

Frustration Grows as Council Debates Further Theater Delay

by Kathleen Gallagher

Two Greenbelt City Councilmembers, Judith Davis and Leta Mach, expressed frustration over the removal of a planned agenda item for the January 13 regular council meeting to award a contract for the renovation of the Greenbelt theater. City staff had removed the item, scheduled for action at a December 13 worksession, late in the week before the meeting. Consequently, Davis requested adding to the agenda at the January 13 meeting an item for the purpose of updating the council on the status of the project. All members of the council were present.

(Two other matters of council business at that meeting, the need for more firefighter volunteers and approval of an application for the city to be designated a sustainable community, were reported on in last week's issue and a separate story in this issue reports on a citizen presentation on programs conducted by a group known as Ancestral Knowledge. Other routine

matters of council business are reported in this story.)

At the lengthy December 18 worksession on the theater renovation project (reported in the December 26 issue), councilmembers were still not in accord with all aspects of costs to be incurred and the sequencing of project work. Uncertainties notwithstanding, it was council's intention to have an action item for the January 13 agenda.

With Davis placing the removed subject back on the agenda for an update, Mayor Emmett Jordan asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to address where the matter stood.

McLaughlin explained that after Jordan requested staff to seek a third-party evaluation of costs submitted by Gardiner and Gardiner, the proposed contractor for the project. McLaughlin said he had identified a company specializing in project management, value engineering and cost estimation and had requested a comparative estimate.

The city received the response

earlier that day, McLaughlin said, and it was now being reviewed. Because of the timing, he said, staff was unable to make a recommendation for tonight's agenda on whether to go forward with Gardiner and Gardiner.

Unilateral Action?

Jordan said that it had been his sense at the last worksession that at least four councilmembers wanted further additional review. But Davis said she believed that because the last meeting had been a worksession, any decision to go forward with further review of the prices or a decision on who should undertake that work should have come to tonight's meeting for action by the full council. She said she was also concerned that one member of council would authorize undertaking further work that would once again delay action on the item without council as a group making that decision. She said she and Mach had both requested firmly that the item

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Forest Preserve Board and AK Move toward Council Review

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its January 13 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council received several reports, including Report No. 2013-02 from the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) regarding a request by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called Ancestral Knowledge (AK) to conduct classes for children taught at the Mowatt Methodist Church. These classes include educational naturalist hikes within the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

The board's formal action to adopt the report, taken at its November meeting, was reported in the December 5 issue of this paper. Further comment and debate occurred in subsequent issues.

By a modest majority (5 for, 3 against, 1 abstention) the board voted to recommend to city council that AK not be permitted to conduct fee-for-service classes

in the preserve.

In receiving the report on the consent agenda, council also accepted the staff recommendation to schedule discussion of the report at a future meeting or worksession. Though not up for discussion at the January meeting, the report's appearance on the agenda led to two requests to council.

One was by Jonathan Murray, president of the board and a founder of AK, the other by Willis Witter, who identifies himself as a dissenting member of FPAB. Both requests were made under the Petitions and Requests portion of the meeting in order to express their opposition to the report.

How FPAB Works

As a city council advisory board, FPAB works within the

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City Council Review of Goals And Visions for the New Term

by Thomas X. White

With a new year, a new council term and a new mayor, members of Greenbelt City Council discussed issues that citizens raised during the 2013 election cycle and took time to review council goals at the January 15 work session. All councilmembers were present. Other topics were the Management By Objectives (MBOs) that are part of the city's Fiscal Year budget and the cumulative Council Action Requests (CAR). City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran were on hand to assist the council review.

Campaign Feedback

Mayor Emmett Jordan had suggested that council members share what they had heard or learned during the recent fall election cycle. Voters raised a number of issues to members of council. Among them; traffic issues in Boxwood and Lakeside; the derelict homes in Lakewood; confusion on the issue of city versus county taxes; increased beaver activity in Greenbelt Lake; the behavior of some users of the Attick Park basketball court; additional Sunday bus service.

Jordan had conducted an informal online survey during the campaign and Councilmembers Leta Mach, Judith Davis and

Jordan wrote down comments as well. Other issues reported were the need for lower property taxes, police visibility, control of unlicensed rental housing, animal control response and the need to preserve and enhance Greenbelt's legacy as a planned community.

The list went on. Voters cited the need for improved code enforcement relating to exterior appearances and lawn care; roof problems and overall condition of Roosevelt Center; restoration of the Mandan Road field basketball court; and requests for police patrols near Kenilworth Avenue and Good Luck Road.

Citizens shared concerns with attracting the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt, increasing the tax base, traffic concerns on highways as well as within city neighborhoods, care of the green space within the stream valley park between Lakewood and Woodland Hills, the need for more attention to landlord/tenant relations, code enforcement and rental housing.

Goals and Priorities

Councilmembers then presented their priorities or goals for the two-year council term. Mach cited the renovation of the Greenbelt Theater and council consideration of the city's interest in obtaining part of the former

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What Goes On

Thursday, January 23
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board Meeting, GHI Administration Building

Saturday, January 25
9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard.
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking lot behind City Office.

Monday, January 27
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbelt-md.gov/municipality.

Tuesday, January 28
7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team Meeting, Community Center.

Wednesday, January 29
7 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center.

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

Saturday, February 1
9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer to Protect Trees from Beaver Damage, Meet at Public Works Building (see city ad for details)

Sunday, February 2
1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center.

On January 18, Beltway Plaza recognized local heroes, City Councilmember Judith F. Davis, retired Pastor Daniel Hamlin and Sgt. Robert Heverly of the Prince George's County Police Department and his partner K9 Andy at Beltway Plaza, for their integrity, strength of character, dedication, accomplishment and devotion to the public. State delegates, city council members, Prince George's County police officers and members of the community looked on.

After welcoming the audience to Beltway Plaza's third installation of the Wall of Fame, General Counsel Kap Kapastin of Quantum Companies – which manages the mall – introduced Mayor Emmett Jordan, who gave the event's keynote address. Jordan stated that the honorees' commitment to community, service, leadership, compassion, willingness to sacrifice and courage makes them special. He emphasized the relationship he has had with Councilmember Davis for the last five years and said he owed a great deal of his current success to her support and encouragement.

"She's a hard worker who knows how to lead and get the job done. She knows how to bring out the best in people and build consensus," Jordan said. "These are some of the qualities that make her a unique and special kind of leader."

In her acceptance speech, Davis talked about how Greenbelt inspired her during two low points in her life. One

such incident was when after her divorce she was forced to move twice. Davis said the turning point came when she found a Greenbelt apartment listed in The Washington Post.

"It was one of the luckiest and happiest things I've done in my life. I realized that Greenbelt is my home and not just a place to come home after work."

Davis recalled the second low point in her life as being diagnosed with breast cancer. After her surgery a surprise visit to the hospital by Mary Lou Williamson, also a cancer survivor, lifted her spirits.

Davis said one of the high points of her 16-year career as mayor was being a role model for young women. She said she would tell them, "If I can do it, you can do it better."

A sixth grade teacher at Gaywood Elementary School in Seabrook, she retired after 30 years as an educator. Davis recognized two former students in the audience, Alice Ward and Greenbelt Fire Fighter Andy Moffitt.

Arnold Jones of Greenbelt Community Church started his introduction of the church's former pastor by outlining Hamlin's accomplishments, such as organizing numerous events in support of the poor and hungry in Prince George's County and around the world. When Jones began recounting Hamlin's proudest moment of writing a proclamation declaring

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Letters to the Editor

Don't Forget Pesticides!

The article in the January 16 News Review by K. Gallagher, "City's Sustainable Community Plan Utilizes Holistic Principles" highlights the many commendable projects, policies and programs that have been implemented by the City of Greenbelt over the past number of years in moving Greenbelt towards a more 'green' and sustainable direction. However, of the five categories referred to (economic development, housing, transportation, community enhancement & historic preservation and environment) one important initiative was missing or neglected under the environment category: reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides within the city.

This should be included. Several local organizations and committees have advocated for moving towards either no pesticides/herbicides use or reduced usage. The Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) has called for this by promoting cooperative community-based organic gardening practices in various locations throughout Greenbelt.

Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) has called for "reduced use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides" in residential areas in its recent document (Sustainability Plan Framework) presented to city council in October 2013. This document (p. 26-27) also calls for "implementing organic land care standards on public lands including the food gardening plots... [and] working to eliminate the use of non-allowed pesticides and synthetic fertilizers that are harmful to the Chesapeake Bay."

The GreenACES document references (p. 24) its earlier Pesticides/Land Care Policy Report (2008) commending the city's Public Works for eliminating "...the use of toxic pesticides and herbicides..." and requiring contractors to adhere to the city's standards.

I urge the city to include this important information in the Sustainable Communities application.

Bob Snyder

Don't Close The Theater!

On January 27, the City Council is expected to act on staff recommendation to close the theater for six months (and possibly much longer) to complete repairs to the bathrooms and other upgrades. This will have an extremely negative impact on Roosevelt Center and can be easily avoided. We urge everyone to contact our Council members and let them know your opinions on this matter.

The City of Greenbelt currently owns and manages the Greenbelt Theater in Roosevelt Center. The theater is a vibrant part of the community and attracts local residents, as well as moviegoers from the surrounding area.

Many local merchants derive a significant portion of their livelihood from theater patrons. It also provides an effective

way of introducing our town to visitors who have yet to discover our unique village.

Closing the theater will affect everyone in town. Because the city owns and manages the theater, all loss of revenue will directly affect the city budget. We will forgo all income while the screen is dark. The merchants will suffer from lost business due to the missing theater patrons. We will lose a chance to see movies in a convenient location on one of the largest screens in the Washington area. It is inconceivable that the city staff considers closing the theater a good idea.

The theater is in need of bathroom remodeling and projector room upgrades. But the city staff is also encouraging replacement of the heating and cooling system and other extraneous improvements. The current components are functioning well and new systems are incredibly expensive. There is no economic justification for completing unnecessary modifications.

The city staff also failed to effectively promote the request for bids to complete the work. As a result, there was no competition and little interest in the project.

What is the solution? We, the undersigned local merchants, propose the City Council take following steps:

1. Re-evaluate the project and concentrate on the 'needs' vs. the 'wants.' Eliminate the expensive and unnecessary items and concentrate on what is required to run an efficient theater.

2. Re-submit the work to attract more contractors. Promote the project effectively and generate the interest of multiple bidders.

3. Require the selected contractor to complete the work during regular weekday hours. This will allow the theater to remain open for evening and weekend show times.

By revising the project, everyone wins. The theater stays open, generating revenue for the city. The local merchants continue to enjoy business from movie goers. And we all can enjoy movies in Roosevelt Center.

Closing the theater will destroy the synergy that took decades to create and should be avoided at all costs. We ask that the City Council consider the impact the closure will have on the local merchants and the local population. Please do not darken the screen at the Greenbelt Theater!

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Meli Melo Pizza*

*Leonard Wallace
Realty 1, Inc.*

*Cynthia Comproni
Greenbelt Federal
Credit Union*

*Abdul Karim Kmailha
New Deal Café*

*Kyung O. Bai
Centerway Mini Mart*

*Maria Wyman
Maria's Beauty Shop*

David Granite, M.D.

*Linda Ivy
Law Offices of David Cross*

*Bob Davis
Greenbelt Co-op
Supermarket*

Helping Hand Needed

Greenbelters are supporting the massive relief effort underway in West Virginia, where hundreds of thousands of men, women and children still smell the presence of a coal-cleansing chemical in their drinking water.

Members of the congregation at Greenbelt Community Church and its Green Team are working with local organizations and individuals to fill a pick-up truck or more with ready-made (liquid) infant formula and gallon jugs of distilled water. These two items were identified as critical needs by the West Virginia Council of Churches in Charleston. The distilled water is essential for people on oxygen and CPAP machines.

Residents wishing to donate distilled water and/or liquid infant formula may drop off those items at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Supplies will be collected at the firehouse on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 3 p.m. through February 9. Greenbelters will deliver the supplies to the Council of Churches office in Charleston.

Financial donations are being received by the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, P.O. Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25448. Donations will go directly to the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Fund of the WV-VOAD (West Virginia Organizations Active in Disaster).

Thanks to the fire department and everyone who has offered to help so far.

If you have any questions, call or text 240-475-7617.

*Marat Moore
Kathy Reynolds*

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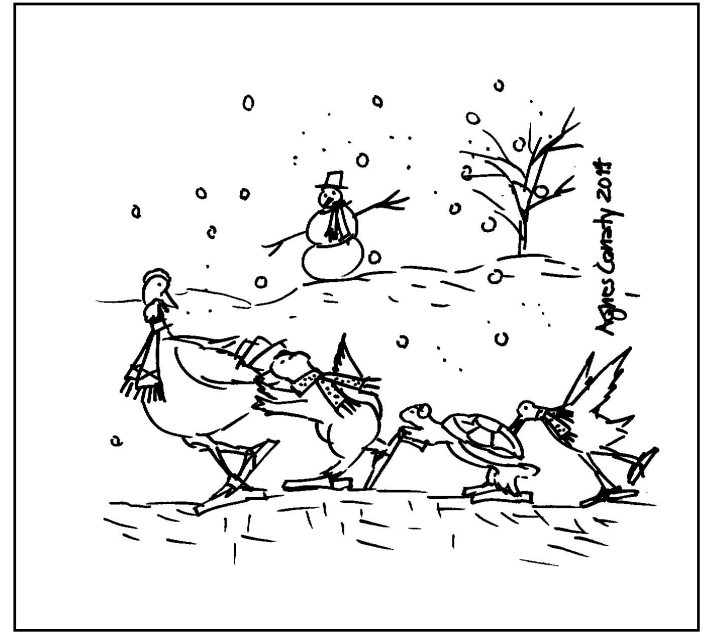
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Club125 to Celebrate 1st Birthday Saturday

The club's first Repair Café was a great success last weekend, with more than 30 customers leaving with their items repaired. Volunteers worked on a wide variety of repair tasks including a wobbly wooden coat rack, various appliances with faulty switches, torn clothing, a 60-year old oscillating fan, and a child's toy airplane. Many thanks to the volunteers and we look forward to the next Repair Café,

scheduled for April 19.

Club125 invites the community to help celebrate the club's first "1/25" birthday this Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun, to reflect on the year that was and the challenges ahead. We will have a pot luck dinner, play various games, and enjoy relaxing entertainment.

For more information and to RSVP, please see <http://club125.com/party>.

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 27 through 31 are as follows:

Monday – Pineapple juice, chopped pork barbeque and hamburger bun, baked beans, coleslaw, hot spiced fruit.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Grape juice, baked potato, sour cream, chicken chili, shredded cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Apple juice, broccoli and cheese soup, seafood salad, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Cranberry juice, rosemary butter chicken, roasted potato medley, spinach, fluffy fruit salad.

At the Library

On Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplay.

Thursday, January 30, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m. The African History and Culture Lecture series continues with a talk by C. R. Gibbs on "Black Beauty: The African Origins of Fashion and Style."

For details visit library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgmls.info. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

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

Greek Dance Open House

On January 26, Syrto, the Greek dance group of Greenbelt, will be resuming its Greek dance session on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio at the Community Center. The first hour of each session will be devoted primarily to the introduction of new students to the most basic Greek dances done at local festivals, while the second hour will focus on teaching new dances and to open dancing. The first session will be a free open house. No partner is needed.

Remember Zorba and My Big Fat Greek Wedding? Greek dancing is as healthy as it is fun. Greek dancing is a fun and painless way to promote fitness, relieve stress and to engage in lively social interaction.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Friday, January 24 begins with pianist John Guernsey playing classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Moondog Medicine Show headlines with funky blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

Come down on Saturday, January 25 for Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays uptempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Bardo Brothers play otherworldly music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the weekly deaf brunch discussion on Sunday, January 26 from 10:30 to 12 p.m. Beech Tree Puppets and their hand-crafted, multi-cultured marionettes perform "The Crystal Ball," a Grimms' fairy tale with giants, dragons, sorceresses and a princess at 2 p.m. There is a private party in the back room in the evening from 5 to 8 p.m.

Astronomical Society Does Prebiotic Chem

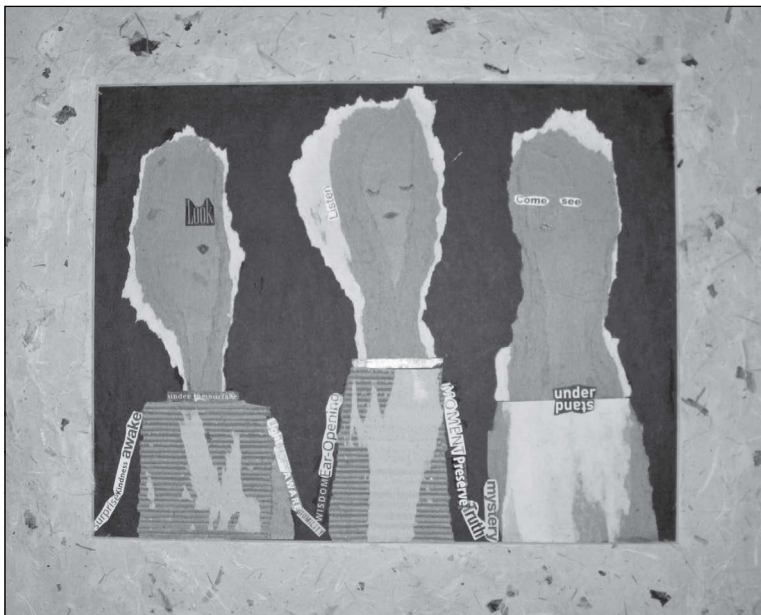
At its Thursday, January 30 meeting the Astronomical Society will feature a presentation by Dr. Jamie Elsila of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Her topic will be "Prebiotic Chemistry and Astrobiology at NASA Goddard".

Chemistry plays an important role in the interdisciplinary field of astrobiology, which strives to understand the origin, distribution and evolution of life throughout the universe. Chemical techniques are used to search for and characterize the basic ingredients for life, from the elements through simple molecules to the more complex compounds that may serve as the ingredients for life.

The Astrobiology Analytical Laboratory at NASA Goddard uses state-of-the-art laboratory analytical instrumentation in unconventional ways to examine extraterrestrial materials and tackle some of the big questions in astrobiology. This talk will discuss some of the instrumentation and techniques used for these unique samples, as well as some of our most interesting results focusing on the detection and distribution of amino acids in extraterrestrial samples.

Elsila received her B.A. in chemistry from Kalamazoo College and her Ph.D., also in chemistry, from Stanford University. Immediately after receiving her B.A., she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Masasi, Tanzania. She is currently an astrochemist at Goddard with a research emphasis on stable isotopic signatures of extraterrestrial organic compounds. She served previously as a principal investigator for the SETI Institute and a post-doctoral researcher at the NASA Ames Research Center.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no charge.



"Three Way Call" by Marjorie Gray

Café Hosts Reception Sunday For Artist/Poet Marjorie Gray

On Sunday February 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. the New Deal Café will host a reception for Marjorie Gray, whose collages are currently on display. Gray will discuss each of the ten pieces and read a poem based on each of them. Music will be provided by Greenbelt harpist April Vega.

From childhood, visual arts and writing were complementary passionate pursuits in Gray's life. After graduating from Calvin College in Michigan, she taught art and English in a variety of schools and grades. She received her master's in recreation with certification in gerontology from the University of Maryland and worked with senior adult arts programs in DC as well as Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Since moving to Greenbelt in 1998 and retiring in 2006, Marjorie has won several ribbons for artwork at the Labor Day Festival. This series

of collages with accompanying poems express overlapping psychological and spiritual concerns. The New Deal Café art program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee is searching for a new Booth Coordinator. If interested in volunteering for the largest all volunteer committee in Greenbelt please call 301-675-0585.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on a 60th Anniversary Committee. 2014 is our 60th Anniversary and we are looking for some new and interesting ideas to make this year memorable. If you are interested, please contact us at 301-675-0585

More Community Events are throughout the paper.



Greenbelt Arts Center

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January 24, 25, 31, February 1, 7, 8

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WEEK OF JAN 24

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12 Years a Slave, R
 11:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40

Nut Job, PG (!)

11, 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

Ride Along, PG-13 (!)
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Devil's Due, R (!)

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Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit, PG-13 (!)

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Lone Survivor, R

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Obituaries

James E. Keifline, III

James Edward Keifline, III, 72, formerly of Greenbelt, died on Thursday, January 9, 2014, in Cameron, W. Va. Mr. Keifline and his wife, Madeleine, of 52 years moved to Greenbelt in 1963 from Johnstown, Pa. They lived and raised their children in Greenbelt until the time of Jim's retirement in 1996. Jim worked as a D.C. Metropolitan police officer for 31 years.



Mr. Keifline loved his family and had a soft spot for all animals, oftentimes taking in animals that were injured or abandoned. When he wasn't working he enjoyed serving as a Greenbelt Little League assistant coach for the A's and he was an avid bowler. Mr. Keifline was a member of the FOP and the AORP of Washington, D.C.

Services were held on Monday, January 13 in Hundred, W.Va. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his sister, Anne Tkacik. Mr. Keifline is survived by his mother, Betty Emeigh Keifline; wife Madeleine Leonard Keifline; sons James (Margie), Thomas (Melissa), Timothy (Susan), Jeffrey (Heather); daughter Susan; and six grandchildren – James, Joseph, Lindsey (Shawn), Savannah, Keristen and Jacob, as well as a host of other friends and family.



Watkins Nature Center Offers Kids Programs

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is offering a variety of programs with activities that encourage youth to learn about and connect with nature.

On Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. the program will be Animals in Winter for ages 2 and up (SMARTlink #1292021). Children will meet some of the center's live animals, discover how the animals survive in the winter, learn about the animals habits and characteristics, listen to stories, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on a hike and make crafts.

There is a nominal fee per child and reservations are required. To register online, visit www.pgparcs.com and click on the SMARTlink logo; search for the programs using the barcode number listed above.

For more information call 301-218-6702. This is an on-going series of programs that continues through the month of February.

Rev. Hamlin to Speak On Vietnam Travels

Reverend Dan Hamlin, the former pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, will give a free talk on "Reconciliation: Lessons from Vietnam" on Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue at 10 Ridge Road.



Hamlin, a minister of the United Church of Christ, retired in 2012 after 28 years at the Community Church to continue his ministries in the areas of inter-faith relations and water supply in Africa. In March of last year he traveled the length of Vietnam with a small group of American civilians and veterans. On the trip he met many Vietnamese veterans and saw the long-term effects of toxic defoliants. He visited battle sites, talked with university students for whom the war is ancient history and heard stories that ranged from humorous to heart-wrenching.

Hamlin's slide-illustrated talk will include the importance of listening to veterans and how Vietnam has come to terms with a former enemy. Mishkan Torah Rabbi Jonathan Cohen will conclude the program with insights into the Jewish perspective on reconciliation.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter James E. Keifline III, 72, who died on January 9, 2014 in Cameron, WV.

We were sorry to learn of the death of early Greenbelter Rosetta Raduazo on January 14, 2014 at the age of 99. The Raduazo family moved to Greenbelt in 1942 and lived here for about 15 years. They were active members of the Community Church, where Mrs. Raduazo's husband taught Sunday School. A memorial service for Mrs. Raduazo was held January 18 at the Solid Rock Church in Riverdale.

Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt Baptist Church, which hosted the annual meeting of the Prince George's County chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on Sunday, January 19, in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's 85th birthday. Several speakers addressed the congregation, including McArthur Bishop, president of the SCLC/PG chapter. Pastor Michael Christ of Greenbelt Baptist Church, the first non-African American to give the keynote talk, spoke on "The Church's Role in the Dream." Appropriately, the closing hymn was "We Shall Overcome."

– Alexander T. Wu, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who was named "Scholar of the Week" by the Prince George's County Public Schools.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

Kids Nature Program at Wildlife Refuge

Kids ages 5 to 7 can learn about opossums on Thursday, January 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

What makes opossums awesome – do they really hang upside down in trees by their tails and have pouches like kangaroos? Children will explore the world of the opossum in a hands-on program that includes a

short winter hike.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

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.



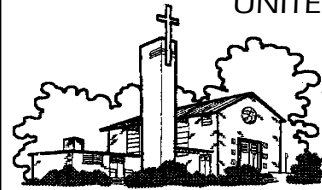
Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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January 26, 10 a.m.

The Other 1%

Guest Preacher Neil Donovan with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

Each year, approximately 3.5 million Americans – one percent of the U.S. population – experience the most radical form of persistent poverty: homelessness. As conscientious Unitarian Universalists committed to social justice, what can be done to end this crisis?

The Special Collection will support the Community Café. Warm Nights setup begins after the service, with hosting starting tonight through Sunday morning February 2.

Community Family Game Night

Berwyn Baptist Church

4720 Cherokee St., College Park, MD 20740

301-474-7117; www.berwynbaptist.org



Saturday
January 25th
4:30 – 7:30 pm

- Winter Message
- Refreshments
- Games

Community Outreach Event
All are welcome

All Ages

Sunday, January 26th
Pot luck Luncheon
after 11am morning services

Have lunch on us!



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Come join us in exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Sunday Mornings at 11:00am

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

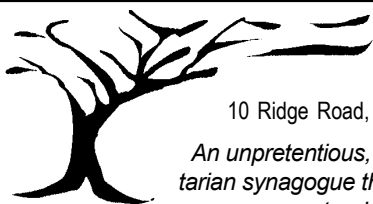
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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City Notes

Animal Control staff reports a squirrel was removed from an apartment unit, four cats, two dogs and two ferrets were adopted, a cat was removed from a wall in an apartment and one dog was picked up during owner's arrest by law enforcement.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew installed two snowplow lights onto Truck 111.

Horticulture/Parks crew responded to an after hours emergency call for the clean-up of downed trees from a car accident.

The Community Center collected 410 toys during the 2013 toy drive season which were distributed to local families by the Greenbelt Lions Club.

CARES

The winter session GED course held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center clubhouse has begun. The GED test is no longer a paper and pencil test. It has been revised to accommodate changes in technology and keeping up with the Common Core curriculum. Students will have new textbooks, calculators and white boards to eliminate using paper and pencil. Thirteen students have enrolled.

P.G. Planners Look at Sprawl

The Prince George's County Planning Department will present "The Story of Sprawl" on Wednesday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This is a collection of historic films that show how America has changed its shape. This 2-disc set is an unprecedented visual document of how sprawl happened, told through a series of historic films ranging from 1939's The City, created by famed planner Lewis Mumford, to No Time For Ugliness from 1965, produced by the American Institute of Architects. There is specially-recorded commentary from notable authors, academics and architects like James Howard Kunstler, Andrés Duany, Jacky Grimshaw and many more.

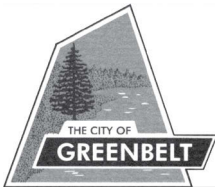
In planning circles, it is fashionable to debate the merits or drawbacks of the spread of suburban living that happened in the 20th century. What isn't up for debate is that it happened; that from the early 1940s until the beginning of the 21st century, the American pattern of development changed radically.

This free program will take place in the Board Room, 4th Floor, County Administration Building (CAB), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Colorectal Screenings At Doctors Hospital

Colorectal cancer is often preventable and curable. However, it is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Maryland. Doctors Community Hospital and the Prince George's County Health Department have partnered to provide free colonoscopies.

Free colonoscopies are available for Prince George's County residents, ages 50 or older (or younger with a family history of colorectal cancer) and those who meet income eligibility. All colonoscopies are performed by experienced gastroenterologists at Doctors Community Hospital. To learn more, call 301-324-4968.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 27, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Animal Control 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

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report (Grants to Educators Program)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Flooring Replacement in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center from Kelly Floors LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$10,840 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Two (2) Precor EFX 835 Precision Series Dual Action Total Body Cross Trainers for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Ener-G Wellness Solutions LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$11,543 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 1059 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Report #2013-1 (Police Station Signage)
- Greenbelt Theater Renovation Project
- Police Promotional RFP Recommendation
- Other Reports
- * - Renewal of City Liquor Licenses
- * - 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.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
 Saturday, January 25th, from 9 a.m.-12 noon
 Parking lot between City Office and Community Ctr.
 Recycling Office: 301-474-8308



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550-A Crescent Road
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See all our adoptable pets on Facebook

Arts & Acrobats: an Artful Afternoon

Sunday, February 2
 1-4 pm. Times vary for individual activities.
 Most activities free.

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd,
 Greenbelt, MD 20770, Ph. 240-542-2057



1-3pm, join Artist in Residence Mary Gawlik in a sculpture workshop.

1:30-3pm: Meet outstanding local painter Valerie Watson at a reception for her current exhibition.
 3pm, Enjoy an acrobatic gymnastics featuring the young "gym dancers" of Skyview Gymnastics, with talents recognized locally and internationally; this show is certain to be awe-inspiring.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
January 27-31

Monday, January 27 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GreenACES) and GREEN TEAM MEETING** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 111.

Wednesday, January 29 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: City Manager's Update at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road

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

Bring your items to Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

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

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP PROTECT GREENBELT'S TREES FROM BEAVER DAMAGE

Saturday, February 1 and/or Saturday, February 8th

9:00am-12:00pm at Buddy Attick Park

Volunteer to help assist Public Works with caging the trunks of trees to protect them. All training, equipment and instructions provided. Some heavy lifting may be required. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers will meet at the Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road at 9am. Please dress warmly.

You must **RSVP** to Alex Palmer, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society, at alex@chears.org or 240-542-2168.

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
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appear on this agenda and that she now expected without fail that it would be on the January 27 agenda.

Mach agreed she too had been adamant in saying she wanted the item on this agenda. She said that she believed the city was at risk of losing monies the state had awarded for the project if council did not get a move on.

Councilmember Ed Putens said he had supported getting an evaluation of the bid prices, though he had expected the information to be available before tonight.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said he was glad there would be additional information on the table, however it had come to pass.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said although he had been one of those who had wanted more information on costs, he had expected to have a voice on who was chosen. He said he thought the consultant doing the work had a conflict of interest because he was connected to the architect.

McLaughlin responded that although the architect had provided the name, the consultant had no information about the general contractor and was reacting to the plans.

In response to a question from Councilmember Silke Pope, McLaughlin explained that it is the \$300,000 of state capital bond fund money that has a June 30 deadline by which there either must be activity on the project or a clear path to activity.

Following further discussion about what comprises a clear path, Mach said that as far as she is concerned, a clear path is nothing less than a vote by this council to go forward and a groundbreaking ceremony.

Davis expressed appreciation for the clarification on how this matter had evolved. It is now expected that the theater renovation will be on the agenda of the January 27 meeting.

Other Business

Council adopted a resolution after second reading to update the activities assigned to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee in its charter. Council also introduced three resolutions for first reading, with discussion and action to follow at the January 27 regular meeting.

One resolution proposes changes to council's standing rules regarding posting of meeting minutes and expanding the justifications for allowing a councilmember to abstain from voting on a matter before the council. Though not noted in the agenda comments or backup material, the changes

on abstention will also require council to amend the city charter.

Two resolutions introduced for first reading are for negotiated purchase and will return for action at the January 27 meeting. One would authorize replacement of the carpet in the Community Center multipurpose room with a "natural linoleum" product called Marmoleum from Kelly Floors in Frederick. Carpet has not held up well in that space and has required frequent replacement.

Councilmembers raised a number of questions about this issue to be addressed at the next meeting, including provision of a sample of Marmoleum and information on colors and the effect on sound in the room.

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to negotiate the purchase of two PRECOR elliptical machines from Ener-G Wellness in Baltimore for the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Award of Purchase

In an award of purchase on a state bid, council voted to replace six defibrillators for use with squad cars and in dispatch. Councilmembers were concerned at the relatively short life span of the defibrillators but Assistant City Manager David Moran said they are the standard ones recommended for use.

Putens suggested ensuring they were not being left in squad cars not in use, especially during cold weather.

Board Reports

Council received three reports from advisory groups to be taken up at later meetings. An interim report from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) was submitted in response to a referral by council to review the Greenbriar Stream Restoration Plan proposed by a developer as a mitigation site. GreenACES recommends that additional time is needed for investigation of the plan.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board submitted two reports. One recommends that Ancestral Knowledge not be permitted to conduct fee-for-service classes within the Forest Preserve (see separate story). The other makes a recommendation on community garden boundaries at Gardenway.

Reappointments

Laura Kressler and Cindy Comproni were reappointed to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Valerie Elliott to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Phyllis Budin, Brenda Cooley and Bunny Fitzgerald to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

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scope of the ordinance that established the Forest Preserve and the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance (M&M) Guidelines adopted by council to provide oversight and protection, as well as public education about the preserve.

In October 2012, AK was notified by the city that activities AK believed the city had formerly considered as acceptable in the Forest Preserve were no longer allowed, not because the activities had changed but because AK had begun to charge fees for its classes.

Based on the City Code, the M&M Guidelines prohibit "principally commercial" activities. The city solicitor had advised that because of the fees AK qualified as being commercial. He said it was about the exchange of money.

In an ensuing email Celia Craze, staff liaison to FPAB, informed Murray of the decision. She suggested that he request to meet with FPAB if he wished to discuss possibilities for modifying the city code or changing programs.

Tax-exempt Status

By its own account, AK is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, directed by a community of naturalists specializing in native life skills and philosophies supporting sustainable lifestyles. AK custom-designs outdoor educational presentations and programs to fit the needs of schools, community groups, families and individuals.

AK uses nature and the wilderness as a classroom connecting students with ancient skills. According to Murray, the group assumed it had qualified as non-commercial for its charitable and educational status, not because in its early years it could not afford to pay its instructors.

Although discussions at FPAB meetings leading up to the report had touched on a number of facets of the question – such as the extent to which the city should be concerned with the form of business of an organization versus the quality of program activities and their impact on the Forest Preserve – the report ultimately addresses only one narrowly defined issue: the board's majority opinion that commercial interests should continue to be banned from the preserve.

According to Craze, since the

city solicitor had already deemed that AK was commercial, the only question for the board was whether any change should be made regarding allowing such a commercial organization into the preserve. Craze said the report is not intended to carry implications for other organizations charging tuition or fees to students.

It thus appears that the board has opted to leave the matter where it was when AK submitted it more than a year ago, with essentially no new analysis or added value.

Requests to Council

Under Petitions and Requests, Murray briefly described the work of AK, focusing on growing interest in AK programs among home schoolers. Their classes, he said, have been taught at Mowatt Methodist Church since 2010.

As part of their programs, they had been taking students for hikes into the Forest Preserve for activities such as plant and animal identification, tracking, and nature observations, all compatible with Forest Preserve guidelines. Other than in summer, he said, the group has taken its programs out of the city since it has not been able to use the preserve. Murray stressed that the group is not principally commercial, but educational.

He said he wanted to request several things. He asked for a hearing with council, or at least direction to FBAB to discuss alternatives acceptable under the code. AK is willing to make changes, he said, but needs to know what would be acceptable if it forms a new plan and reapplies.

He also asked that the city produce a written policy defining the difference between classes paid for by tuition or membership fees and judged non-commercial as compared with classes paid for by fees, since all involve the exchange of money.

In a written addendum Murray provided, he also asked the city to give attention to procedures and interactions with residents in areas where he had encountered problems in figuring out city process. He suggested that clear policies and procedures be published for advisory boards and committees on conflicts of interest; that adequate notice of meetings be given to individuals with stakeholder interests in topics to be discussed in accord with the spirit of public meetings

law; that minutes of advisory group meetings be posted or otherwise made available on request; that the practice be examined wherein advisory groups conduct business by email rather than in public meetings; and that board members be required to vote as specified in the bylaws.

Disgraceful Actions

Willis Witter, member of FPAB, also spoke, as he has in other forums, to accuse the city of throwing children out of the woods. He called it disgraceful, demanding they be allowed back in. He excoriated the city for not knowing its own regulations or paying attention to its own guidelines.

In a more constructive tone, Witter said a transparent process for review of applications for permits to conduct programs in the preserve should be developed and be available to the public. He said the issue of dealing with non-profit educational, and especially environmental, groups will surely come up again.

At this juncture Councilmember Rodney Roberts interjected. He said it was completely false to say the city was banning Greenbelt children from the preserve. He said AK could take children in there at any time and that the only thing AK could not do was to charge children to use the preserve. He added that they also had to abide by all the guidelines and could not start fires. Roberts added that one of the main things AK teaches is how to start fires.

To the latter, Witter and Murray emphatically took exception. Murray said AK does not start fires or do prescribed burns in the woods. He said he has repeatedly corrected misinformation of this sort but it seems to make no impression.

Councilmember Judith Davis jumped in to say she took extreme offense at Witter's accusation that council and the FBAB did not know their own guidelines, given the years of work that had gone into their development.

More to Come

Mayor Emmett Jordan succeeded in stopping debate with assurances that this topic, which seems to have grown only more contentious as the months have passed, will be scheduled for discussion at a meeting soon.

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Aviation Museum Offers Mad Science Program

On Saturday, January 25 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mad Science of Washington returns to College Park Aviation Museum for two performances of its popular Up, Up & Away program. Before Wilbur and Orville could build their airplane, they had to understand the science of flight.

This spellbinding demonstration introduces the principles of air and pressure. Hot air balloons, vortex generators and even a hovercraft will help children understand the power of air.

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Greenbelt Middle School. Councilmember Konrad Herling listed his priorities: improve Greenbelt connectivity with circulator bus route; overpasses, crosswalks and arts program; housing affordability; a livable wage; city outreach through the Greenbelt News Review and Better Business Breakfasts; reestablishment of Greenbelt Teen Club; creation of a mediation group; improve inclusivity, such as with disability groups; and discussion of the future of Roosevelt Center.

Davis' list was: develop a "public" art policy; seek a resolution regarding the Greenbelt Forest Preserve issues; consider need for tree replacement; develop rules for conduct for city advisory boards; develop a Greenbelt employee identification approach and develop an "Outstanding Business" program.

Councilmember Silke Pope suggested the city focus on the Greenbelt Theater renovation and be more efficient and business friendly.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested more than a dozen priorities including: increase the size of police patrol units; obtain full planning and zoning authority for Greenbelt; implement expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center; restore Greenbelt Lake and its tributaries; improve existing city gardens and expand gardens to Greenbelt East and West; complete ongoing projects, including Northway Field improvements, Greenbelt

East playground plans and the restoration of Greenbelt Theater; acquire the Greenbelt Road site for a new fire house; fund McDonald Field improvements; develop an equitable distribution of city facilities and services; enhance enforcement of speed limit and stop sign infractions; continue to press the State Highway Administration for noise barriers along the Beltway; protect and preserve the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center; improve recreational and arts program in Greenbelt West; implement police bicycle patrols in all city neighborhoods; and preserve woodlands, wetlands and ecologically sensitive areas in or adjacent to Greenbelt.

Jordan's priorities are to promote economic development by attracting the FBI facility to Greenbelt; revitalize Greenbelt's housing stock and work with the Greenbelt business community; consider and carry out the city organization assessment; enable more cablecast council worksessions; and work toward a more transparent government.

Councilmember Ed Putens suggested that the city staff should carry out the management objectives identified in the city budget document for each department and clean up the Council Action Request list. He also suggested the city review the code enforcement program and address whether the city should assume more responsibility in that area. He mentioned his concern over city

overtime policies.

Wrap-up

City Manager McLaughlin provided an update to the city visioning goals that community groups addressed last year. The document listing eight visioning goals will be sent out soon to the city Contribution Groups for their input and will be posted when complete on the city website.

Council also reviewed the FY 2014 management objectives and goals included in the city budget. New to the list are seven more objectives which are: implement recommendations from the Pedestrian-Bicycle Master Plan; implement recommendations from the Organizational Assessment; implement recommendations of economic development consultant's study; undertake and complete Greenbelt Theater renovation; support county efforts to bring FBI to the Greenbelt Metro site; in conjunction with Civic Plus, implement a new city website with citizen service request tracking capabilities, agenda preparation tools and a citizen notification system; and complete the Safe Routes to School project on Springhill Drive.

Last, but not least, council reviewed the Council Action Request report. It is a five page compilation of council request for actions that dates back to 1999.

City staff will collate the results and range of options offered by the council members and prepare materials for consideration at a future worksession.

CPAE Has Kids' Arts Drop-Ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Drop-In programs for children led by Aaron Springer from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 25 and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 26. The Saturday drop-in is being held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. These free arts workshops are for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult accompaniment).

For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.



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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.

Strong Arm Robbery

January 10, 2:05 p.m., 8000 Lakecrest Drive. A woman was waiting at a bus stop when a man approached her and asked for the time. As she pulled out her cellphone, the man punched her in the face, took the phone, and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a 5'8" black male with medium build, medium complexion, wearing a puffy black coat, black and red shoes, and a ski mask.

DWI/DUI

January 12, 2 a.m., 7800 Kenilworth Ave. A 28-year-old nonresident was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 12, 3:41 a.m., 8600 Kenilworth Ave. A 47-year-old nonresident was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 12, 4:57 a.m., 6100 Breezewood Drive. A 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

January 12, 10:42 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A 24-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged for trespassing after he was found inside Beltway Plaza in spite of being banned from the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 15, 6:49 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old Greenbelt resident was found on Greenway Shopping Center property after being banned. He was arrested, charged, and released on citation pending trial.

Prowler

January 12, 3:37 a.m., 6000 Springhill Drive. A man observed someone attempting to look into his bedroom window. He ran outside and witnessed the suspect get on a bike and flee. The suspect is a light-skinned male, wearing a dark green jacket, riding a white mountain bike.

January 12, 3:53 a.m., 5900 Cherrywood Lane. A woman observed a man looking in her bedroom window. As she picked up the phone to contact police, the suspect ran to a nearby white and silver bicycle and fled. The unknown male is 5'8" wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

Burglary

January 11, 6:58 a.m., 5800 Cherrywood Terrace. A woman had opened her bedroom window in the middle of the night and returned to sleep. Shortly thereafter she heard a noise and saw a hand reaching inside the window. She yelled at the suspect, who fled the area on

foot. The suspect is described as a Latino male, 20-25 years old, 5'7"-5'8", 140-150 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and black pants with three white stripes going down the sides.

Theft

January 14, 10 a.m., 100 Northway. A part was stolen from a chimney that had been under construction on the roof of a home.

January 13, 4:45 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Unknown person(s) removed money from an unattended purse at Jersey Mike's Deli.

Arrest

January 10, 11:34 p.m., 400 Ridge Road. A 27-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after a common storage device was found in the car during a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial. An occupant in that same vehicle, a 56-year-old Greenbelt man, was found to have an open warrant with Riverdale Park Police for a strong-arm robbery. He was transported to Riverdale Park.

January 9, 10:53 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. A 32-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged after he was found to be in possession of a device used to ingest controlled dangerous substances during the investigation of a suspicious vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

Automotive Crime

8000 Brett Place. A black Infiniti QX4 SUV, Md. tags MML0065 was stolen.

9300 Edmonston Road. A 1990 Chevy van reported stolen to Metropolitan Police was recovered.

9300 Edmonston Road. A 2003 Buick Park Avenue 4-door was reported stolen and recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police in Laurel.

A 2000 Mercedes Benz 4-door, reported stolen November 14th from 8100 Bird Lane, was recovered by Prince George's County Police in Hyattsville.

6100 Breezewood Drive. Unknown person(s) vandalized a vehicle, flattening 3 tires and breaking the windshield and side mirror.

From January 9-12 the following thefts from autos occurred:

7900 Mandan Road (front passenger window broken, parking permit taken); 8000 Brett Place (change stolen); 7300 Sunrise Court (mp3 player taken); 7800 Jacobs Drive (2 cellphones stolen from an ambulance); 6100 Breezewood Court (prescription medication removed from an unlocked vehicle); 6400 Capitol Drive (driver's window broken and jacket removed).

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solidarity with those the Ku Klux Klan rejected and opposed, and preventing the Klan from burning a cross in Greenbelt, Hamlin shouted out, "Not in my backyard!"

Hamlin addressed the crowd. "Cynics will tell you that you can't change the world and that's a bunch of bunk." He said the world is changing all the time and gave an example of starting a car and thus changing the atmosphere.

Hamlin asked for a volunteer to hold a jug of water. State Delegate Alonzo Washington stepped forward and held the jug throughout Hamlin's presentation to represent how women in Kenya braved hyenas, lions and leopards looking for a meal to walk six miles a day every day of the year carrying such a jug. According to Hamlin, once Church World Service built the community a small dam near their home using the time the women would have spent walking to get water, they are now growing more vegetables, cooking meals they have never prepared before and providing better nutrition for their children.

As a result of growing more plants, Hamlin said the women reported the reappearance of butterflies, which means bees will return as well. He said the women could sell the wax, earning \$2 a day. "You can change the world. One person at a time," he reiterated.

Lt. David Essing introduced



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Lt. David Essing, Kap Kapastin of Quantum Companies, Judith Davis and Rev. Dan Hamlin pose in front of the Wall of Fame.

the final honoree of the day. At the county police department's Patrol Canine School, Sgt. Heverley was partnered in 2001 with K9 Andy, a Belgian Malinois from Slovakia. In 2006, they attended the county's Drug Detection Canine School where K9 Andy was fully trained to find suspects, missing persons, evidence and illegal drugs. He and Heverley were certified through the county police department and the North American Police Work Dog Association and trained weekly to maintain their certification.

In 2002, K9 Andy received an American Red Cross Real Hero-Medal of Courage for his help in catching an armed carjacking suspect. The arrest led to the closure of a number of homicide and armed robbery cases. K9 Andy was retired. He died in

August at 14 years old.

"Andy was a great asset to this agency and our community and is greatly missed," Essing said. Of Heverley, a dog trainer, Essing remarked, "He works tirelessly. This is only a small tribute to what you have done. Great job."

In an emotional response, Heverley said, "I still miss him (Andy). It (the recognition) means a lot to me."

Kapastin said Beltway Plaza has commissioned the printing of T-shirts depicting the K9 Crime Fighting Partners and the proceeds from their sale will be donated to the medical fund for retired K9s established by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89. The mall is also contributing additional funds to Lodge 89, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and Church World Service.

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Robert Ellis, Former Principal, Returns to Visit Greenbelt

by Sandra Lange

There were many memorable moments in Robert Ellis' seven years as principal of Greenbelt Center School, now the Community Center. In the summer of 1966, he was the newly-appointed principal, arriving from Baltimore to assume his first administrative position. There were boxes everywhere, and much to be done before the students arrived in September. He remembers how – from the very beginning – parents showed up to volunteer to help him unpack and get ready for classes.

Ellis, now 87, returned recently to Greenbelt accompanied by his daughter Susan Mease and her husband Jon. They toured the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Community Center with this reporter. Mease also had been a student at the school from second to sixth grade. The family had relocated from Baltimore to Westminster, but decided that she would travel with her dad each day to attend his school. She remembers arriving early in the mornings and entertaining herself by talking with the teachers, and playing a game with the school's custodian by jumping over his mop as he cleaned the gym.

We entered the Community Center from the parking lot side. Ellis and Mease pointed to the left, at the stairway blocked off by a large metal gate. "That was the bomb shelter," Mease declared, remembering those cold

war days when all elementary school children crouched under their desks and covered their eyes and head to survive potential bomb threats. And, sure enough, there was still a sign stenciled into the archway saying "Fallout Shelter in Corridor."

Walking further down the long hallway, Ellis and Mease recalled the photographs of presidents and the flags from the 13 original colonies that had hung on both sides of the hall. Ellis remembers that the school had received an award for its Presidential Hall, as it was called, and he had requested that a special cabinet be built along the wall to house the award. As we neared the end of the corridor, there was the glass cabinet in a nook in the wall just as he had described it.

Peering into the gym, Ellis was reminded of the many PTA meetings held there and how students used to climb onto the friezes on the outside of the school to spy on what was going on at the meetings. The room reminded Mease of the year a new kitchen was being constructed and students were served ice cream and milk in the gym which served as a temporary cafeteria.

The main office brought back other memories, especially the morning announcements which, Mease stated, always began with Ellis hitting a gong. Then she would hear her dad warning the students to stop spitting on the presidents' photographs. She also remembers how the kids lined

up behind her dad to give their announcements.

Mease treasures her days spent at Greenbelt Center. "They were magical," she declared. She recalled how the gym teacher, Stape Shields, taught swimming in the outdoor pool. Some days, Shields brought a canoe to the pool and taught canoe safety. "What other kids had that experience?" she marveled.

She reminisced about field days when the whole school turned out onto Braden Field to practice Olympic-type sports and Shields outfitted her dad in a toga and wreath to conduct the events. The games always began with the students reciting the "Sportsman's Pledge." She remembers her teacher, Mrs Yeager, conducting nature walks and scavenger hunts. And, she remembers how Shields took on the role of beekeeper, maintaining several hives on the roof of the school. He demonstrated the art of beekeeping, showing the students how to extract honey from the hives. This practice continued until one enraged parent called the school superintendent about the swarming of bees near one entrance to the school. Ellis smiled as he too recalled the day that Superintendent Shockley called to demand in no uncertain terms, "Get rid of those bees."

Both Ellis and Mease spoke of the time in May 1970 when 1,500 members of the National Guard set up tents in Braden Field near the school. Governor Marvin



PHOTO BY SANDRA LANGE

At the entrance to the Community Center, Jon and Susan Mease accompany her dad Robert Ellis (center) who was principal of Greenbelt Center School from 1966 to 1973.

Mandel had called out the guard to control University of Maryland students protesting the Vietnam War. Greenbelt became a staging area until citizens protested and the guard moved to Greenbelt Park. There is a photograph of the event on page 228 of Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, which is sold by the Greenbelt Museum. Mease bought a copy to remind her again

of those thrilling memories.

Ellis left Center School in 1973 and went on to complete a 30-year career in education at several schools in southern Maryland. Father and daughter cherish their days spent at Greenbelt Center. Both praise the high level of teacher and parent involvement. "The community hasn't changed much in that regard," Ellis asserted.

Arboretum Volunteer Gardener Training

The National Arboretum will hold a four week training program for volunteer gardeners. The training will take place on February 6, 13, 22 and 27. Each class will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, January 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8118 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register call 301-324-4968.



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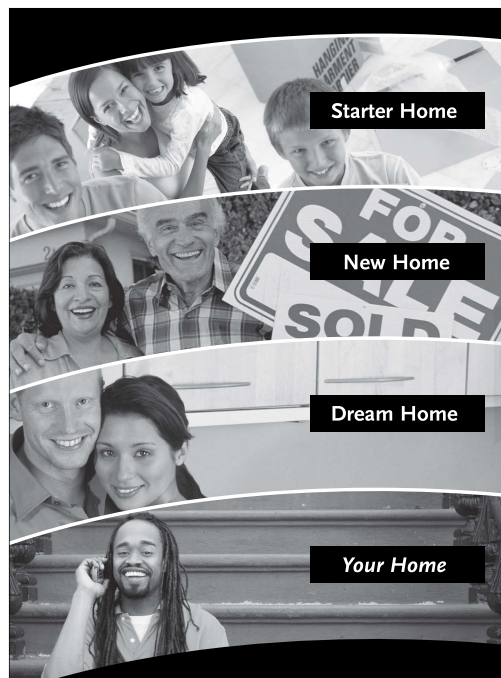
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**Your Greenbelt Specialists
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Greenbelt Snow Policy

The Greenbelt Public Works Department begins preparing for winter as early as September or October. All snow equipment is serviced, mounted and checked to see that it is in good working order. Road salt is stockpiled so that enough is on hand for a number of storms.

During snow season the department monitors official daily weather condition reports and will alert crews before the bad weather is due to arrive.

When Snow Starts

Keeping the streets open for traffic is top priority. This allows police, fire, ambulances and other emergency service vehicles to continue to provide necessary services and for citizens to safely travel to and from their destinations.

Clearing Snowfall

The first step in clearing the snowfall is road and street salting. Main roads and city streets which are most heavily traveled year-round are salted first. Connecting public streets and public residential areas are then serviced. Private streets and areas are the responsibility of the homeowners or apartment complexes.

Snow removal operations begin when frozen precipitation starts falling. De-icing rock salt is spread on the roads and streets to melt the snow and ice. This continues until the surfaces are clear or it is no longer effective due to the depth of the snow.

Snowfall Continues

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated and more is expected, snow is more effectively removed by plowing rather than by salting. Main roads and streets, connecting public thoroughfares and public residential streets will be plowed by the Public Works Department. Snow and ice clearing in private streets and areas is the responsibility of the homeowners.

Priority Areas

The first priority is to open the main streets. These streets are the key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic since most residents live within a few blocks of such routes. The snowplows then continue to all streets on the route to open up each one in sequence. If the storm intensity continues, the snowplows continue the same pattern to keep the routes open until the snowfall abates.

The snowplows then begin to widen out all routes by pushing the accumulated snow back toward the curb line and clearing the intersections.

Public Works trained crews work around the clock during such storms to keep the roads open and passable.

Problems or Concerns

If there is a problem concerning road conditions, advise the Public Works

Department at 301-474-8004. For fire and medical emergencies, dial 911. The Greenbelt Police emergency number is 301-474-5454. Use the police non-emergency number, 301-474-7200 for all other police calls.

Snowfall Ends

Snow crews continue to monitor all roads for icy spots and areas where winds have re-deposited the snow in traffic lanes. An application of salt (or salt mixed with sand) is applied so the riding surface will remain drivable. Crews are dispatched to clear road drain inlets and catch basins so that melting snow can run off.

Residents may wish to avoid a potential problem and also be of assistance to neighbors by cleaning off a catch basin inlet or shoveling out a nearby fire hydrant.

Helping Us Help

A heavy snowstorm can disrupt the normal flow of everyday living and be a frustrating experience. Tips can be found at <http://md-greenbelt.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/573>.

Trash, Recycling Collection

Walkways to refuse containers and recycling bins must be kept clear of snow and ice in order for the collectors to provide service to homes. During significant snow/ice storms and the days immediately following, containers must be placed at the curb (single-family homes) or adjacent to a cleared parking lot (GHI homes).

GHI Information

Staff at GHI reported there were several problems during the cold spell two weeks ago, and they anticipate problems in the next few days. Residents are encouraged to keep their heat on to protect their pipes.

GHI Snow Procedures

GHI snow removal efforts will begin once 4 inches of snow have accumulated. For snowfall of up to 8 inches, it is GHI's goal to clear all courts and primary sidewalks within 12 hours once snowfall has subsided. GHI staff is responsible for plowing courts and clearing common sidewalks connecting homes. First priority is given to courts and service side walkways. Once those have been cleared staff will turn to gardenside and common sidewalks.

GHI Members can help support snow removal efforts by avoiding piling snow on any portion of plowed streets or courts. Placing snow in these areas only hampers snow removal efforts, increases costs for all members, and creates a nuisance for other members or visitors to the court (i.e. mail carriers). When clearing off cars please place snow toward the curb or common areas in the court.

January 21 Snowstorm

Snow began falling late in the morning of Tuesday, January 21 after weather forecasters had predicted the night before that a major storm was coming. Walkers were out in force making their way around Greenbelt Lake early before the storm.

City, county and federal government offices had been closed in anticipation of the storm, although some city services were continuing, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Recreation facilities were closed. Refuse collection did take place. The Co-op expected to be open until 7 p.m. and News Review staff were on duty in the Community Center. Signs were posted to alert visitors to use the side door to access the office as the building was officially closed.

The snow intensified in the afternoon, and by 3 p.m. de-icing rock salt had been spread on the roads and streets to melt the snow. At that point, Public Works staff was "unaware of any problems," according to McLaughlin. Plowing was expected to begin by 4 p.m. City policy states that when two or three inches of snow have accumulated and more is expected, snow is more effectively removed by plowing rather than salting.



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