

Note early deadline Sunday, Dec. 29
See page 3 for details.



PHOTO BY JIM LINK

Kelli Kaiser, Officer Christina Foster, Isabella Mariegos and Jonathan Sanchez.

December “Shop with a Cop” Spreads Local Holiday Cheer

by Jim Link

Some of us still celebrate Christmas with a pristine religious fervor – the holiday is a time of reverence, introspection, prayer and gratitude.

Others immerse themselves in consumer gluttony, false heartiness and guilt-driven “generosity.”

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, with a big boost from the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club and an outpouring of community generosity, found a joyous middle ground. Last Saturday, December 21, they staged a veritable Christmas love-in – their annual Shop-with-a-Cop event.

Greenbelt’s finest escorted

about 30 wide-eyed, happy, grateful kids through the corridors of the Target Store at Beltway Plaza to buy presents for family members and themselves. Norman Rockwell could have painted the scene – leather-clad bikers with names like Scorpion, B-Easy, Face and T-Reck hand in hand with kids named Isabella, Mohammad, Roberto and Santasia. Schmalzty? Maybe. Phony? No.

The Platinum Rollers donated over \$700 raised by their TGI Fridays 50-50 raffles and with donors’ gift cards, according to Sean Parker, aka Scorpion,

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Long Worksession Focuses On Theater Renovations

by Thomas X. White

Three months since the last Greenbelt City Council worksession on the long-proposed renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the new council was at it again on December 18. They were trying to tie down the final costs, decide what would be in and what out and, most importantly, get to a point where the issue can be placed on the council agenda to move the project forward.

With the exception of Councilmember Silke Pope, all councilmembers were present, as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze.

Also attending were Clyde Hirst, the city’s consulting mechanical engineer, and Kady

Sheridan of Gardiner & Gardiner. Like the last worksession, the meeting room was full.

To start discussion Mayor Emmett Jordan asked Craze to go over the city staff’s assessment of potential costs of the project based on changes that had been decided at the September 17 meeting. In response, Craze provided council with a handwritten cost comparison between the September estimates and the following proposed changes (see chart on page 6).

The total for the December 18 estimate is actually \$1,500,700, based on the latest estimate for the Gardiner & Gardiner revised contract. (Celia Craze Memo December 13, 2013.)

Craze further noted a very slim contingency allowance of

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For a Hoppin’ New Year’s Eve See You at the Arts Center

by Konrad Herling

So what are your New Year’s resolutions for 2014? Well, the place to be is the Greenbelt Arts Center, at 8 p.m., to consider your thoughts for the coming year. After checking in with the box office, enjoy chatting with friends and meeting some new friends as you enjoy some hot apple cider or hot chocolate and marshmallows or perhaps a glass of wine and some cheese.

Co-producers Susan Barnett and Konrad Herling have put together a program celebrating the community’s ongoing care of the environment. The program features Eric Zhang’s photos, as well as the poetry of Paul Downs and John Cooper; short films from the Utopia Film Festival and Mark Christal, all of which offer perspectives about Greenbelt’s nature.

Comedy will be offered by Pete Pinocci, a regular at the



New Deal Café. He leads an improv group, “The Penthouse Basements,” which performed at Greenbelt’s “Crazy Quilt” festival earlier this year. He also appeared in the Greenbelt Art Center’s production of Big River playing guitar in the orchestra and on stage.

If you’re into jazz, you’ll love the musical artistry of Emmett Jordan, a talented guitarist, and admirer of Brazilian composer Jobim. Pianist Konrad Herling will play an original composition with Jordan. Jordan will also lead a trio of performers with

Glen Harris, on bass, and Roody Rosales on conga drums. Music will also be offered by Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Jan Knutson and a guitar duo, “Scrub Pines,” who may perform pieces by Bob Dylan.

Karaoke and audience dancing will be a fun part of the program as well, so get your pipes and energy ready. I hear that Leta Mach will be “in the house” as well to help get the audience going with some dancing. Charleston anyone? Or maybe “The Twist”?

Shortly before midnight audience members so inclined will move to the Roosevelt Center Mall and sing “Auld Lang Syne” to help bring in the new year.

For more information call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369; to make reservations call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

Many Issues Arise Concerning Proper Surfaces for City Parks

by Yevgeniy Trapeznikov and Stan Zirkin

On November 20 the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) presided over an informative and spirited worksession. The subject of the session concerned the feasibility, as well as the advantages and disadvantages, of utilizing various types of playground surfaces including engineered wood fiber, poured in place and other unitary rubberized surfaces and rubber mulch.

At present the city utilizes all three types of surfaces in its playgrounds.

Patricia McManus, a licensed landscape architect whose staff is responsible for the design and/or renovation of playgrounds and other recreational facilities in Montgomery County, was the featured speaker. Other guests in attendance included Steve Lienesch, an employee of Gameland Sales, which sells and installs playgrounds; Assistant City Manager David Moran; Assistant Director of Recreation Operations Joe McNeal and Public Works Supervisor Joe Doss. The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), which is partnering with PRAB and the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) in studying this issue for council, also sent two representatives.

Rubber Mulch

One of the more surprising conclusions communicated by McManus was that rubber mulch (loose rubber) can no longer be

considered as a viable option for playground material because it does not provide sufficient accessibility for disabled individuals, as mandated in 2010 in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Some Greenbelt residents in attendance at the meeting welcomed this development, albeit for different reasons. Although based on studies by the Environmental Protection Agency and others, the city concluded that “there is no definitive source which addresses the safety of, exposure to or ingestion of [rubber mulch],” some studies and articles (based largely on the study of crumb rubber which is made up of small, dust-like particles) suggest the opposite. From those studies residents have argued that the chemicals present in recycled tires (from which the

rubber mulch is derived) contain carcinogens and should not be utilized in playgrounds.

This issue surfaced most prominently in March when resident Theodora Scarato expressed health concerns due to exposure to the rubber mulch in the process of being installed in a playground at Hillside/Laurel Hill. As Scarato alleged in a March 18 email to Doss, public works supervisor, “When you are nearby, you can smell the off-gassing The shorter you are the more you will inhale these chemicals so it will impact the younger children more.”

When it appeared that the mulch had to be replaced because the wrong color was used, Scarato and other residents used the time to continue to raise

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What Goes On

Tuesday, December 31, 12 p.m., Polar Plunge, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Outdoor Pool. Fee.

Wednesday, January 1 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., New Year’s Resolution Swim, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Indoor Pool. Fee.

Aquatic Center and Fitness Center Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, December 31, 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, noon – 4 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center Holiday Hours:

Tuesday, December 31, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, noon – 4 p.m.

Letters

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for your generous love, support, prayers and encouragement. It has meant more to us than words can ever convey.

Melinda, Micheal,
Ryan and Emma McMullin

Riversdale Tour Offers Calverts by Candlelight

Saturday, December 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. there will be special tours of Riversdale House Museum. "The Calverts by Candlelight" features the house festooned with seasonal greens. Costumed interpreters represent Calvert family members, friends and household servants who will interact with visitors on their self-guided tour of the illuminated mansion.

The U.S. Army Band String Trio provides live musical entertainment. Cooking over an open hearth fire in the kitchen, children's activities and warm refreshments are all part of the spirit of the evening.

There is a nominal fee; reservations are not necessary. Refreshments will be available only while the supply lasts. For more details call 301-864-0420.

Tots' Bay Critters Nature Program

Friday, January 3 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. Patuxent Wildlife Refuge will offer a Nature Tots: Chesapeake Bay Critters programs for kids ages 3 and 4.

A special guest from Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus will be present to explain about the living creatures of the Bay through stories, songs and crafts.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov.

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safety concerns. Eventually the project was suspended pending further study. After extensive debate and meetings, council decided to utilize a poured in place rubberized surface at that playground, substituting for the mulch.

The issue of alleged harmful chemicals in rubber mulch may well be moot in view of the accessibility issue precluding its use, as discussed earlier in this article.

Engineered Wood Fiber

According to the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, 12 of 13 jurisdictions across Maryland use engineered wood fiber on their playgrounds. The majority of the playgrounds within the City of Greenbelt also use wood fiber. Among the advantages of wood fiber is that with the proper depth it safely cushions falls; it meets ADA standards for accessibility when properly maintained; it is the least expensive to install, at least initially; and it is a natural product without any known harmful effects when utilized and maintained properly.

On the other hand, engineered wood fiber surfaces require frequent replenishment and maintenance, which is an ongoing cost and workload burden; is susceptible to mold and fungal growth which can impact health; can provide less cushioning when iced over in the winter season and can be ingested by children.

Other Surfaces

Non-mulch rubberized surfaces provide fall cushioning and is the best surface for mobility, easily satisfying ADA standards. It may also be the most durable surface. However, it has the highest initial cost and is vulnerable to vandalism, which may be quite expensive to repair. Perhaps most importantly, there are two serious safety concerns not applicable to engineered wood fiber.

First, it has been shown that rubberized surfaces absorb heat and sometimes can reach temperatures of up to 160 degrees in the peak of summer. Second, the residents who expressed health concerns about the chemicals in rubber mulch have some of the same concerns about other rubberized surfaces.

At the meeting, one of the residents requested the opportunity to present updated studies and expert witnesses to substantiate their concerns about unitary rubberized surfaces, an offer which PRAB and McManus welcomed.

According to McManus, Montgomery County has drawn no firm conclusions as to which playground design has a clear advantage over others both in terms of safety and cost. The complexity of the issues was also recognized by Lola Skolnik, PRAB chairperson, who expressed relief that "we don't have to make decisions tonight."

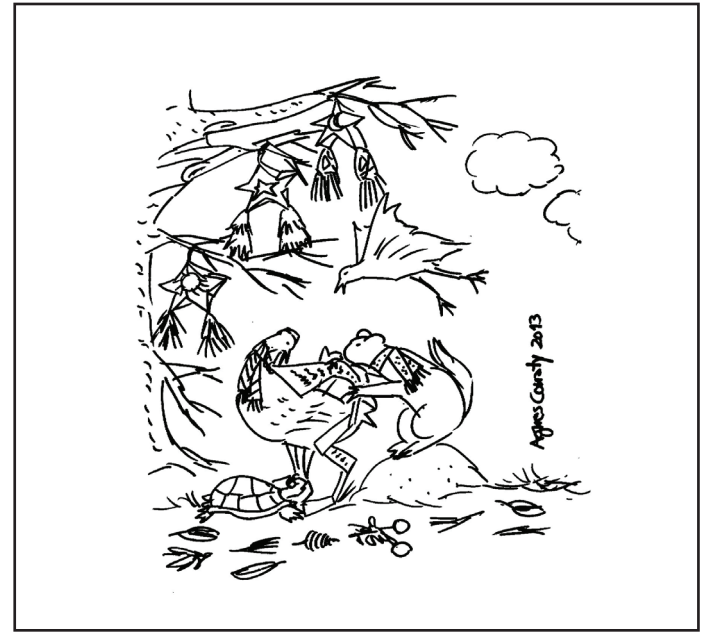
Letters to the Editor

The News Review welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be submitted before 9 p.m. Tuesday and bear the writer's signature and printed name, address and phone number. If possible, letters should be typed double-spaced.

Alternatively, letters can be emailed along with a way to contact the writer by email or phone number on Tuesday evening.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

Grin Belt



"It's a letter from President Obama sending you a Christmas pardon from Hawaii"

Hospital Is Offering Free Mammograms

Doctors Community Hospital is participating in a program to provide free digital breast mammograms to low-income county resident women between 40 and 65 years of age who are either uninsured or under-insured and need mammogram screening.

For more information or to register call 301-324-4968.

Seniors' New Year Comedy Show

Seniors are invited to a free comedy show on Friday, January 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Those 60 and over are invited to "laugh in" the New Year with Moms Mabley's comedy act performed by Charisma Wooten at the Prince George's Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover.

For more information call 301-446-3420; TTY 301-446-3402.

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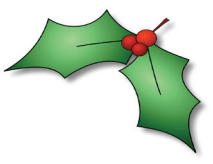
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Season's Greetings 
Commander Mike Moore
and the members of the
Greenbelt American Legion
Post 136 would like to wish
our members in Greenbelt
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



Community Events

At the Library

All county library branches will be closed for the New Year's Day holidays on Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1. The Greenbelt Library reopens at 10 a.m. on January 2.

Storytime

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, January 2, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities, including songs, rhymes and fingerplays.

Online Services

The library system website at www.pgcmcls.info is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week when branches are closed. Audio books, eBooks, magazines, music and videos can be borrowed and downloaded. Many information resources and research databases are available online. Online tutoring, homework help and language learning services are also available. All online library services require a valid library account number to access; some sites may in addition require a separate initial sign-up.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the library or pgcmcls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

Decision Making Seminar for Kids

Saturday, December 28 at 1 p.m. a free weekly enrichment seminar for school-aged children will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Lady Angels basketball team and SmarTime, it is the final of three Saturday seminars on different important personal skills; previous seminars were on advertising and self-esteem.

This week's session is on decision making with the intent of teaching the youngsters how to make decision in various situations.

A Greenbelt city facility, Springhill Lake Recreation Center is at 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

Produce Distribution Date Rescheduled

The free produce distribution scheduled at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Thursday, January 2 has been canceled.

The next distribution will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6.

The Bus

Seniors and Customers with Disabilities RIDE FREE

Chief J. Craze Announces Departmental Promotions

The late 1980s and early 90s were a busy time within the Greenbelt Police Department. In an effort to address the rapid residential and business growth in Greenbelt East, enhance its community oriented policing strategies and add School Resource Officers, the department's authorized strength was increased by council from 32 officers to its current staffing of 55. Many of those people are approaching service retirement with some already leaving the ranks. "While it is bittersweet to see colleagues leave after serving with them for their entire careers, the transition provides professional advancement for others," Chief James Craze said. The recent departure of Captain Carl Schinner and the pending retirement of Captain Daniel O'Neil have created a promotional opportunity for the following people:

Captain

John J. Barrett – Patrol Commander. Barrett is a 24-year veteran.

James M. Parker – Administrative Services Commander.

Parker is a 29-year veteran.

Lieutenant

Marie A. Triesky – Administrative Services. Triesky has been with the department 27 years.

Thomas W. Moreland – Office of Professional Standards (CALEA). Moreland has been with the department 26 years.

Sergeant

Robert L. Lauer – Patrol Division

Seung W. Lee – Patrol Division

Corporal

Craig J. Kayton – Patrol Division

John E. Rogers – School Resource Officer

Christopher L. Bladzinski – Patrol Division

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

New Year's Week Issue – Dated Thursday, January 2

Advertising and Copy Deadline:

SUNDAY 12/29

Holiday Office Hours:

(Thursday 12/26 – Saturday 12/28 – CLOSED)

Sunday 12/29 – 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.

(Monday 12/30 – Sunday 1/5 – CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Sunday at 10 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

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



Greenbelt Arts Center

COMING SOON: AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

A Guest production from Susan Barnett and Konrad Herling

December 31, 2013 – 8:00PM

Bring in the new year with a celebration of the past year and a fun filled variety show. The program promises an enjoyable evening celebrating the arts, our environment and the Greenbelt community.

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission,
\$14 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Child (12 & under)

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

Coming Soon
Poe's Birthday Bash – January 17–19, 2014 –
guest production from the Renaissance Man
The Vagina Monologues – January 24 – February 8, 2014 –
guest production from The Rude Mechanicals

Greenbelt Arts Center
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GHI Notes

Wednesday, January 1. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Friday, January 3. Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 6, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, January 7, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

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

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC 27

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*5, 7:45

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WEEK OF DEC 27

FRIDAY - THURSDAY

47 Ronin, in 3D, PG-13 (!)
4:35, 10:05
47 Ronin, in 2D, PG-13 (!)
11:05, 1:50, 7:20
Mandela, PG-13 (!)
11:50, 3:15, 6:40, 10
Grudge Match, PG-13 (!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
Walking With Dinosaurs, in 3D, PG (!)
3:45, 9:15
Walking With Dinosaurs, in 2D, PG (!)
11:15, 1:30, 7
Anchorman, PG-13 (!)
11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
Tyler Perry's: A Madea Christmas, PG-13 (!)
11:15, 1:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:20, 10
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, PG-13 (!)
11:55, 3:20, 6:45, 9:55
Frozen, PG
11, 1:20, 3:50, 7:10

*The Board of Directors and Staff of GHI
Would Like to Wish
All our Members and Friends in the
Greenbelt Community*

*May Your Homes and Hearts be Filled with
Peace, Hope and Joy this Season
and in the New Year.*

GUTTER CLEANING

Gilbert General Contractor, Inc. and Petria, Inc. have begun fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week of December 30-January 3, work will be in this approximate area:
**Courts 49-62 Ridge, Courts 1-12 Plateau Place,
Courts 9-14 Hillside, Courts 1-5 Laurel Hill**

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

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

Obituaries

Katelin River McMullin

Katelin Elizabeth River McMullin, 25, died Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013, after a courageous battle against complications from cystic fibrosis. She was the eldest daughter of Melinda and Micheal and sister of Ryan and Emma.



Growing up, Katelin was a spokesperson for Children's National Medical Center. In that role, she attended college fundraiser dance marathons, posed for informational brochures and participated in radio shows, most notably Charles Kuralt's On the Road. She was selected as the Washington, D.C. Children's Miracle Network Champion in 2005 and regularly appeared in local media spots supporting the organization. She was a Girl Scout for 12 years (eventually volunteering as assistant leader of her local troop), a softball player and a rascal.

Katelin was an avid reader and an excellent student. She attended Matthew Henson Montessori Magnet School and Thomas Pullen Creative and Performing Arts Magnet School. It was at Pullen, performing in the play *Ebony Scrooge*, that she discovered her love for theater, which caused her to change her major from visual arts to drama. She was inducted into the National Junior Thespian Honor Society in seventh grade. Katelin graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, where she performed in plays, was a founding member of the Chevy's Tuesday Club, was elected class clown and broke her nose playing rugby.

After a brief stint living and acting in San Diego, she graduated with an associate's degree in theater performance from Prince George's Community College and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society. She performed in several plays including *Baby with the Bathwater* and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* (Abridged), directed a series of one-act plays and was president of Hallam Players. In 2013 she graduated with honors from Towson University with a bachelor's degree in acting. In her short time at Towson, she performed in *Ninjas* and *Squirrels and Darkroom*. She was also a member of Lambda Kappa Tau, a filmmaking fraternity, and starred with them

in several short films.

Outside school, Katelin performed in plays at Studio Theatre in Washington, D.C., Single Carrot Theatre, Fells Point Corner Theatre and Acme Corporation in Baltimore and the Greenbelt Arts Center. At Fells Point Corner Theatre, she played the title role in *Following Sarah*, which won the Carol Weinberg Award for Best Play in the Baltimore Playwrights Festival. Film and television credits include *562*, *No Sleep Tonight* and *End of Occupation*. She starred in a public service announcement for the Food and Drug Administration and recently filmed background roles for *Veep* and *House of Cards*.

Katelin loved to travel. She went to the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, with the Make-a-Wish Foundation and took separate trips to Italy, France, Spain, India, England, Belize and Puerto Rico with friends and family. She was a diehard Washington Nationals fan and loved heckling the other team but hated booing. She knew how to drive a stick shift and did backflips off of diving boards. She leaves behind far too many friends and family members who were forever changed by her humor, strength, compassion, intelligence and artistic talent.

A memorial service was held at the Center for the Arts main stage at Towson University on December 14. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help fulfill her goal of raising \$25,000 for CF research in celebration of her 25th year of life. To donate, go to <http://www.cff.org/tribute/katelin>.



Our sympathy to Micheal and Melinda McMullin and siblings Ryan and Emma on the death of their accomplished 25-year-old daughter and sister Katelin Elizabeth River McMullin, who died on Thanksgiving after a long battle with cystic fibrosis.

Congratulations to:

– Doctors Community Hospital, which was named a top performer on key quality measures by The Joint Commission national accreditor of healthcare organizations. The rigorous standards require scores of 95 percent or higher in the hospital's performance on using evidence-based clinical processes shown to improve care for certain conditions – one of 1,099 in the U.S. to reach those target measures for 2012. The conditions were in the areas of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

– The nine Greenbelt police officers who received promotions, which were announced on November 7 – John Barrett, promoted to captain, who will continue as Patrol Division Commander; James Parker, promoted to captain, Administrative Services Commander; Thomas Moreland, promoted to lieutenant, who will move from the Patrol Division to the Office of Professional Responsibility; Robert Lauer, promoted to sergeant in the Patrol Division; John Rogers, School Resource Officer, promoted to corporal; Christopher Bladzinski, promoted to corporal and moving from Special Operations to the Patrol Division; Marie Triesky, promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the Administrative Services Division; Seung Lee, promoted to sergeant, transferred from Special Operations to the Patrol Division; and Craig Kayton, promoted to corporal in the Patrol Division. Many thanks to all of you who serve so faithfully.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
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Mary Lou Troutman Dec. Artist at Refuge

The National Wildlife

County. Visitor Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge will feature Mary Lou Troutman as wildlife artist at the center's Hollingsworth Gallery during December. The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Troutman describes herself as a crabby lady and when asked what her favorite subject to paint was said, "Crabs!" Several works at her website feature basketsful of those favored crustaceans but her paintings include the creeks, marshes, rivers and wildlife of her hometown, Dameron, at the southern tip of St. Mary's

Troutman says she feels nostalgia for the Chesapeake of the past and conveys that time in her detailed acrylic paintings filled with light that they appear transparent. Her awards include being Maryland's 1994 Ducks Unlimited sponsor artist and her works hang in private and corporate collections across the country.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. For more details call 301-497-5763 or visit patuxent.fws.gov.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.



Greenbelt Community Church

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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



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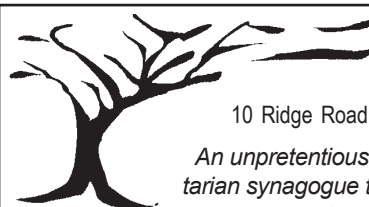
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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

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Friday, December 27 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz tunes from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Cold Hard Cash pays tribute to Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 28 all are invited to bring instruments and join Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Jello Boys headlining with a mix of originals and covers from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Luisa and the Reverbs play 50s and 60s music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, December 31 ring in the New Year with Hard Swimmin' Fish as they play in 2014 with blazing blues starting 8:30 p.m. Karim will also offer a special four-course menu for the night; reservations are recommended.

The Café will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

Thursday, January 2 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 3 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by 49 Cent Dress playing rock and roll, blues and soul from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Saturday, January 4 schedule begins with the TV John Show from 11 a.m. to noon. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Patsy's Honky-Tonk torch and twang with the Hall Brothers' classic country, rockabilly and plenty of Patsy Cline from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, January 5 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Petrified Pickers provide bluegrass, old time and country classics from 5 to 8 p.m.

"Goddess" Dance Is CPAE Jan. 4 Show

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) and Greenbelt's New Chicago Dance Studio will hold a showing of "Goddess Showcase: Speakeasy" at the Old Parish House on Saturday, January 4 at 3 p.m.

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City Information

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Week of December 30 through January 3
Monday Route – Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 3rd

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Wednesday, January 1st.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

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Wednesday, January 1 from 9:00am-11:45am
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Info: 301-397-2204

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DATE	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
12/31	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
1/01	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm	12-5pm

GCC= Greenbelt Community Center, GAFC=Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, YC/SHLRC= Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center

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Tuesday, December 31 at 12:00pm
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, Outdoor Pool
101 Centerway \$15 per person

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Comparison September and December Cost Estimates

ITEM	Sept. 17 Estimate	Dec. 18 Estimate
Contract Administration		\$ 60,000
Pepco Electrical Upgrade		\$ 210,000
Rest Rooms Renovation		\$ 202,000
Ticket Booth/Concession Upgrades		\$ 337,000
Subtotals	\$ 769,000 (aggregate)	\$ 809,000
Projection Booth/Digital Upgrade	\$ 290,000	\$ 250,000
Auditorium Improvements	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
HVAC/Mechanical	\$ -0-	\$ 191,700*
Subtotal	\$ 1,159,000	\$ 1,350,700
Contingency Fee	\$ -0-	\$ 150,000
Final Est. Cost	\$ 1,159,000	\$ 1,500,700

*While the HVAC was taken out of the 9/17/13 estimate, \$191,700 is an estimate for HVAC upgrades for the front of the building (lobby/concession area).

about \$33,000. Council and the mayor also felt the margin was slim. Other large projects operate with up to a 25 percent contingency reserve.

Projection Upgrade

Craze shared with council the estimates for the proposed upgrade of theater projection equipment. These include a D-Cinema 4K resolution system, including 10 hearing assist/descriptive service receivers and five text receivers within a system that provides open and closed captioning, a system estimated to cost \$100,000.

Her memo lists other options from the vendor: a rear window projection assistive listening system, a Blue-ray/DVD player, a sound upgrade from 5.1 to 7.1 and the repair of existing equipment. With those additional features, Craze suggests a projected cost for equipment at \$110,000.

The city staff is concluding that the plans contain appropriate detail to continue contract negotiations with the intent to secure contract approval by the end of January 2014. A further staff recommendation to council would direct staff to prepare a contract for construction with Gardiner & Gardiner.

Council Comments

Council's overall reaction was to move forward with the project even though they wondered how the revised project would be funded. Some members had reservations, however, about various details of the project.

A critical factor for council is the potential that several sources of grants to support the renovation project are getting close to a use-it-or-lose-it stage. The city must show evidence of progress for such grants to be continued.

This concern did not stop Councilmember Rodney Roberts from continuing to challenge Hirst on the remainder of the air conditioning ductwork necessary in the revised details of the project. Roberts also remains unsatisfied that the \$140,000 estimate for upgrading the projection room is not more specific in detail and continues to wonder if the aggregate estimates by Gardiner & Gardiner are reliable.

Councilmember Judith Davis opined that such details can be left to the time when the project is underway. She also suggested that the owner of the rest of the building should share in the costs of the roof and some of the HVAC issues. Craze said it may be possible for the city to make claims in those areas.

Davis also wondered if there were incentives for the contractor's finishing on time or for penalties for a late completion. She suggested the experience of other cities may be helpful.

Funding Sources

Councilmember Konrad Herling expressed interest in funding sources for the revised project. He said he supports using a certain percentage of the city fund balance for the project.

Herling also wondered if there could be savings in the scope of the restroom upgrades, possibly by doing one at a time. Craze said there could be safety and health issues if the bathrooms were not done at the same time.

Herling also asked if the drawings relating to the restroom renovations submitted to Craze by Frank Gervasi could be considered for the project. She said that modifying the project at this point might trigger a new permit.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked if the purchase of a new projection equipment package included warranties, to which Craze responded that she will check on the issue.

Roberts again raised the possibility of seeking competitive bids instead of doing a negotiated contract with Gardiner & Gardiner. Jordan responded that seeking such competitive bids would delay the start of the project.

McLaughlin reminded council that the original request for bids had been sent to about 20 to 25 firms with a single response from Gardiner & Gardiner. Since theirs was the only bid, it could not be opened, he said, and the city thus entered into a negotiated purchase for their doing the work.

Attendee Comments

Caitlin McGrath, a representative of the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre

looking at finishes, carpet, tile and fixtures and that the contract would provide for an optimal, faithful restoration.

Many comments from the audience were directed to the quality and availability of equipment for the hearing and visually impaired. Other comments by attendees seemed to support ideas relating to independent reviews of project costs.

Others wondered why the city would not just use cosmetic approaches on a piecemeal basis. Some urged the city to just move ahead on the project.

Late in the worksession a suggestion was made that

council consider the formation of an advisory group to assess preservation items. Jordan responded that would be an operational item that could be discussed at a subsequent worksession.

Wrap-Up

Craze advised council that staff would be prepared to have their recommendations for moving ahead at the first 2014 council meeting. Councilmember Leta Mach urged that information on the city's fund balance be provided. Jordan added that staff input should include the impact on the city's efforts to pay down its debt.

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Location: West Side Mall Entrance Hallway (between DOTs and Super Beauty), Date/Time: Saturday, January 18, 2-4 pm

Our Inductees



Greenbelt Mayor "J" Davis

J is in her tenth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Currently, J serves as Mayor, a position she has held since 1997. Prior to her election to the City Council in 1993, she was appointed to the City's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for ten years and was elected Chair by its members from 1988 to 1992. J represents the Council on the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Board of Directors.



Pastor Daniel R. Hamlin

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (1984-2012). Life-long Community Activist and Advocate for Peace and Justice. Organized and supported numerous events in support of the poor and hungry in Prince George's County and around the world. Past President of the Board of Directors, Help By Phone, providing food, shelter, and other services to people in need in Prince George's County.



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Annual Party Brings Holiday Cheer to Greenway Center

by Altoria Bell Ross

Pirates, Spider men and princesses greeted Santa and Mrs. Claus, received gifts, shopped for their family members and ate Chinese cuisine at Royal Jade on December 14.

"I'm very thrilled. It's easy. It's fun," said Lynn Tu, owner. "It's a blessing to have it here."

Normally the annual holiday party is held in an empty office space in Greenway Center, managed by Combined Properties, said Linda Dreyer, director of marketing. She has coordinated parties for four years for children selected by Greenbelt CARES.

Heather Godwin, marketing assistant at Combined Properties, said parents sent in a list of toys their children want. She said this year 55 children received gifts.

This is the second year Rita Pearson has brought her family to the festivities. Her daughters are Marie Pearson, 14, a student at Greenbelt Middle School, and Veronique Kimbrough, who brought her daughter Kalari Elmore, 5; niece Kennedy Pearson, 3; and nephew, Yohance Pearson.

"I like getting my face painted," said Kalari of the annual event.

Children chose from umbrellas, perfume and other treats and ate from a buffet, along with gingerbread men placed in the children's bags, donated by Chef Lou.



PHOTOS BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Above, identical twins Julian Cole, 4, the pirate, and Julis Cole, Spiderman, flanked by their mother Chantele Cole.



At left, Kalari Elmore, 5, with Santa (Tyree Warner).

Free Vocal Concert

On Sunday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will be the site of a free concert by its own vocal ensemble. The performance will take place in the Gallery's West Garden Court.



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

Robbery

December 17, 8:40 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane. A woman was walking to a residence when a man wearing a black mask approached her, displayed a gun and announced a robbery. She gave the man her cellphone and he fled on foot.

December 18, 3:30 p.m., 6100 Greenbelt Road. A man selling merchandise from his backpack to passersby in the Beltway Plaza parking lot was approached by two other men who appeared interested in the merchandise. He followed the men to a parked car where one of the two displayed a gun and announced a robbery. The two men took four belts and fled in the car, an Acura TSX 4-door.

Theft

December 12, 11:44 a.m., 6100 Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after he was seen taking a cellphone from Target. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 14, 10:24 p.m., 7900 Mandan Road. An unknown person removed clothing from a parcel package delivered to the front door of a residence.

December 17, 7 p.m., 7200 Mandan Road. Unknown persons took several parcel packages from a resident's front porch.

DWI/DUI

December 14, 1:20 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. A 51-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

December 13, 4:20 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A 23-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespassing. He was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after being banned from the property.

December 18, 5:55 p.m., 9300 Edmonston Road. A 26-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing after being investigated for a suspicious occupied vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

December 16, 8:45 a.m., 99 Centerway. The Greenbelt Youth Center was broken into by an unknown person using unknown means. The walls were vandalized with paint.

Vehicle Crimes

A 1998 Lexus GS400 sedan, reported stolen December 4 from the 7200 block of Morrison Drive and a 2001 Acura MDX SUV, reported stolen in a carjacking October 13 from the 6000 block of Cherrywood Court, were recovered by the Metropolitan Police Department on December 13 and 16, respectively. No arrests were made.

A black 2000 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Maryland tags 6FJP56 was stolen from the 6100 Breezewood Drive on December 14.

A 2013 Honda Accord 4-door was stolen from 7800 Jacobs Drive on December 16 and recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police on Brae Brooke Drive, Lanham. No arrests were made.

There was a stolen vehicle attempt in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive on December 15.

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president of The Platinum Rollers.

Clearly, the biker image has greatly improved from the days of Marlon Brando in *The Wild One* and Hunter Thompson's reports on the Hell's Angels.

Corporal Scott Kaiser coordinated the event with help from his daughter Kelli, 14, and from Officer Jermaine Gullidge, last year's coordinator. Other Greenbelt police staff spreading the love included Tim White, Christina Foster, Tom Kemp, Chief Jim Craze, Kelly Lawson and Scott Yankow.

Laden with Barbie dolls, snow globes, Star Wars figures, wrist watches, lip gloss, headbands, a sandwich maker, *Fast and Furious* DVDs and much else, the happy campers repaired to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department where they gift-wrapped their booty and feasted on soft drinks, cupcakes and cookies.

The very yummy cookies (I assure you) were homemade by police dispatcher Jessica Houle. Her three daughters – Maggie, 19; Taylor, 14; and Madison, 9; helped the kids wrap their presents. "It's good for them to help others; they don't take their good fortune for granted. Besides, this event is amazing!"

Bonnie Merryman, a first grade teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES)



Darryl Pugh (right) with Kimberly Candela, 10.



Chief Jim Craze, left, with Ethan Samuel, 10.



T-Reck (Terrill Williams), left, with Leslie Sosa, 7.



Below, Celia Craze, left, with Santasia Greene, 10.

escorted her students to Shop-with-a-Cop for the first time. "It's impressive," she said.

Maria Frontanes, an ESOL teacher also at SHLES, said the event "is great! It's great to see

the cops and bikers together, too."

"There's something about a man in uniform," I said.

"Absolutely!" beamed Frontanes.

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A Review

A Participatory Comic Christmas Carol Play

by William Fishburne

The words of Charles Dickens have been brought to life by Christopher Davis who plays Tiny Tim retelling the famous story of his "uncle" Scrooge. In this show, A Comic Christmas Carol, the audience is asked to participate and given help by Tiny Tim with both stage direction and lines. The audience members who opt to participate are not humiliated, but rather are encouraged and therefore become an integral part of the play.

The quality of a play is greatly affected by the pleasure with which the actors themselves enjoy their roles. When actors are lackluster or simply plodding through the action, the play feels sluggish and is not pleasant. On the other hand, when actors truly enjoy their roles, the play feels vibrant and crisp. Davis clearly enjoys his role and takes pleasure in the audience members who come to the stage.

The show gradually becomes a collaborative effort so that by the end, applause seems almost embarrassing as though one were clapping for one's self. Fight through that mild deterrent, however, when enjoying one of Davis' audience participation events and it is a pleasure to end the evening with thunderous applause.

During this particular show, it was clear from a brief glimpse of the rest of the audience members that everyone was engaged. The show had several side-splittingly funny moments, some planned and some ad hoc, but on a couple of occasions the audience gasped for breath after laughing too hard. Davis was right there as well enjoying the moment and laughing with everyone else.

The intimate nature of the Greenbelt Arts Center is a perfect venue for an audience

participation event and the warm, welcoming character of Tiny Tim as played by Davis made the participation safe and allowed the audience members license to be a little silly and become engrossed in the play.

By the way, there is also juggling. Greenbelters have become a discerning audience whenever juggling takes place due to the Greenbelt Youth Circus but audiences will not be disappointed. Whether it is flashing knives, dangerously hard billiard balls or even rings, the show has juggling that everyone can enjoy.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing the upcoming show Poe but look forward to what Davis can do with the venerable poet. You should know that I will call the box office soon to reserve my seat between January 17 and 19. I also expect to put my name in the hat so that if my name is chosen, I get to join in the fun on stage.

Editor's Note: The Poe play is also interactive; the writer is referring to the opportunity to participate if his name is chosen. The hat to collect the bids to participate will be put out front before the performance begins.

Snoring Subjects Are Sought for Research

Researchers in a joint research study by the Johns Hopkins Sleep Center and Doctors Community Hospital Sleep Center are seeking snoring participants for a study to reduce snoring.

Eligible candidates must be 18 year of age or older, must snore and must not have obstructive sleep apnea. The paid study includes free testing and requires up to four nighttime sleep studies within a four-week study period. For details call Michelle Guzman at 855-854-5822 or email mguzman4@jhmi.edu.



Local artist Donna Lynn Price is pleased to announce the release of her first single "I Am The Gentle Wind"

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M-NCPPC Aquatics Job Fair Sat., Jan 4

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will hold an aquatics job fair on Saturday, January 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those 16 and older at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover.

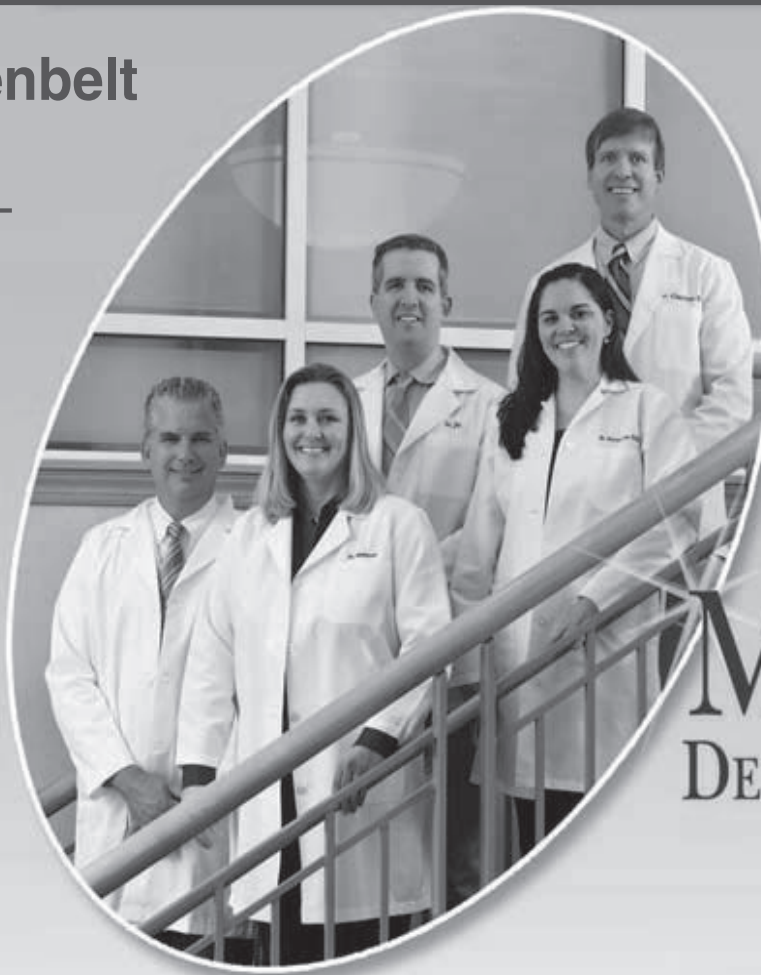
Learn about summer aquatics positions at M-NCPPC swimming pools throughout Prince George's County that pay up to \$17.06 per hour. Jobs include lifeguards, pool managers, shallow water lifeguards, swim lesson aides, water fitness instructors, water safety instructors, custodians and customer service representatives. Come dressed to interview and bring at least six resume copies.

Advance registration is recommended, not required; the first 100 candidates to RSVP in advance will receive a gift at check-in. To RSVP or to apply for jobs in advance visit www.pgparcs.com/Aquatics.htm.

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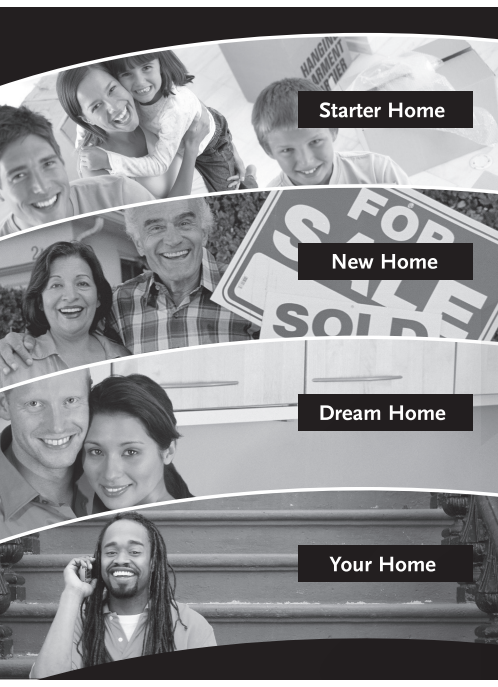
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