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#### The Old Curmudgeon



"I love October . . . falling leaves, failing Redskins!" (October 18, 2001)

# Old, New Greenbelt Co-ops Promote Co-op Connection

by Leta Mach

October is Co-op Month, and each October since 1930 co-ops across the U.S. have worked together to celebrate the cooperative movement's history and economic impact. This year's theme, The Co-op Connection, recognizes that proud cooperative heritage and the ways co-ops connect with each other, their communities and the world.

In Greenbelt, cooperatives are clearly demonstrating their co-op connections and building new ones. Originally created as a New Deal project in 1937, Greenbelt has supported co-ops throughout its 77-year history. In fact, many pioneers who were selected to come to Greenbelt report that they were asked during the interview whether they knew about cooperatives. When the pioneers arrived, they began forming cooperatives to meet their many needs.

That tradition of using cooperatives to meet community needs continues today. Currently there are eight co-ops in Greenbelt, each of which participates in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance. Through Greenbelt's cooperatives, people can meet their needs for

financial services at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, current events from the Greenbelt News Review, early childhood education at the Greenbelt Nursery School, food from the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, housing in Greenbelt Homes Incorporated, health care through the Evergreen Health Care Cooperative and recreation or entertainment with Rapidan Camps and the New Deal Café.

Looking to the future, interested Greenbelters began meeting two years ago to discuss other community needs that could be met by cooperatives. They formed the Greenbelt Coop Incubator with the mission of working with the existing co-ops and the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance to support the start-up of new co-ops, with a focus on worker-owned co-ops.

After reviewing both community needs and the skills of interested people, the members of the Greenbelt Co-op Incubator have identified the need for six potential co-op businesses that offer 1) early learning opportunities in the

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#### **What Goes On**

Saturday, October 4

**7:30 p.m.,** Last of the Free Moonlit Movies, Front Lawn of Aquatic and Fitness Center

Sunday, October 5

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, October 6

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession, Greenbelt Station and the South Core, Municipal Building.

# FBI Relocation to Greenbelt Could Be an Economic Game Changer

by James Giese

Commerce is not doing well in Greenbelt, Marc "Kap" Kapistan, general counsel of GB Mall Limited Partnership, owners of Beltway Plaza Mall, told Greenbelt City Council at its September 17 stakeholder worksession. He looks to the FBI relocating its headquarters facility to Greenbelt Metro Station to restore the economy. "It will be a game changer," he said.

Besides the deep recession throughout the nation that began in 2008 from which a slow recovery has taken place, the Washington metropolitan area economy has been particularly hurt by the so-called federal "sequestration" and significant cutbacks in the NASA space program that have resulted in many Greenbelt offices of aerospace companies closing. For example, Capital Office Park now has a high vacancy rate, he noted.

For the city's restaurants, Kapistan noted that there are no longer lunchtime crowds. Many restaurants are more dependent on lunch business than dinner service, he said, and it is now difficult to attract new restaurants to locate here. At Beltway Plaza, the Atlanta Bread Company recently closed.

Although it was noted that a new FBI facility would take 12 years to complete and occupy, Kapistan said that just selecting the Greenbelt site, a decision that could be made in about a year's time, would be sufficient to change the business climate here.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was concerned that after a 20-year lease was up, the government might buy the property instead of leasing it, making it tax-exempt and causing the city to lose revenue.

Councilmember Judith Davis, however, said that there would be plenty of other revenue generated by the facility to make its presence worthwhile.

#### Mixed-use

In the long run, Kapistan is looking for the Breezewood Drive side of Beltway Plaza to be developed and for the property as a whole to become mixed-use.

He anticipates that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will incorporate such a designation into its area plan for the Greenbelt Metro Station area. The formula for Beltway Plaza is not simply adding housing, he told council, but providing offices, government facilities, medical, dental and emergency care facilities, entertainment and more food services of all kinds in all manner of delivery. Showrooms, studios, galleries, conference facilities and venues for other functions should also be part of the mix, he said

Some time ago, Kapistan presented a plan for an expanded mall, converting it into a mixeduse town center format with added buildings, particularly on the Breezewood Drive side, for residential, offices and other purposes. Part of the existing mall would be removed to provide a "Main Street" extending from the mall entrance opposite Cunningham Drive to Springhill Lane.

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# Ball Court Noise Complaints Once Again Upset City Council

by Kathleen Gallagher

A request to the city council regarding noise from the basketball court at the University Square apartments, also made twice before, commanded close attention of the Greenbelt City Council at its September 8 regular meeting. Other agenda items included a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust and several referrals and appointments, the Belle Point playground project, an increase to fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and an extension of the city's franchise agreement with Comcast, were reported in an article in the September 25 issue of this paper.

#### Noise Complaint

Under the Petitions and Requests section of the meeting, Betty and Bob Sonneveldt presented a request made previously in 2002 and 2005 to reduce the excessive "noise, vulgar language, hours of play and numbers of players," especially at night at the basketball court on the University Square Apartments property that abuts the southern edge of the Lakeside neighborhood. Another complaint made in June 2010 resulted in council meeting with representatives of University Square management on September 16, 2010, to discuss the complaints. Then as now the apartment complex was owned and managed by Lerner Corporation.

Betty Sonneveldt, who made the presentation to the city council on behalf of herself and her husband, said that although they were speaking for themselves, they knew they were not the only people who are disturbed by the noise from the basketball court, which includes loud shouting, cursing and foul language, and at other times simply the inevitable noise caused by a very large number of people at the court. Sonneveldt also stressed that she and her husband were known to council as active proponents of city sports and recreation and had nothing against people playing basketball. During the subsequent discussion, Councilmember Edward Putens and City Manager Michael McLaughlin confirmed that they were not the only Lakeside residents who have complained and that there have been complaints to the city from residents of University Square

Both the city's minutes of the 2010 worksession with University Square management and the article about this meeting in the September 16, 2010, issue of this newspaper indicate that at the time, the large late-night gatherings at the basketball court were creating neighborhood apprehension not only because of the noise disturbance but also because of concern that the court might be the site of drug sales or other illegal activity. A large and unruly party in the community room at the site had also generated calls to the police that

Police officers attending the 2010 worksession confirmed that they had found no evidence of serious drug or gang activity in their patrols. In her comments, Sonneveldt also confirmed that there had been no further problems with gatherings at the community room. With the other issues off the table since the 2010 meeting with University Square, the remaining problem for nearby residents is the noise – how much of it and when.

Sonneveldt said that although the situation improved for a while after University Square posted signs at the site to regulate opening and closing times, this year has been the worst since the problem began. She said no one pays any attention to the

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# Library Discussion of Slavery, Reparations Was Informative

by Charlie Hansler

The history of slavery in the United States and its colonies has had lingering and negative effects on African Americans. This history and the history of the reparations for slavery were the subject of "Justice Denied: The Roots of the Reparations Movement" by C.R. Gibbs, a historian of the African diaspora, at the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, September 23, as part of an African American History and Culture lecture series for fall 2014.

The issue of reparations for slavery has become a hot topic once again due to a widely praised article in the May 2014 Atlantic Monthly "The Case for Reparations," by Ta-Nehisi Coates, which Gibbs discussed. He first gave a detailed history of African slavery in the United States and its former colonies and then proceeded to discuss the history and those who advocated for slavery reparations. Gibbs talked about certain aspects of slavery that rarely if ever get mentioned in most American public school education.

He showed the audience a photocopy of a 19th century advertisement from Aetna that provided insurance for a slave-owner's slave 'property,' a photocopy of the original Encyclopedia Britannica definition for the word Negro which was nothing but defamatory toward African persons, and a photocopy of a startling quote from "Carry Me Back" by Steven Deyle: "According to economic historians the total value of

all slave property across the South in 1860 [at the time the Civil War began] was at least \$3 billion." Don Osbourne, an audience member from Silver Spring, said that although he was not unaware of most of the information presented by Gibbs, he was still shocked that "the law of the land permitted all this" and at the sheer inhumanity and cruelty of the African American slavery experience in the United States.

After discussing slavery, Gibbs then sketched a history of the reparations for the slavery movement. Slavery reparations were initially called 'pensions' for ex-slaves in the late 1800s. There was a series of bills brought up in Congress during that time but pensions for ex-slaves failed to become law. Out of all these bills S. 1176 from the year 1899 was the closest the United States Congress came to passing a pension for ex-slaves bill into law, according to Gibbs. Other bills were introduced to provide pensions for ex-slaves as late as 1916 and many newspaper editorials from the time period 1880s-1910s advocated for such pensions.

Although the momentum for slavery reparations legislation slowed down after 1916, the issue still had a few prominent advocates such as African American congressman Oscar De Priest, Pan-African movement leader Marcus Garvey, and even Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his later years, according to Gibbs. Indeed, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) has introduced a

bill for slavery reparations every year since 1989, Congressman Conyers' official House of Representatives website says.

Denise Bentley, an audience member from Takoma Park, said that she appreciated Gibbs' lecture because it was "history that you don't get from anywhere else" and that it should be "a required course" in schools.

The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America is currently the major organization dedicated to seeking reparations for descendants of African American slaves. Also the Caribbean Community, a consortium of 15 Caribbean nations and dependencies, unveiled a plan earlier this year to seek slavery reparations from the former colonial slave countries that used to control their nations.

Gibbs is the author/co-author of six books and a frequent national and international lecturer. He was awarded the 2008 Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation in Public Education. given annually by the mayor of Washington, D.C. In 2009, the Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust honored Gibbs for his more than three decades of articles, exhibits and presentations on the military heritage of Africans and African Americans, according to his biographical information from asalh.org, the website of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

Charlie Hansler is a University of Maryland graduate student writing for the News Review

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# **Computer Club Meets on Thursday**

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come join the discussions about computers and electronic devices. Everyone is welcome.

# Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

On Sunday, October 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. enjoy a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes. For those ages 14+. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time and space is limited.

# Discover "Fantastick" Fun At Sunday's Artful Afternoon

Guests of all ages can "make it and shake it" at the Sunday, October 5 Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center. Artful Afternoons are monthly programs of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Most activities are free. Times vary for individual activities.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on October 5 visitors can make sculptural percussion instruments using sticks found in the nearby woods, bottle caps, fabric scraps, old buttons and other re-purposed and human-made materials. The resulting "fantastick" will sound joyful and look beautiful. Donations of the following materials are appreciated: buttons of all sizes and shapes, small metal bells, old ribbon and metal bottle caps. Bring materials to the event or to drop them off in advance contact Ivy McCormick at imccormick@ greenbeltmd.gov. This workshop will be led by artist, musician and educator Rachel Cross, the newest artist-in-residence at the Community Center.

At 3 p.m., a free performance with singer and multi-instrumentalist Bruce Hutton is scheduled. Come along on a far-ranging acoustic journey through American folk music of the southern Appalachians, the Piedmont, New England, the western frontier and early blues from Memphis and the Mississippi Delta.

#### Art Exhibit

From 1:30 to 3 p.m., unique perspectives on the land can be discovered in the new art gallery exhibit "Slice: Works by David Purcell and Peter Stern." This show features Purcell's amazing cardboard sculptures of hives and rock formations, along with Stern's beautiful, golden aerial photographs of the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Meet the artists at a casual reception.

From 1 to 4 p.m., a variety of additional activities is available for exploration. The Community Center's nine artists in residence will host an open house and sale of work in many styles and media that can be viewed or perhaps to become unique gifts.

Also ongoing is the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit, "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years," which explores the city's history through an interactive timeline. For more local history, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, across the street from the Community Center, with tours available from 1 to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

#### Correction

Bela Martins, identified in a Labor Day Festival photo in last week's issue, was inadvertently cropped out prior to publication.



Bela Martins helps to keep the Labor Day Festival green.

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# **Community Events**

# To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, October 3 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

#### **Invasive Plants**

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, October 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area. This program will be held every first Saturday of the month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves, and bring lunch or snack. Bring and wear tick repellant. Student service hours are available.

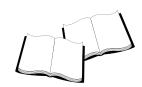
Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt

For more details, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3948 or visit the web page at nps.gov/gree/.

#### At the Library

Tuesday, October 7, 2 p.m., for ages 2 and 3, limit 20 people, Toddler Storytime;

Thursday, October 9, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people, Preschool Storytime; 11:15 a.m., for ages birth-12 months, limit 20 people, Baby Laptime Storytime; 12:15 p.m., for ages 12-24 months, limit 20 people, Baby Storytime. Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytime. The program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.



#### Greenbelt Recreation Exploring with Help From One's Friends

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Beth Baker, author of With a Little Help from Our Friends - Creating Community as We Grow Older, on Friday, October 10. Baker will tell the story of people devising innovative ways to live as they age, options that ensure they are surrounded by a circle of friends, family and neighbors. Her book includes a section on Greenbelt's services and programs for older residents. She also will discuss the importance of social connection and purpose to healthy aging.

Beth is a long-time freelance journalist whose work has appeared in The Washington Post, AARP Bulletin, Ms. Magazine, Washingtonian and many other publications. She is a family caregiver, a grandmother and she and her husband live in Takoma

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

#### Oct. Co-op Events

Join the Co-op for a free wine tasting, 4 to 7 p.m., on October 3, 10 and 17. Tasters save \$1 on tasting wines.

Co-op will have its 30th anniversary sale October 6-12. Visit their website and store circular for details.

On October 15 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Coop will sponsor "Sugar Blues" as part of its Healthy Horizons series. RSVP at info@greenbelt. coop. Co-op must have at least 10 participants to host the event.

This month's Seasonal & Savory Food Demo & Wine Tasting is on October 29, 5 to 7 p.m. Sample delicious foods from The Greek Table, a new Co-op vendor. Also, October 29 is Patron Appreciation Day where shoppers save 5 percent on purchases all day.

The Jim Cassels \$1,200 Community Service Award application is due on October 15. Refer to the "Community" tab at greenbelt.coop for details.

#### **Museum Fundraiser** Plays It Like 1940s

Remember Victory Rolls, the Lindy Hop and wailing jazz saxophones? The Greenbelt Museum is bringing them back for its third annual Rexford Revue. The Museum will raise funds in the Big Band-era style on Friday, October 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. at American Legion Post 136. Attendees can break out a favorite vintage or vintage-inspired outfit and celebrate by dancing the night away to swing music from the Seth Kibel Ouintet.

"The Rexford Revue is one of our favorite events," says Megan Searing-Young, museum director. "It gives us a chance to honor the man who originally envisioned Greenbelt and the other Green Towns, Rexford Guy Tugwell. He was a close advisor to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and as head of the Resettlement Administration, the New Deal agency that was initially in charge of the project, he convinced FDR that the towns should be built."

The event will also feature an opportunity to pose for photos with public television celebrities Franklin and Eleanor, savor locally-sourced refreshments from Jeremy Ehrenreich and Picnic Pops, bid on silent auction items including a Downton Abbey tea party and a movie lovers' date night and enjoy dance lessons, a cash bar and more.

The Rexford Revue takes place at a new venue, the American Legion Post 136 at 6900 Greenbelt Road. Tickets for the 21-and-over event can be purchased online at greenbeltmuseum.org or at the door.

#### **NARFE Monthly Meeting Oct. 8**

National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 1122, Northern Prince George's County, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt.

Speakers will be Michele Nesbit-Johnson, federal representative, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Sekou Mitchell, federal account manager, Aetna Insurance. Refreshments will be served. All federal workers and retirees are welcome.

#### Contra Dance!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is co-sponsoring a Contra Dance with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington on Saturday, October 4 at the Greenbelt Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners and experienced dancers. Beginner lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Greenbelt's own Susan Taylor will be calling with the band Callithump (Glyn Collinson, Andrew Marcus and David Knight). There is a fee.

Contra dance is danced to live music which can have an array of instruments depending on the band. There is a caller who calls the dance by doing a "walk through" before each dance. Once one learns the moves for the dance, the pattern just repeats itself. At the beginning of each evening dance, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called.

Come on out and enjoy the fun and social dance! Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

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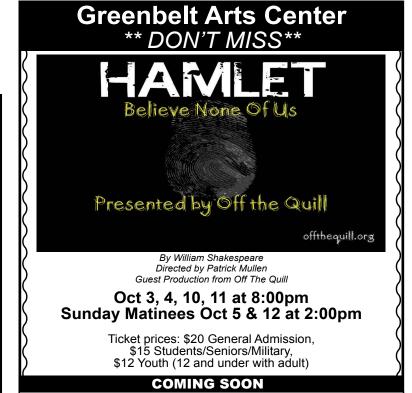
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Chris Lynn is a filmmaker, sound artist, educator, and curator. His digital images and Super 8 films capture the subtle rhythms of light, movement, and sound in urban and rural landscapes. His work has been screened in a variety of venues including the Corcoran Gallery of Art, London,

New York City and around the world. He is currently programing films for Sonic Circuits monthly showcase at the Pyramid Atlantic Gallery in Silver Spring, MD. Thursdays beginning Oct. 9th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM Nine weeks. GATE Studio

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# **Obituaries**

#### Pearl Ellerin

Longtime Greenbelt resident Pearl Queen Ellerin, a post-war Greenbelt pioneer, died peacefully in Mountain View,



Calif. on Thursday, September 25, 2014.

Ms. Ellerin was born in San Carlos, Calif., in 1925. She later moved to San Francisco, where she attended George Washington High School. She was a lifeguard at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center when Lieutenant Albert Ellerin of the U.S. Navy met her on shore leave in 1944. His two-year courtship efforts were channeled through oldfashioned letter writing. They married in 1946 in San Diego.

The newlywed Ellerins made their way to Greenbelt where Albert (UM'37) became Greenbelt's first pharmacist. The new archival research capability of the News Review tells us about Albert in his bachelor years in Greenbelt before World War II. his commission into the Navy when war broke out and the highs and lows of the Ellerin family as Greenbelt residents for almost 60 years.

The arrival of their first child Susan led to the move from their small Parkway apartment to 7-A Hillside. Susan and later Michael attended North End Elementary. In 1958 the family moved to their new home overlooking Greenbelt Lake at 54 Lakeside Drive.

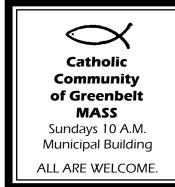
Ms. Ellerin loved to help neighbors and friends in the community. She led Greenbelt Girl Scouts in the late 40s, expanding the number of troops from one to 14. The Ellerins were founding members of the small Jewish congregation that erected today's Mishkan Torah. For many years, her fabric sales were a major source of fundraising for the area's fledgling synagogue.

After Susan left for college and Michael was old enough to drive, Ms. Ellerin decided in 1967 that it was time to go beyond her high school education and earned an associate degree from Prince George's Community

#### Wildlife Nature **Program on Bats**

On Thursday, October 16 from 0:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge bring preschoolers ages 3 and 4 to Nature Tots: Bats. It's almost Halloween. Introduce preschoolers to a flying mammal friend, the bat, through stories, songs and finger plays.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.



College, and bachelor and master of fine arts degrees from the University of Maryland. She taught art in public schools for 16 years.

In 1995 the Ellerins retired to Boca Raton in South Florida. Albert died in 2003. A memorial tree and plaque on the shoreline of Greenbelt Lake honors him.

At 88, it was time for nowwidowed Pearl to be near family. The obvious choice was to move back to her West Coast roots to be near her son and daughter-inlaw Cynthia in Los Altos, Calif. and two surviving high school best girlfriends

Ms. Ellerin is survived by her two children, Susan of Boston, Mass., and Michael of Los Altos, Calif.; grandchildren Adam (Susan's son) and Seth (Michael's

Her granddaughter Ashley Lauren was murdered in 2001. The accused perpetrator was arrested in 2008 and is in prison awaiting trial for multiple murders in Los Angeles.

A reception for friends will be held at the Greenbelt Marriott this Sunday, October 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Email mellerin@ aol.com if planning to visit with the Ellerin family. Also, email thoughts of Pearl to share at the graveside family service where she will be buried beside her husband.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends consider a donation in Ms. Ellerin's memory to Mishkan Torah or to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.



Condolences to the family and friends of Catherine Serra, 43, of Lakeside Drive, who died September 22, 2014. Special sympathy to her husband Patrick and children Nicholas, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Thomas.

We were sorry to hear of the death of former longtime Greenbelter Pearl Ellerin in California on September 25, 2014. Her late husband Albert Ellerin was the first pharmacist at the Co-op Pharmacy in early Greenbelt.

#### **Congratulations to:**

- Christal Batey, community resource advocate, who will receive the Eugene McCravy Award from the Maryland Optometric Association on November 9. This award is given to someone outside the optometric profession for providing significant contributions to the enhancement of eye care for Maryland citizens.

 Susie Reed-McCullough and Jesse Mc-Cullough of Ridge Road who welcomed their daughter, Marga-



ret Aoife McCullough, on September 9 at Holy Cross Hospital. Margaret was 8 lbs. 6.6 oz. and 20.5 inches long.

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

- Kathleen McFarland

# Voter Registration Closes

The November 4 Maryland Gubernatorial Election is less than five weeks away. For those not already registered to vote in Prince George's County, the Tuesday, October 14 registration deadline is less than two weeks away. Registered voters who need to make corrections to their registration on file, such as name, address or party affiliation, may also do so by October 14.

Those wishing to find out whether they are registered or to check the accuracy of registration information can call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit the Maryland Board of Elections online. Go to elections.state.md.us and click on "voter services" to reach the "voter lookup" screen.

Registering to vote requires being a U.S. citizen, a resident of Maryland and at least 16 years of age. While a 16-year-old can register, only those who will have turned 18 by November 4 will be able to vote. Other restrictions relate to mental stability and certain legal convictions.

#### **How to Register**

There are several ways to meet the October 14 deadline for registering to vote or changing election data. For anyone who has computer access and a Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) identification card, the easiest way is to use the state's online voter registration system. Go to elections.state.md.us and click on "voter services," then "register to vote."

Mailing a hard-copy voter registration form to the County Board of Elections at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774 or going there to register in person will also do the job. The registration form can also be used by registered voters to update their registration information.

One can register online until 9 p.m. on October 14; otherwise, delivery by mail or in-person of the form to the Largo office must be made by 4:30 p.m. that day.

How to get a form? Count the ways! Print one from the website given above. Call the Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 and ask to have one mailed. Stop by a public library, an MVA office or the Greenbelt City Offices at the Municipal Building.

Other important dates include those for the early voting period (Thursday, October 23 through Friday, October 31) and the deadline for receipt of requests for absentee ballots (Tuesday, October 28 by mail or fax; Friday, October 31 online). More information on early and absentee voting will be provided in future articles.

#### **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.





Come worship God with us! Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11:00AM

101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 474-4212 wwwgreenbeltbaptist.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

#### 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.

Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes

your extended family in the 21st century.

Mishkan Torah

# Berwyn Presbyterian Church



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



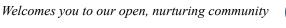
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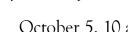
Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available) Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

'A hospitable, multicultural community of faith'

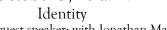
#### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org





October 5, 10 a.m.



Michel Léger, guest speaker; with Jonathan Mawdsley and Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associates

How DO we speak about a topic that is at once so vast and so focused, so PERSONAL? How can we untangle the Gordian knot that is at the heart of who we are as a political people, who we are as a nation, who we are, each individually, from the inside...from the outside? How can we as a spiritual movement open our doors and our hearts to an expanding diversity while maintaining a spiritual IDENTITY? I make no promises about reaching conclusions that will satisfy my own (or YOUR) desires for neatness; but I'll offer my reflections in any case—as my contribution to the conversation.

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

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month,

Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.

i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.

Educational programs for children K–12 and for adults.

Opportunity for leadership development.

Interfaith families are welcome.

Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.

Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.

Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.

# **Upcoming Events At the New Deal**

Thursday, October 2 Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, October 3 begins with John Guernsey playing piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Roustabouts take the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. with original upbeat blues that incorporate funk, R&B and rock with the fiddle as the X Factor. Saturday, October 4 The TV John Variety Show will be from 11 a.m. till noon. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by Guernsey playing jazz standards on the piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zydeco Jed, an East Coast roots band, will offer up original tunes and covers from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. till noon on Sunday, October 5. The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance will be playing Co-opoly from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wine and Alchemy will play unique world music with a belly dance performance featuring veil spinning and sword balancing from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7 The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers will perform songs both old and new and will feature special guests.

Wednesday, October 8 Transatlantic Crossing will perform Celtic and Scottish jigs and reels with New England and French Canadian tunes mixed in from 7 to 9 p.m.

# **Seniors and Boomers Mark Your Calendars**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has scheduled a very interesting Explorations Unlimited topic on Friday, October 10 at noon at the Community Center. Christal Batey, Greenbelt Assistance in Living resource advocate, and Karen Haseley, therapeutic recreation supervisor, have arranged for Beth Baker of Takoma Park to discuss her recent book, "With a Little Help From Our Friends - Creating Community As We Grow Older," published this year by Vanderbilt University Press.

In her book, Baker tells the stories of "people devising innovative ways to live as they approach retirement, options that ensure they are surrounded by circles of friends, family and neighbors." The book draws on visits and interviews in many communities around the country, including Greenbelt which can easily claim it is one of the country's outstanding Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC).

Beyond the Greenbelt experience, the book offers other models for such communities that are taking hold around the country. Don't miss this opportunity.

- Thomas X. White

#### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111** 



# City Information

# MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 6-10

Monday, October 6 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Station South Core** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** re: Personnel at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a personnel matter.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

#### Are you BRAIN Fit?

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program is kicking off its 2014 Brain Fitness Program!
Offering memory assessments, Word Strategy Games and more. Assessments begin MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Last day to sign up is October 9. Participants spend about 15 minutes a day working on activities at their own pace. Program runs from October 13-November 20. Final reassessment will measure your improvement, December 1-4.

Be sure to take advantage of this FREE program.

TO REGISTER CONTACT JUSTIN GORINSON AT 240-542-3002

#### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.



#### ARTFUL AFTERNOON

October 5 from 1-4pm Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

1–3 pm, make a sculptural percussion instrument using sticks found in the nearby woods, bottle caps, fabric scraps, old buttons, and other re-purposed

and human-made materials. Your "fantastick" will sound joyful and look beautiful.

3pm, enjoy a free performance by singer and multiinstrumentalist Bruce Hutton.

1:30–3pm, see unique perspectives on the land in the new art gallery exhibit "Slice: Works by David Purcell and Peter Stern".

- See the Greenbelt Museum's 75th Anniversary exhibit
- Across the street, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic home, (\$3 or free with membership), 1-5pm.

Like us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt">www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt</a>

Follow us on Twitter @cityofgreenbelt

Save the Date!
Fall Fest, Saturday, October 18 from
2-5pm at Schrom Hills Park!

Fall In Love at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter 550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station) 301-474-6124



Skeeter is a playful 4 year old boy who loves hanging out in the cat trees, getting petted and playing laser pointer games. He LOVES dinnertime and loves laying on laps! He would be perfect in a home by himself or with another cat. Come fall in love with Skeeter!



Rascal is a beautiful 9 year old Russian Blue cat with a fun personality! He is very talkative and engaged in everything that goes on around him. Rascal just wants to hang out with you! He does well with other cats and dogs. Come visit Rascal, he will charm you!

For the 'Fall in Love' adoption campaign, the shelter is waiving adoption fees (for ap-

proved adopters) for all adult cats.

The shelter is open on Wednesdays 4-7pm and on Saturdays 9am-12pm

#### **CONTRA**

October 4th 7:00-9:45pm Intro Dance Lesson at 6:30pm Greenbelt

Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Cost is \$10

(\$5 for ages 18 and under and Free for 6 and under)

Come one, Come all! This is a great way to meet new people, enjoy music and have fun all in one night. Contra newcomers are welcome and encouraged to come.

Family Friendly! Bring your soft-soled shoes and spread the word. The more the merrier!

Info: 301-397-2208



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Franklin Park neighborhood, 2) composting of food scraps, 3) a cooperatively-run movie theater, 4) co-op education and entrepreneurial activities for young people, 5) a thrift store and 6) healthy and eco-friendly edible landscaping. The co-op organizers have attended workshops, visited similar businesses, conferred with other Greenbelt co-ops and conducted surveys. The Greenbelt Co-op Incubator has been fortunate to receive pro bono assistance from Jim Johnson of the Democracy At Work Network

This summer the Greenbelt Co-op Incubator was awarded grant funding from the Greenbelt Community Foundation that will support bylaws development and legal incorporation for these new co-ops and provide technical assistance with start-up activities. This fall, the group is planning a series of workshops on startup steps, writing business plans, drafting bylaws and how to incorporate. An advanced workshop on what a co-op is and various cooperative models is also planned. These workshops will be advertised and open to potential new members for the following proposed co-op businesses.

Greenbelt Early Learning Coop will provide a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for preschool and school-age children primarily in the Franklin Park neighborhood. The co-op is committed to building a strong community and a strong home/

school partnership.

A Compost Co-op would create healthy soil amendments from the food scraps that are a considerable portion of the city's waste, thus preventing it from being landfilled. The organizers hope to develop a compost production facility with work done using hand tools and/or renewable energy sources, while also educating the community about the benefits of composting.

The Greenbelt Community Cinema co-op would like to run the historic Greenbelt movie theater offering the same type of movies recently playing as well as innovative programming to utilize the space more often and partner with local educational institutions. Greenbelt residents and other interested individuals would be involved in the program through an affiliated non-profit, Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre.

Kids.Coop is a program to introduce Greenbelt boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to cooperative living and healthy and active lifestyles. A worker co-op of area educators, Kids.Coop, will help young people start a worker coop and sell smoothies blended by bicycle power and made from locally-sourced and fairly-traded ingredients at area farmers markets and community events.

The Thrift Store Co-op addresses the lack of thrift stores in Greenbelt. With the creation of this store perhaps in partnership with existing thrift stores with very limited hours, those looking for reasonably priced, quality

clothes and other goods would be able to find them in Greenbelt.

The Healthy Eco-Yards Coop (HEY-CO) proposes to help Greenbelt residents create gardens and yards that support healthy lifestyles. Services provided would include design, implementation and maintenance support for such things as rain barrels and edible and native landscaping.

The creation of these cooperatives will continue a strong Greenbelt tradition. The Co-op Connection in Greenbelt is one of people working together - past, present and future – to meet their needs.

#### Free Colonoscopies At Doctors Hospital

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

Community members may qualify for free colonoscopies if they are county residents age 50 and older or ages 50 and younger with a family history of colorectal cancer. Patients must meet income eligibility guidelines.

All colonoscopies are performed by experienced gastroenterologists at Doctors Community Hospital. To learn more or to register, call 240-542-3380 or 301-883-3526.

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Beltway Plaza is coming back from a rough period of the economy, Kapistan later told this reporter. He is concerned about what will happen in the next six months, he said. The time before Christmas is when retailers make most of their sales and how well they do determines whether they continue in business or fold. It is also important that the retailers get the financing needed to build up their inventory for the holiday sales. Without financing, they may have nothing to sell. He noted the recent closure of two national retail chains.

Kapistan assured council, "We are doing everything we can to attract retailers." But retail is a tough business right now. "Nieman Marcus has tough figures," he said, and "Sears is in trouble." Kapistan plans to go to New York City for what has become the "biggest shopping center convention," in order to try to bring new retailers to Beltway Plaza.

#### **City Study**

The city has contracted with the Sage Policy Group to perform an economic development study, and Kapistan attended the first session the consultants held with local businesses. It was well attended, he thought, with representatives from the University of Maryland, Greenway Center and Capitol Cadillac present. He called it "an excellent session" with an excellent facilitator. The attendees made recommendations.

He is looking forward, he said, to seeing the consultant's report.

Kapistan is also seeking ways to help encourage the FBI to relocate here and planned to attend the environmental assessment hearing for the facility to be held the following week.

#### **Community Involvement**

Kapistan listed for the council ways in which Beltway Plaza helps support the community. He noted the Wall of Fame erected in the mall to honor local area residents deserving recognition. Beltway Plaza also helps to sponsor the Utopia Film Festival, the Greenbelt Blues Festival, the National Night Out, the Greenbelt Community Foundation Dunk Tank at the Labor Day Festival, as well as the Festival itself and the Greenbelt Museum exhibit and Rexford Revue.

At the mall itself, there is support for Halloween Trick-or-Treat and Costume Contests, the Shop with a Cop program and the Lions Club Toy Drive.

#### Carnival

Kapistan reported to the council on the first carnival held on the Breezewood Drive side of Beltway Plaza on about 40 percent of the rear parking lot. While the operator did not gross as much as expected, the carnival earned more than its expenses, in spite of some rainy nights midweek. He said the carnival operation was planning to return to Beltway Plaza in the spring of 2015.

# **Detect breast** cancer earlywhen it is most treatable.

#### Schedule your yearly mammogram today!

Though early-stage breast cancer does not always have symptoms, some may develop as the tumor grows. Recognize the symptoms:

- + A painless lump in or near the breast
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- + A change in breast size or firmness
- + Breast skin changes such as dimpling, a sore or a rash
- + Nipple itching, burning, rash, turning inward or discharge + Swelling in the armpit

Schedule your annual screening mammogram at Doctors Community Hospital's Center for Comprehensive Breast Care.

As the first such program in Prince George's County, we welcome appointments Monday through Saturday. Also, we provide an experienced team of healthcare professionals, all digital mammograms and personalized treatment options.

> To schedule an appointment or request a free breast care educational brochure, call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968).



#### **Center for Comprehensive Breast Care**

8116 Good Luck Road Professional Office Building, Suite 110 Lanham, Maryland 20706

DCHweb.org/breast

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signs, and there is no enforcement by the management. She said although the problem ebbs and flows, it is present in the winter as well in the summer, frequently at 1 a.m. and sometimes as late as 2 or 4 a.m.

According to Sonneveldt, when she calls the police from inside her house, the dispatchers can hear the noise from the court over the phone. She said the police have been very responsive when called but that as soon as the police leave, the group returns.

#### The Request

Sonneveldt said she and her husband have come to the conclusion that attempting to work with the apartment management is a waste of time, since University Square has proved itself unwilling to require its residents to abide by either its own regulations or the city's noise ordinance. They believe that the best solution is to move the court away from its current location, where it is surrounded by houses and apartments. Although it is private property, the surrounding area is residential. Short of moving the court elsewhere, their request is that a high fence be constructed around the court which can be locked from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., with the number of occupants limited while it is open.

If nothing can be done to restrict the court itself, they believe Lerner Corporation should be fined every time the police

must respond to a legitimate call or complaint. Betty Sonneveldt explained that they consider it to be a waste of tax money and city resources to use police time this way. Bob Sonneveldt added that he believes the police presence and frequency of patrol do make a difference but that the city should not be required to have a continual police presence there in order to solve the problem.

Councilmembers were in general agreement that another meeting with apartment representatives was in order. Councilmember Rodney Roberts disagreed, saying he did not wish to sit down and talk with them again because he thought it was time to start enforcing the law. Putens said there is supposedly a phone number for reaching an all-hours maintenance engineer at University Square and that perhaps calling that number whenever there is a problem would have an effect. Councilmember Judith Davis, while supportive of scheduling a meeting, said she wanted to see action on the matter quickly so that by the time the meeting is held the city council could demand an accounting of what has been done.

#### **Green Parking**

Council unanimously approved a plan to submit a proposal to the Chesapeake Bay Trust in support of a project to redesign and increase green features of the parking lot for Buddy Attick Park. As explained by Jessica Bellah, a planner in the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, the project goes beyond replacing the parking lot itself and includes a substantial public education component in the redesign of interpretive signage around the lake park related to stormwater management. There are also potential opportunities for resident participation in plantings and other activities.

The proposal would be reviewed in the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, which funds projects within the county to promote stormwater restoration. The city has \$15,000 in the budget for this fiscal year for design services, which could serve as costsharing. Planning staff believe that, if funded, the project could be designed and built within the two-year time limit of the grant.

#### **Legislative Priorities**

The Prince George's County Municipal Association requested from its member municipalities suggestions for legislative priorities for the association, especially at the county level. Priorities proposed by council included reestablishment of a landlord-tenant relations board, greater authority in the area of planning and zoning for municipalities who wish to have it and increased funding for the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council.

#### **Appointment**

Council voted to recommend David Lange to the Prince

George's County Public Schools as a Greenbelt representative on the committee being established to rename the old portion of the Greenbelt Middle School, which is now being used by the Robert Goddard French Immersion School. Lange had served as the chair of the city's committee to study potential uses of the old building. Davis commented on the importance of choosing a name that is representative of the city or at least of the local area.

#### Referrals

Davis also requested that the issue of advertised AirBnB rentals be referred to planning staff to review whether there is a need or a way to attempt to regulate these ad hoc rentals of houses, apartments and rooms for the protection of all parties involved, including neighbors. Most councilmembers felt as though this was not a high priority item for the city unless there were resident complaints but were willing to send it to staff for evaluation and so voted. Roberts thought a line might be drawn on how frequently or for what durations the space is rented.

In other referrals, council sent to the Advisory Committee on Education a request from George Boyce to create a city science and technology advisory committee and to the Community Relations Advisory Board a request from Michael Hartman to establish a city advisory committee on inclusion and diversity.

#### Support Group Starts For Widowed Persons

Men and women who have recently lost their spouses are invited to a free support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS) for six weeks starting Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The group will meet one evening each week from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration is required. The group is open to all widowed persons in Prince George's County regardless of age, race or religious beliefs.

Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions. The participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many widows/widowers have benefited from the insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships provided by such groups. To register call 301-577-4312 or 301-483-8202.

#### Library System Hosts **Teen Read Week**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library will celebrate Teen Read Week (October 12 to 18) with special events and programs aimed at encouraging teens around the area to read for the fun of it.

Thousands of libraries, schools and bookstores across the country will hold similar events centered on this year's theme, Turn Dreams into Reality @ your

#### These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!





			Closed Sunday	
Fresh Quality Meat	Farm Fresh Produce	Dairy	Frozen	Supermarket Pharmacy Seafood
Fresh Value Pack \$228 Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast Tenders	Large Seedless 70b.	Yoplait Assorted Yogurts 4-6 oz.	Celeste \$ 100 Assorted Pizza 5-6 oz.	Fresh Catch \$629 Ib. Fillets
Bar-S Meat Franks 1 lb.	Fresh Crisp Delicious Apples Red/Yellow	Pillsbury Assorted <b>98</b> ¢ Grands Biscuits 16.3 oz.	Turkey Hill \$248 Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt.	Viking Frozen Breaded Flounder Fillets
Fresh Lean Beef \$329 lb. Chuck Roast	Fresh Crisp California Carrots 1 lb.	Florida's Natural \$ 300 Premium Assorted Orange Juice	Steak-Umm Sliced Beef Sandwich FREE  Steaks 15 oz.	Sea Cuisine \$729 Crusted Tilapia Fillets
Grocery	Bargains		Grocery	Bargains
San Giorgio Spaghetti or 78¢ Macaroni Asst. 9-16 oz	Del Grosso Assorted <b>98¢</b> Spaghetti Sauces 24 oz.	Anniversary	Chicken of the Sea <b>\$ 100</b> Solid White Tuna 5 oz.	Kraft Assorted \$ 100 Macaroni & Cheese 5-7.3 oz.
Furmano's Tomatoes Whole/Crushed/Sauce 28 oz.	Hunt's \$ 100 Lunch Pack Puddings & Gelatins Assorted 4 pack	SALE	Stroehmann Dutch Country Sliced Breads Assorted 22-24 oz.	Entenmann's Donuts, Cake & Desserts Assorted 7-22 oz.
Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine
Hatfield \$298 Honey Cured or Deli Ham	Fresh Store Baked <b>78</b> ¢ Italian Bread loaf	Pop Chips Baked \$ 199 Potato Chips Assorted 3.5 oz.	Eagle Deluxe <b>2/99</b> ¢ Toothbrush each	Yuengling \$589 Beer 6 pk.–12 oz. cans
New Yorker \$699	•	<b>.</b>	_	Tierucca <b>\$699</b>

# **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.

#### **Sex Offense**

September 19, 11:30 a.m., 20 Southway. A man said that as he was walking through the parking lot of the BP gas station he saw an occupied vehicle. A man got out of it and approached him and propositioned him. The man being propositioned confronted the man, who then got back into the vehicle and fled.

#### Assault

September 17, 9:11 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for second degree assault, disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order after officers responded to a report of a suspicious person. He was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

#### Theft

September 23, 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A 44-yearold nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after car tags reported stolen to the Anne Arundel County Police Department were found on the this man's vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### **Burglary**

September 21, 9:45 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. Nothing taken but several items were vandalized.

September 22, 7:30 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Clothing and watches were taken.

September 23, 6:30 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. Items were moved but nothing appeared to have been taken.

September 23, 9 p.m., 9 Court Southway. Money and checks were taken. Entry may have been gained through an unlocked

#### Vandalism

September 22, 6 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. The front door knob assembly of a residence was damaged.

#### Vehicle Crime

A 2008 Yamaha scooter stolen from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive was recovered the next day by Metro Transit police in a grassy area near the Green-

#### Theater Update

Demolition work is completed. The asbestos and lead paint discovered during demolition has been removed. A bathroom redesign was necessary due to discovery of unknown ductwork. The design has been approved and the architectural drawings finalized. Revised mechanical, electrical and plumbing plans were received on September 11 after the progress meeting was completed. The Pepco electrical heavy-up is 50 percent completed. The electrical contractor is waiting for electrical equipment before work can resume on the heavy-up. Next progress meeting/update is the week of October 13.

belt Metro Station. No arrests were made.

A 2013 Buick Verano stolen September 17 from the 6800 block Megan Lane was recovered September 20 by Prince George's County police at an undisclosed location.

Greenbelt police recovered four vehicles reported stolen by the Prince George's County police: a 2005 Chevrolet van, found near Ora Glen Drive and Matthew Street and a 2003 Chrysler Town & County van, located in the 7700 block Mandan Road.

City police also found a 2006 Dodge Caravan in the 9200 block Edmonston Road and inside it found a 2005 Suzuki GSX motorcvcle.

Thefts from unsecured autos occurred in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road at the Greenbelt Exxon (unattended purse) and 6000 block Greenbelt Road (prescription drugs and a pair of sunglasses).

Thefts from vehicles after windows were broken occurred in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (jacket and shoes), 7800 block Walker Drive (purse) and 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (money).

Tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway and the front passenger window and the door lock assembly were damaged.

Windows of two cars were broken in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive but nothing was taken in either case.

#### No Texting, Dumping On Maryland Roads

On Wednesday, October 1, several new motor vehicle laws took effect, including "Jake's Law" which strengthens penalties for distracted driving.

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The statute is known as Jake's Law after 5-year-old Jake Owen, who was killed in a crash in 2011.

Other motor vehicle laws passed in the last General Assembly session impose driver's license and vehicle registration sanctions on those who are convicted of littering or dumping refuse using a motor vehicle, permits drunk driving offenders to drive with an ignition interlock system instead of having their license suspended, requires vehicles to move over for working tow trucks and defines electric bicycles as bicycles instead of as mopeds.

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#### **Free Invoke Concert Offers New Works**

The Clarice Smith Center sponsors a free concert by invoke on Sunday, October 5, at 7 p.m. at Busboys & Poets in Hyattsville, off Route 1.

Invoke's dance-inspired program features Three Awkward Dances, a new work by the group's own Nick Montopoli, and Peter Schickele's American Dreams, his first string quartet inspired by the sounds of American folk music and dance. The evening will also include a taste of original music from invoke's upcoming debut album release.

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

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The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) invites you to a free clinic with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) on the topic of "Developing Winners in Life Through Sports."



The PCA is a national non-profit dedicated to helping kids become better athletes and better people. Among the many athletes on its team are Phil Jackson, Brandi Chastain, Steve Young, Kerri Strug, and Doc Rivers. You'll get practical tips on how to help your child with setting goals, staying focused, recovering from mistakes, and avoiding burnout. In addition, you'll hear specific strategies for encouraging kids to apply lessons they've learned in sports to the rest of life.

GMST is offering this event free of charge as a service to the Greenbelt community. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 2pm in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library. Space is limited,

so if you'd like to attend please send your RSVP to randyontiveros@gmail.com. And spread the word!

#### **Arts Exchange Holds** Children's Book Event

On Sunday, October 5 from 3 to 4 p.m. local writer Renee Domogauer will read from her children's book, The Washington Oak Kittens, with special activities perfect for ages 3 and up. This event is free.

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Oct. 19 1-3pm

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Oct. 19 3-5pm

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Oct. 29 5-7

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# A Spiritual Journey Shows Eastern Shore

by Madeleine Deason

Peter Stern, who studied photography at Johnson State College in Vermont from 1980 to 1981, did not start shooting landscapes from the air until he began flying ultralight planes as a hobby in 2003. He became a licensed Light Sport Pilot in 2007 and flies his plane with one hand while taking photos with the other – a precarious situation that allows him to capture his unusual

Stern said he chose aerial photography as a medium because by "flying low and slow, and being able to see far and wide" he can create an image that he "wouldn't have access to on the ground."

It also gives him, a resident of Baltimore, a chance to "learn about unusual places" like the marshes of the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay or the coal region of Pennsylvania, he said.

Though Stern said he does not identify with any particular religion, he added that there is an undeniable spirituality in his photos.

#### **Gallery Show**

The single stand-alone photo in the Greenbelt Community Center gallery shows what Stern calls a Marsh Spirit, a human-like figure that seems to run among the turns and curves of the marshes.

Stern calls this photograph from 2010 "beautiful and unusual." He says it inspired him to take a three-day journey of the marshes of the Eastern Shore, which he completed in October 2012.

The spiritual journey that Stern has made, combining his two passions of flying and photography, has also helped him overcome personal struggles, as he said during a lecture on March 6 at Towson Unitarian Universalist Church.

Stern said alcoholism and depression had pushed him to a dark place in his life in 2009. It was his "almost obsessive passion to create more aerial photography," he said, that helped him to recover.

One year after his three-day journey over the marshes of the Eastern Shore, Stern came across James Michener's book, Chesapeake, about the Susquehannok tribe located near the area where Stern now keeps his plane, he

Stern found similarities between himself and the main character of the book, who also made a personal journey along the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake. And he said it compelled him to "try to look back and imagine the landscape as it might have appeared" before western inter-

#### Drawn to his Work

Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor at the Greenbelt Community Cen-

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Marsh Spirit by Peter Stern

ter, says she was drawn to Stern's work by his artistic eye, "gazing down on the golden beauty of the marshlands in autumn." The Greenbelt community is very conscientious about our connection with the Chesapeake Bay watershed, she said. "Stern's work provides a perspective on this region which is new for most

The exhibit, SLICE: Sculpture by David Purcell and Aerial Photography by Peter Stern, will be at the Community Center Art Gallery through October 17. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7p.m. A reception with the artists will be held as part of the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center on October 5 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Madeleine Deason is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism, writing for the News Review.

#### Star Party Scheduled For Saturday, Oct. 4

The public is invited to a star party, sponsored by the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. Catch last glimpses of Saturn and Mars. Enjoy a view of the waxing gibbous Moon. Several nice star clusters and nebulae may also be available for observing. It's all happening Saturday, October 4 at the Greenbelt City Observatory at the end of Northway. Setup will begin at dusk – probably around 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

Park in the lot at the bottom of Observatory Hill unless bringing a telescope. In that case, park and set up on the hill. Club members will be setting up personal telescopes, so if considering a purchase, try out different types during the event. Need help with a new telescope? Bring it and an experienced club person will be available to help. A jacket is advisable as the weather is getting nippy.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it's hopelessly cloudy.

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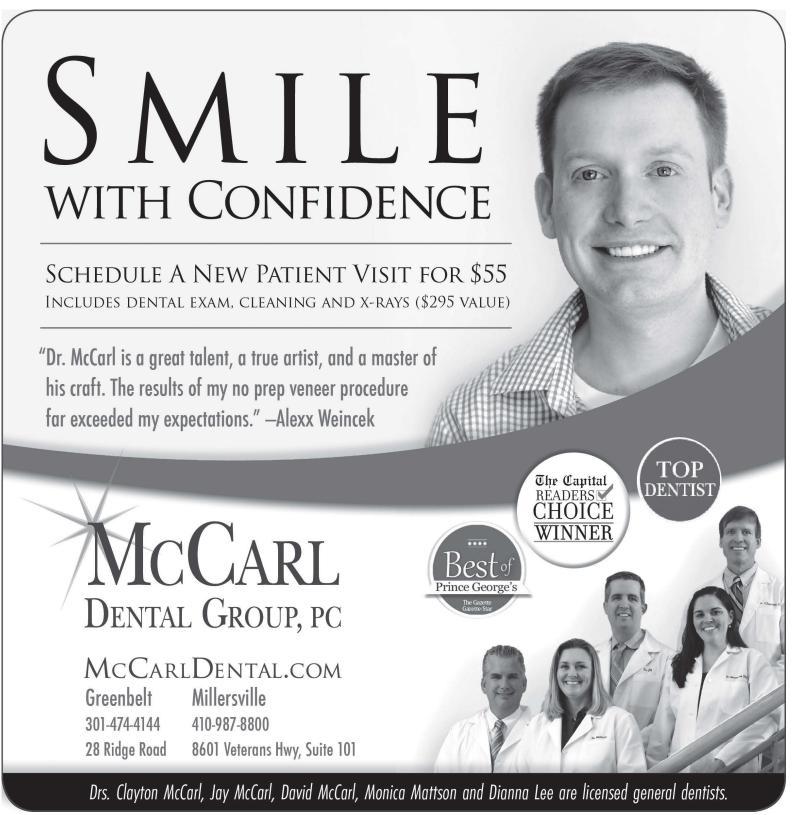
The National Gallery of Art presents a free concert by the Senegal St. Joseph's Choir on Sunday, October 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the West Building, West Garden Court. The performance will include music by African American composers.

#### Free Cooking Demo Shows Fall Feasts

noon to 1:30 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will hold a free cooking demonstration, fall market feasts, with Adrienne Cook, gardening and cooking writer and Danielle Cook, M.S., nutrition-

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# Telescope-making Session At Owens Science Center

by Justin Meyer

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) hosted Guy Brandenburg, instructor of telescopemaking and mirror-making at the Chevy Chase Community Center for the National Capital Astronomers (NCA), in an information session on telescope making Thursday, September 18 at the Owens Science

During the presentation, Brandenburg touched

on the advantages of amateur telescope-making, the best methods of building telescopes and how to test them.

Secretary of ASG Martha Gay praised Brandenburg for his work.

"I'm so glad someone is doing what he does, which is to really offer a venue where people can get together and share expertise," she said. "It's nice if you want to make a mirror to have someone who has made a mirror before, knows how to test them and what goes into making a telescope."

David Dunham, the founder and former president of the International Occultation Timing Association and current Mission Design Chief at KinetX, said "There's always a tug-of-war between those who make telescopes and those who use them, but we both need each other."



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Guy Brandenburg talks about making mirrors.

Wayne Warren, who worked for the Goddard Space Flight Center for 25 years and is currently a professor of astronomy at UMUC, said, "That's why I came here, to learn things."

"There's nothing quite as much fun as looking through a telescope you made yourself," Gay said. "I think the first thing I saw through mine was Jupiter. Oh, that was exciting."

ASG's next event will be their Star Party on Oct. 4 at their observatory at Northway Field, Gay said. Herman Heyn, who has been doing astronomy from Fell's Point in Baltimore for 20 years, will be the speaker for the meeting on Oct. 30 at the Greenbelt Community Center, she added.

Justin Meyer is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

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A Review

# Off the Quill Offers Energetic Dance, Kinetics, Wild Ride

by Jim Link

Off The Quill's production of Hamlet, now at the Greenbelt Arts Center, keeps its promise to give audiences energetic, imaginative work saturated with dance and kinetic whimsy. Director Patrick Mullen and choreographers Kathleen Moors and Diane Samuelson begin the night's wild ride with Marcellus and Bernardo, the soldiers who first see Hamlet's ghost, doing a bit of booty shaking on the parapet. Yup.

The scene segues quickly to Elsinore's court where couples are celebrating the o'er hasty marriage of Claudius and Gertrude by waltzing, dipping, swirling, even hand dancing a bit. You will also relish the bizarre but effective depiction of Ophelia's drowning, the colorful arrival of the play actors, the murder of Gonzago (the-playwithin-the-play) and of course Laertes' duel with Hamlet - all scenes presented vigorously and convincingly.

Director Mullen is also the fight choreographer and Hamlet's ghost – a busy fellow indeed.

But none of this dazzle is for cheap effect – it doesn't detract from Hamlet's moral paralysis or weaken our horror at the surveillance state of Denmark's rottenness. The bard is large, after all he contains multitudes and his great tragedy can absorb OTQ's risky innovations easily. Happily, they enhance the play in unexpected ways.

The principal characters are thoroughly satisfying. The whole cast, in fact, is solid, smooth and professional.

Foremost is Michael J. Dombroski, superb as the melancholy Dane. He is piercing, energetic, even angry - "What a rogue and peasant slave am I!" Though he is richly complicated, conflicted and mysterious, there is no Olivier-like languid dreaminess for Dombroski. He is at the top of his game, a pleasure to watch.

William Cassidy as the fratricidal Claudius is both Machiavellian and sincerely repentant. His diction is measured - almost slow

- precise and clear, so that the audience understands the setting and thrust of the play's action. Thoroughly professional, he is a comfortable and reassuring murderer to listen to, if I may

His loving spouse Gertrude, expertly played by Katie Wanschura, may or may not be complicit in her first husband's murder. She is arch and ambiguous, as well as harrowed by Hamlet's excoriating comparison of her two husbands. Wanschura, as costumer, gave Laertes a Roman collar and a crucifix when he urges chastity on Ophelia – a nice touch. The gowns, Isadora Duncanesque scarves, military gear and Rosencrantz and Gildenstern's dresses are all nice touches, too.

Yes, Rosencrantz and Gildenstern, the interchangeable yes men fatally ready to do Claudius' bidding, are played by Shannon Riley and Meredith Coyle, two very slinky and comical women. Claudius' advice to them to probe Hamlet's intentions - "draw him on to pleasures" - takes on a new meaning. Sheathed, insinuating, cajoling – they still do not pluck out the heart of Hamlet's

Ophelia as played by Chelsie Lloyd is no anorexic ingenue - think Jean Simmons to Olivier. She has a low, husky voice - at least in this role is calm, self-contained (except during her madness), even challenges Hamlet after he insults her - "Get thee to a nunnery!" Lloyd speaks her great peroration on Hamlet's blasted virtues - "Oh what a mind is here o'er thrown!" - directly to Hamlet, not as a soliloquy. She is actually chiding him more than wringing her hands. Quite subtly, Lloyd "gives Ophelia a different voice," as the program notes indicate.

In a very different context, Lloyd also cartwheels across the stage. It works, honest.

The ever reliable Brian Moors does triple duty as Marcellus, the player king and the priest at Ophelia's funeral. Joe Roberts



let and Diane Samuelson as the gravedigger.

is an effective, rash, combustible Laertes, as quick to take revenge as Hamlet is to think his way

Joel Lorenzetti nails the brief role of Fortinbras beautifully.

Masculine, forceful, an effective avenger unlike the cerebral, myriad-minded Hamlet, he assumes the throne with a sense of entitlement after the carnage of the denouement. Devon Tully is excellent as the sympathetic bosom friend Horatio, who absents himself from felicity to tell Hamlet's story.

Finally, there is Donald Cook as the hapless Polonius. He is spot on as the prating, officious, meddling counselor to Claudius and helicopter dad to Ophelia and Laertes. Cook bounces and swirls about, cocksure of his judgments, "This is the very ecstasy of love!" - always off the mark, blithely unselfaware. Kudos to Cook for being a really annoying nudge.

An audience member told me she had forgotten how many lines from Hamlet have entered our cultural lexicon. Here are a few we remembered as we preened ourselves on our kulchural literacy.

The play's the thing wherein I'll catch the conscience of the

Thus does conscience make cowards of us all.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be.

I'll speak daggers to her but

use none. Rosemary is for remembrance.

The readiness is all. Now cracks a noble heart.

Good night, sweet prince.

And of course . . . The rest is silence . .

OTQ delivers one heck of a shock ending to this bold, impressive production which director Mullen assures me has textual logic and scholarly support for its validity.

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Chelsie Lloyd as Ophelia.

