Students from all over northern Prince George's County play in ERHS' music programs.

The school is at 7601 Hanover Parkway. The free concert is open to the public. For more information call 301-661-9699.



# City Information

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Presentations  
 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**

- State Legislation
- Revisions to Ethics Requirements - Financial Disclosure Statements
- Other Reports
- \*-Request for Use of Facilities
- \*-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 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.**



## BIG DADDY MEMORIAL BASH

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 THE 2ND ANNUAL BIG DADDY BASH



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Friday, February 22, 2013  
 Greenbelt Community Ctr., Rm 201  
 12:30pm-6:00pm

To schedule an appointment, either contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Artful Afternoon, March 3**

**Community Center 15 Crescent Rd.**

Create your own mythical nature mask (1-3pm) inspired by the upcoming Winter Youth Musical The Joy Gods Return. Instructor: Holly Vandersommers. Great project for the whole family! Open to all ages. Free; materials are provided. Also: Artists in Residence studio open house, 1-4pm, plus art and local history exhibits.

Enter to win two tickets to a Greenbelt Arts Center show of your choice. Entries must be received online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or in-person by 2:30pm on March 3. Winner will be announced at 3:00pm on March 3.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers  
 Saturday, February 23, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
 Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
 Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 1**

Monday, February 25 at 7:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Room 111 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Monday, February 25 at 8:00 pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Monday, February 25 immediately following Council Meeting, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Collective Bargaining Negotiations/ Municipal Building Library

Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Updates on the Sunnyside Bridge Report.

Wednesday, February 27 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** –re: Visioning Goals and Pre-Budget Discussion at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m **BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING**, at the Municipal Building Library, 25 Crescent Road.

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

**CITY OF GREENBELT**  
 City Clerk's Office, 25 Crescent Road  
 Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(9) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, there will be an Executive Session of the City Council on Monday, February 25, 2013, immediately following the adjournment of the 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council. The Executive Session will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Cindy Murray  
 City Clerk

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A new 1934 musical inside a post-9/11 romance.

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 All Tickets: \$5  
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 15 Crescent Road  
 Call 301-397-2208

**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.

[www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)

# City Council Holds Stakeholder Worksession with Goddard

by Angel B. Torres

Goddard Space Flight Center representatives could not definitively confirm their plans with the Greenbelt City Council during their meeting because of the looming specter of the sequester set to shake up the federal budget if it goes into effect March 1.

The February 4 worksession updated councilmembers on the current operations and future plans of the facility.

According to Nature magazine, NASA could lose around \$1.3 billion with the automatic cuts. The article lists potential losses of "\$417 million from its science budget, \$346 for space operations, \$309 for exploration, \$246 for cross agency support, among other cuts."

The stakeholder meeting was an hour-long, upbeat powwow which recapped what the space center accomplished since the two groups met in late 2010. It highlighted the Center's upcoming projects, including a spacecraft mission to Mars and further development of a state-of-the-art space telescope.

The Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission is set to launch in mid-November. Scientists have also been testing the tennis court-sized James Webb Space Telescope to ensure it can complete its ultimate objective – deciphering the complexities of the Big Bang and discovering the origins of our

solar system.

However, Director Chris Scolese tempered expectations, as the completion of any project hinges on the availability of funds.

"The [matters] we have to pay attention to [are] what happens when the continuing resolution is over, what budget level we're going to get, and what, if anything, is going to happen with sequestration," Scolese said. "That should all become much clearer at the end of the month."

The government's Continuing Resolution terminates at the end of the month, Scolese noted, which means more uncertainty for Goddard's budget. Continuing Resolution, or the stop-gap budget, has been in place since September and provides temporary financial support for programs, usually mirroring the previous year's level of funding.

Councilmembers also grilled Goddard representatives on Greenbelt citizens' involvement with the Center, specifically employment or unpaid internship opportunities.

While they didn't have [on-hand] updated statistics on the number of employed Greenbelt residents, the representatives did cite their success in incorporating local students into their internship programs. They estimated that they had about 500 summer interns, a combi-

nation of college and Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, as well as 85 interns during the winter.

"I've been fascinated [with NASA] since I was nine years old, around the same time John Glenn went around the Earth three times," Councilmember Konrad Herling said. When speaking about the opportunities Greenbelt residents have with Goddard, Herling noted, "How many communities can say they have a space flight center in their hometown?"

While the facility faces budget uncertainty, Mayor Judith Davis applauded the space center's resilience, achievements and positive influence it has on the area, especially the younger generation.

"I remember 15 years ago when there was talk they were going to close [the center] down and they were going to cut back. It is just an entirely different attitude when they come in now. They're putting in new buildings, new programs, [all while] managing to stay ahead of the curve so that they are relevant and they can maintain their budget," Davis said.

"Of course, the federal budget can do some things in the next couple of weeks," Davis continued. "But they're definitely a good neighbor and, obviously, a good asset for Greenbelt."

# Budget Outlook Is Bleak Manager Tells City Council

by Thomas X. White

In a brief administrative report at its February 11 meeting, City Manager Michael McLaughlin updated council on the budget outlook information he had provided at a worksession on the January 23 developing Fiscal Year 2014 budget. He told council he had additional information from the state property assessment office that paints a more disappointing picture of the projected revenue from real property assessments for Greenbelt than he had described before.

Based on the updated state

review, McLaughlin said there could likely be a 2 percent lower assessment than the 6.9 percent reduction for residential property reported in January. Also, his optimistic estimate of a potential 17 percent increase for commercial property is now being projected downward to only about a 3.8 percent increase.

Based on the new estimates, McLaughlin told council he has requested city department heads to freeze existing staffing levels and to begin consideration of a potential 5 percent cut in department expenditures.

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favor one local jurisdiction over another, even though the agreement states that WMATA would support any other proposal that would involve a Metro station. To date, no other Metro station sites have been proposed.

### Background, History

The following background and history was provided to the WMATA board by its staff:

In December 2011, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works passed a resolution authorizing appropriations for an FBI headquarters relocation from the J. Edgar Hoover Building in downtown Washington to a new site having up to 55 acres of land within two miles of a Metro station and 2.5 miles of Interstate 495.

The resolution specifies that a new headquarters is to have up to 2.1 million square feet of net rentable area and no more than 4,300 parking spaces. Further, the resolution calls for the federal lease of a privately-owned building on federally-owned land.

In anticipation of the FBI headquarters relocation, Metro executed an October 2011 Second Amended and Restated Joint Development Agreement with Renard. Renard is the successor in name to Metroland Developers, LCC, with which Metro executed the original joint development agreement.

In December 2012, GSA issued a Request for Information (RFI) to elicit ideas for the relocation of the FBI headquarters along with potential reuse of the existing J. Edgar Hoover site in downtown Washington. Responses are due March 4, 2013.

Prince George's County wishes to respond should GSA prefer to deal directly with a public entity having site control. The local parties involved agree that the most direct way to accomplish the county objective is via a JDA assignment that the county can negotiate with Renard.

The proposed amendment will give Renard the ability to assign the agreement to the county replacing Renard as developer. The WMATA agreement already gives Renard the ability to assign it to GSA or the FBI should the federal government request immediate site control. Any of the assignments puts the public entity in the shoes of Renard, thus assuming all the obligations that

Renard has to Metro under the current agreement.

### Obligations

The obligations Renard has to Metro include replacement at no cost to Metro of: 3,726 parking spaces and related facilities, a lot for 30 buses and 17 bus bays and layover spaces for Metrobuses. In addition, Renard must pay fair market value for the site upon purchase, as determined through appraisal and taking into account all obligations. Additionally, an interchange to the site from Interstate 495 will be needed.

The county has more tools than does Renard to meet some of these obligations, including direct funding, tax districts and the like.

In sum, the amended agreement increases the Greenbelt parties' ability to respond to whatever type of solicitation the GSA/FBI may issue without diminishing performance obligations to Metro.

The amendment also supports Metro's strategic goal of ensuring financial stability and investing in local people and assets. The revenue to be obtained from the value of the site and the replacement of Metro's existing surface parking and bus bays with updated facilities will help meet these goals.

In last week's issue, the News Review reported that the Four Cities Coalition (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton) expressed support for relocating the FBI Headquarters to the Greenbelt station. Before that the Greenbelt City Council, after meeting with Renard, had expressed its support.

### Industry Day

On January 17 GSA held an Industry Day for potential responders to its Request for Information to seek proposals for relocating and consolidating FBI headquarters into a new facility and for offsetting some of the expense by acquiring and re-utilizing the J. Edgar Hoover building in Washington, as previously reported in this paper.

GSA has now listed the names of some 500 persons who attended the event. Some are family names of owners of some of the largest construction and development companies in the Washington area, such as an Oliver Carr and several other Carrs, a Daniel Snyder, a number of Smiths and a Saal.

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grade algebra teacher. The assembly dubbed, "A Night in Harlem" will feature notable authors, playwrights and musicians. To portray the various personalities, students will perform skits and recite soliloquies.

Production is not new to Gyemfi. A University of Maryland journalism graduate, she managed the UM-TV news room her senior year. Upon graduation, Gyemfi and her co-host, Nyree C. Berry, launched an entertainment talk show for about five years on UM-TV titled "Meeting . . ." She and Berry took turns either talking to the visiting performers such as Diddy and Robin Thicke or filming the interview on location. Gyemfi's proudest moment and greatest accomplishment came when she saw the show air for the first time, "That was amazing!"

Simultaneously, she also taught.

Gyemfi, who as a work-study student at Maryland, mentored kindergartners and first graders who were reading below grade level through the America Reads, America Counts program. She then started teaching first grade at Morningside Elementary School in Suitland in 2006. Later, she switched to sixth grade. During the summer, Gyemfi began the Resident Teacher Program, designated for non-education majors living in Prince George's County. When Morningside closed, she moved



Grace Gyemfi's parents are from Ghana.

– CIA World Factbook

to Andrew Jackson Academy, also in Suitland, as a fifth and sixth grade teacher. She joined the staff of Kip D.C. Will Academy last academic year.

Gyemfi became a student again and earned a master's degree in event planning from George Washington University

three years ago and started Soiree, an event planning business. Her goal is to plan corporate events but for now, she is content coordinating weddings and school assemblies for what she calls "a great month to focus on African Americans," Black History Month.

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## State Legislation

Assistant City Manager David Moran provided summaries and status for seven proposed bills being considered by the Maryland General Assembly. With the exception of House Bill 587, which would prohibit counties and municipalities from enacting local laws that would prevent electric utilities from complying with vegetation management standards, council voted to support the other proposed legislation.

In the support category was Senate Bill 28, which would require owners of blighted properties to remediate outstanding code violations before they could be leased.

Also supported was House Bill 78 and Senate Bill 160, which would address an April 2012 Maryland Court of Appeals decision regarding pit bulls and liability for landlords and common ownership communities by creating a "rebuttable presumption" that a dog's owner, regardless of breed, is liable. The presumption could be overcome in a court proceeding. The legislation would also restore the common law of liability standard that existed prior to the Appeals Court decision.

Senate Bill 389 would clarify requirements for jurisdictions employing speed cameras by specifying those employees authorized to review and certify the speeding tickets. Some speed camera citations were being challenged because these jurisdictions were not using "sworn officers" for the review and certification.

House Bill 362 would amend

the Maryland ethics statute by indicating that publicly traded national mutual funds are not considered an "interest" unless such holdings are regulated by the official's government unit.

Senate Bill 820 and House Bill 767 were also supported. The bills would create a spay/neuter fund administered by the State Department of Agriculture and include a voucher program for low-income residents to enable them to get their pets spayed or neutered.

Also supported was Senate Bill 641, which is another effort to establish a beverage container five cent deposit program.

## Letter to Delegation

The final action of the evening was to address an issue placed on the agenda by Mach where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), during the recent Sandy Hurricane aftermath failed to provide recovery assistance to housing cooperatives damaged by the hurricane-induced flooding. Council supported Mach's recommendation that a letter be sent to the city's congressional representatives urging them to have FEMA extend coverage to cooperatives and condominium housing.

## Presentations

Coordinator Robin Shell, Office of Constituent Services for Prince George's County Public Schools, described her fairly new program whose mission provides technical assistance and conflict resolution services geared toward resolving school concerns among parents, employees and administrators.

The program delivers sort of

one-stop shopping for addressing identified problems that may be brought to the attention of the school system by a concerned party. A key to the program is assigning a tracking number for each issue or concern, with a goal of achieving resolution for the issue within ten days.

Shell said that the program, now in its second year, has experienced about 4,500 contacts, with approximately 987 concerns being addressed last year.

Another key for the program is periodic reports to the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education covering trends and issues and proposals for possible approaches to address given issues. The program also includes outreach to Parent-Teacher Associations and will provide training upon request.

Councilmembers expressed the hope that teachers were always made aware of the identified issues and that the actual concern is well understood by all parties. Council also suggested that Shell provide a briefing on the program for the city's Advisory Committee on Education.

Another county presentation was made to council by Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc S. Bashoor. He provided an update on the on-going reorganization of the county's Fire and Emergency Medical Services that involves the planned elimination of career fire fighters at several county stations including Branchville, which serves Greenbelt West. This will be reported on in a separate story next week.

## WSSC to Begin Work on City Sewer Mains

Starting in the next few weeks and lasting for a period of approximately seven months, a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) contractor will begin work in Greenbelt neighborhoods. This work is part of a broad WSSC program to modernize older sanitary sewer mains. Mains that have started to show age will be rehabilitated to eliminate damage and restore the pipeline.

Residents can expect the arrival of interesting equipment for a temporary stay in neighborhoods. Some work will be performed during late evening and early morning hours when sewage flows are relatively low, causing some night-time noise and bright lights related to

the work. On residential streets, setup of large, complex equipment may require some adjustments in parking and neighborhood driving patterns. WSSC says efforts will be made to minimize traffic inconvenience and maintain appropriate signs for road safety in contractors' work areas.

In case of problems during the work, residents can contact with the onsite representative, Inspector Herman Pritchett, at 240-508-6934 or Contract Manager Jon Thorsell at 301-369-7772 weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After hours or on weekends, call the WSSC Radio Room at 301-206-4002 (24 hours a day) and refer to "sewer lining" work.



## Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 2013  
GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2:00 – 4:15 PM

GHI's Board of Directors will be holding a Town Hall meeting with members to discuss current issues and obtain member feedback.

A preliminary agenda will be distributed over the weekend and the final agenda published in next week's e-News.  
(Don't get the e-News? Go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) to subscribe today)

Questions for the Board to address at the Town Hall meeting may be submitted via email to: [mgmtoffice@ghi.coop](mailto:mgmtoffice@ghi.coop)

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Fresh Lean Pork Boneless Center Cut Roast <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Gourmet Premium Size Russet Potatoes 3 lb. <b>99¢</b>	Kraft Natural Cheese Chunks Assorted 8 oz. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	Weaver Boneless Chicken Tenders/Nuggets/Patties 26 oz. <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b>	Fresh East Coast Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz. <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b>
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## Police Blotter

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### Robbery

February 9, 1:27 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A man approached another man, displayed a handgun and took his wallet. The robber is described as a male of unknown race, 5'9" tall with a thin build, wearing a ski mask.

### Arrest

February 8, 6:05 a.m., Parkway. A 21-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree burglary after police linked him to burglaries of several storage units. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

February 7, 8:24 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

February 7, 9:22 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

February 9, 9:59 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Nothing was taken.

February 9, 5:40 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive. Nothing was taken.

February 9, 8:38 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

February 10, 8:08 a.m., Parkway. Two storage units were broken into. Nothing was taken.

### Vehicle Crime

A blue 2005 Nissan Maxima with DC tags was taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

A tag expiration sticker reported stolen by Prince George's County police was recovered from a vehicle parked in the 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive. No arrests were made.

Two thefts from autos were reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road (child safety seats, wallet).

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## GHI Delays Consideration Of Nonsmoking MOCs

by Sue Krofchik

The agenda for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board meeting on February 14 included discussing the opinion by an attorney retained to comment on a draft proposal "establishing nonsmoking rows of units."

Board President Susan Ready, describing the opinion as lengthy, recommended it be referred back to the Special Committee before discussion by the full board at an open meeting.

The Special Committee consists of Ready and directors Chuck Hess, Bill Jones and Diana McFadden.

The nonsmoking issue remains on the agenda for the February 23 Town Hall meeting, when Ready expects to provide an update.

The law firm Lerch, Early and Brewer was engaged to comment on specific issues associated with creation of an alternative mutual ownership contract (MOC) containing a "Smoke-free Building Restriction." The name of the attorney writing the opinion was not available.

After the opinion is understood and accepted by the board and discussed in an open meet-

ing, the next step is expected to be finalizing a draft "Proposal for Smoke-free Buildings." All 1,600 units in GHI currently have the same MOC with no clause(s) pertaining to smoking.

### Petition

"We were careful to do what the members petitioned," Ready said. She was referring to the petition signed by 52 members and presented as an agenda item for the May 17, 2012, annual meeting. It had directed the board to develop and implement a policy that would allow members of an entire row of units to revise their MOCs to indicate smoking inside these units is not allowed.

Linda Curtis, a member of 13 Court Ridge, asked if members at 13-A to 13-H (one row in a three row court, who presented GHI with the first such petition calling for nonsmoking units on March 3, 2012) could get copies of the attorney's opinion. This request was initially denied, citing attorney-client privilege.

"I am a client," retorted Curtis, at which time General Manager Eldon Ralph said he would check with the attorney.

## Greenbelt Cub Scouts 2013 Pinewood Derby Winners

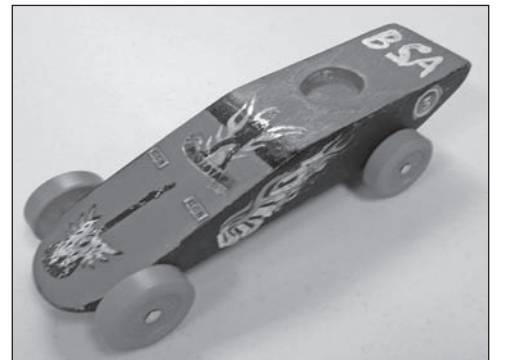
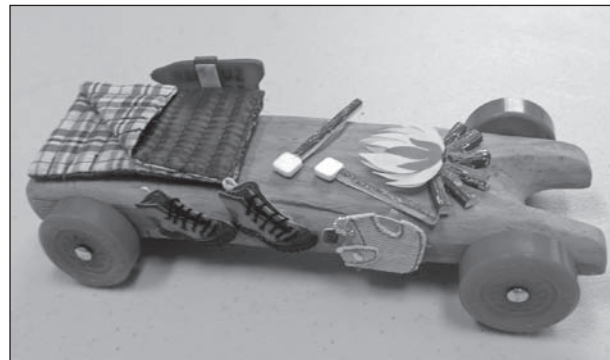


PHOTOS BY BEN CLARKE, CUBMASTER

Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202 held its annual Pinewood Derby in the Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall on February 2. A total of 23 cars participated with the indoor race attracting almost 60 spectators from the scout pack and their families.

Winners were: Shuayb Khan, Ayyub Khan and Kellen Murray from the Tiger Den; Sulayhan Khan and Sean Jones from the Wolf Den; Caleb Abma Carr, Devon Kaelberer and Seth Lauer from the Bears Den; Ibrahim Khan, Nick Willson and Yusef Khan from the Webelos; and Gregory Marshall, Tyler Clarke and Alexander Marshall for the Arrow of Light Den. Overall Derby winners for the pack were Sulayhan Khan (Wolf), Ibrahim Khan (Webelos) and Gregory Marshall (Arrow of Light).

Members of the pack will represent Greenbelt in late March at the county scouts' 2013 district race.



Wood miniature Pinewood Derby cars were carved by Cubmaster Ben Clarke and Wolf Scout Sean Jones.

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## March Artful Afternoon Is a Tribute to Spring

The next monthly Artful Afternoon, to be held on Sunday, March 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. will remind participants spring really is coming, along with a chance to make artful, mythical nature masks. The program is for all ages, family friendly and free.

From 1 to 3 p.m. a mask-making workshop led by art instructor Holly Vandersommers will facilitate individual masks inspired by the Recreation Department's upcoming "The Joy Gods Return." Open to all ages, with supplies provided.

### Contest Drawing

Immediately following the workshop there will be a drawing for two tickets to the winner's show of choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter now through 2:30 p.m. March 3 at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery or online at [www.greenbelt.md.gov/arts](http://www.greenbelt.md.gov/arts).

### Exhibits

The Greenbelt Museum's ongoing exhibit at the Community Center, "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years," explores the city's history through an interactive timeline.

Artful Afternoon takes place on opening weekend for the new exhibit featuring Matthew Janson's figurative sculpture – a colorful show to pique the curiosity of viewers, perhaps especially those with a taste for science fiction. The exhibit runs through Friday, April 12.

Museum tours at the Greenbelt Museum historic house at 10-B Crescent Road are available from 1 to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Artful Afternoon also features studio open house, with unique gift purchases available from the nine Community Center artists-in-residence, whose works inspire in many styles and media.

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

## Pepco Budget Billing Plans Open to All

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All are reminded of many ways to save, such as setting thermostats at 68 degrees and installing programmable thermostats, including special ones for heat pumps. For more information visit Pepco's website at <http://pepco.com/energy/conservation> or call 202-833-7500.



Figurative sculpture created by Matthew Janson currently on exhibit at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery.

## A Review

# Alight's 2013 Preview Provides Dance, Audience Exchange

by Susan Harris

The popular Greenbelt-based Alight Dance Theater treated fans to a sneak preview of its 2013 season on February 2 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. "Stargazing," created by Alight Director Angella Foster, effectively combines dance and narration to tell the story of the spectacular death of a star. The dancers, featuring Sarah Kramer, continue to impress Greenbelt audiences with their talent and professionalism.

Next on the program was a live mini-concert by Harp 46, the trio of harp, bass and percussion whose taped music during "Stargazing" had left the audience wanting more. That unusual combination of instruments is so compelling that I wonder why we don't hear it more often.

The other choreographer previewing a piece was Wales Haynes, whose "The 50s Front" debuted in 2011 and is currently undergoing revision. Audiences remembering her wonderful "Truth be Told" look forward to seeing where she takes this earlier work.

The evening was completed with food, cocktails and time for the audience to ask questions and offer suggestions about the works. I wonder how free with criticism audience members can ever truly be. Greenbelt audi-

ences are eager to help, though, and the give-and-take was illuminating as to the myriad creative decisions that go into a dance, especially the kinds of complex, multi-layered pieces presented that evening.

To top off a snowy Saturday night in downtown Greenbelt, there was a People's Dance Party with music by Notorious PhDJ.

Overall, seeing a town come together to talk about the creative process and support talented local artists made for a nice night out.

"Stargazing" and "The 50s Front" will be performed at D.C.'s Dance Place on June 29 and 30.

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### Council May Consider Anti-Fracking Issue

A group of Greenbelt residents is planning to attend the February 25 council meeting to encourage council to support a moratorium on fracking in Maryland. The group expects that council will discuss a letter Mayor Judith Davis has been working with other mayors in the region to write to the Maryland Legislature in support of the proposed moratorium.

Fracking is a controversial natural gas extraction mining process more commonly associated with Western Maryland and may actually affect shale deposits that start near here and run toward the Eastern Shore. It is of concern to environmentalists and has been a topic of Greenbelt Climate Awareness Network meetings.

For further information contact Jennifer Robinson at jrobinson720@yahoo.com.

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### Soccer Information Session Is Tuesday

On Tuesday, February 26 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) will host a public information session for families interested in GSA spring soccer. It will be in Room 114, the Senior Classroom, at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Questions will be answered about various GSA soccer offerings, including where and when games and practices are held, soccer clinics that are included with a player's registration fees, guaranteed playing time, differences between recreational and travel soccer and plans for introducing travel soccer teams. There will also be information about player and coach's insurance, along with information about coach incentives.

### Looking for Signs Of Spring at Refuge

On Saturday, February 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. take a hike to discover who or what is waking up by looking for signs of animals and little green shoots at the Patuxent Refuge North Tract. This program is for ages 5 to 7. Advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887.

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

### New Medical Center Hearing Is Feb. 28

On Thursday, February 28 from 6 to 9 p.m., a public hearing at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Center, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, will be held about the best location for the proposed new Regional Medical Center in Prince George's County.

All are invited to attend to participate in this important decision.

### Wildlife Visitor Center Preschool Owl Program

On Tuesday, February 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., preschoolers ages 3 and 4 will be introduced to the world of owls through songs, stories and crafts in an interactive program at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

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# Walkers Enjoy Anniversary Preserve

by Kristin Fletcher

Twenty-eight enthusiasts enjoyed a splendid winter walk in the woods complete with newly fallen snow led by Paul Downs, president of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, on the morning of January 26. The walk began with Downs giving introductory comments to the jubilant crowd.

"Seventy-five years ago," he said, "a community sprung up out of the land that would be seen as a New Deal for those who could benefit from affordable housing. It was a New Deal for those who wanted to live in a town where aesthetic beauty was a priority. . . . The Committee to Save the Green Belt (CSGB) gave many Saturday morning walks in the woods to show people the natural beauty they had in their very midst."

"When we were giving these nature walks, we never knew if it would work. There was always the painful image in the back of our minds of lying down in front of bulldozers." "But here on this invigorating winter morning, the trees still stand, the wildlife still leave tracks in the winter snow, owls still call at night and the sounds of children playing by the creek still echo through the woods. It wasn't just a new deal; it was a great deal! So let's have our celebratory hike and be happy for ourselves and the woods."

The walk followed the gen-



More than two dozen warmly dressed friends of the woods pause to listen to Paul Downs talk about saving the woods from development.

tle paths through the woods. Sights included the famous Witch Tree, the Heart Tree and the tallest pine in the forest. Downs pointed out where he had found an Indian arrowhead, and he shared numerous stories of the past, including eight-foot-high flood waters rising from the 100-year floodplain and the burning of Blueberry

Hill many years ago but now in recovery.

Hikers were treated to sandwiches and chips in the tradition of CSGB walks of days gone by.

See Downs' full comments and photos from the hike at the Forest Preserve website, under Events, at [www.greenbeltforest-preserve.org](http://www.greenbeltforest-preserve.org).

PHOTOS BY KRISTIN FLETCHER

## City Notes

Planning and Community Development staff reports receiving 29 applications for permits – 23 commercial interior alterations, three commercial electrical, two fire sprinkler and one mechanical.

Several Public Works, Parks and Horticulture staff members attended the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association Annual Horticulture Symposium held February 14 and 15.

Recreation Department staff completed preparations for the George Washington marathon held Sunday, February 17.

A "Kid Fit Day" event was held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Activities included corn hole (bean bag toss), obstacle course, free throw contest, fast pitch, hula hoop contest, music and more.

### CARES

Darren Stephenson and Glenda Willis conducted the first session of the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) for Hispanic families. The group is being offered at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Ten families registered and six families participated. All of the participants were given an overview of the SFP and allowed to share their specific family concerns and expectations.



Snow blanketed the ground and sat upon leaves as powder-puffs.

## UMD's Cantata Series Is Baaach!

The University of Maryland School of Music's Bach Cantata Series is dedicated to exploring the more than 200 extant cantatas by the great master through informal performances by students and friends of University of Maryland Choral Activities. Offered in a free performance on Thursday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Pavilion of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be BWV 51 "Jauchzet Gott in Allen Landen," a church cantata scored for only one solo singer, featuring soprano Kellie Motter.

No free parking is available in campus lots midday. Paid parking is available in the Stadium Drive parking deck across from the Smith Center. For more information, visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

## UM Rep Orchestra Plays the Three E's

The University of Maryland Repertoire Orchestra will perform a free concert in the DeKelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26. "E" is the letter of the day, as the program features Brahms' Fourth Symphony in E minor, "Evening Prayer and Pantomime" from Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel" and Beethoven's "Egmont Overture."

The Repertoire Orchestra is a unique, all-campus orchestra that is open to music majors, non-music majors, UMD faculty and staff and members of the University of Maryland community.

Seating is first-come, first-served beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

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