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## Newspaper Launches Community Calendar this Week on Website

by Cathie Meetre and Tom Jones

Have you ever wondered what to do on a Saturday night, where to play games or sports or when the next festival or meeting is scheduled? Until now, information about Greenbelt events has been scattered across many websites – the city and recreation department, the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center, among others. This week the News Review is launching the Greenbelt Community Calendar which is a consolidated list of events throughout the city.

The Calendar was developed with support from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, the Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA), and Greenbelt IT architect Tom Jones. The Calendar is online at [www.greenbelt-newsreview.com](http://www.greenbelt-newsreview.com). Clicking the calendar button from the home page provides a summary of the events for the coming week with a preview of upcoming major events. Activities can be selected by category (such as entertainment, worship services, yard sales



and fitness) or by organization. Almost every event has a clickable heading that goes straight to the organizer's website or online documentation for details. The Calendar is already filled with seasonal events for November and December. When's the Festival of Lights? Which Sunday is the holiday Farmers Market? Is there a supper at the firehouse? No need to puzzle it out, just check the Calendar.

Behind the scenes, the Calen-

dar also allows Greenbelt organizations to coordinate upcoming events. By posting tentative events in an area unseen by the public, organizations can now either avoid conflicting schedules or collaborate to combine events. This advance coordination capability was one of FONDCA's goals for its Foundation grant.

All community organizations are welcome to list events on See **CALENDAR**, page 6

## City Council Meeting Involves Much Talk; Action to Follow

by Kathleen Gallagher

For a meeting that lasted the better part of three hours, not a great deal happened at the October 27 Greenbelt City Council meeting. A tribute to the city's outgoing representative on the Prince George's County Council, Ingrid Turner, was reported previously. More time than usual was spent on receiving requests under the petitions and requests section of the meeting, which are not acted upon at the meeting at which they are presented. Four requests were made, one of them quite lengthy.

### Petitions and Requests

An item that should return on the agenda of a meeting in late November or early December was requested for discussion by Patrick McAndrew who appeared on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police. During an impasse hearing held earlier in the year under the collective bargaining agreement, the city decided not to reinstate step increases in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for those covered by the agreement because the funding was not available. Commenting on a recent announcement that a revenue surplus of \$400,000 is now anticipated, McAndrew asked council to revisit the matter. He stressed that this was a free-standing request rather than a request to reconsider the impasse decision.

Susan Barnett, commenting that the day of the meeting marked the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, thanked the city for its support and contributions to the year-long celebration of the preserve's first decade. She also made a request that the city keep in mind, as part of discussions about the possible new facility for the FBI, new legislation requiring pollinator-friendly landscaping for new federal buildings.

Representatives of Community Hospice Services, who said they have a clinical office in Calverton and facilities in D.C., appeared to say that they wish to pursue holding a Healing Arts Fair at Roosevelt Center in May of next year. They requested assistance from the city in doing so in cooperation with other city organizations that may be interested. The event would include vendors, artists and services such as massage therapy.

The last request was from resident Theodora Scarato, who presented information to council regarding recent publications on the carcinogenic qualities of wireless electronic equipment, especially as they may impact children, since the current standards are not designed for them. A related concern that she particu-

larly asked council to consider is the implications of placing cell towers on school properties. She said this is being done in an absence of legislation and standards, particularly with regard to recognizing the greater vulnerability of young people. She urged council to request that there be a process by which communities can have a say on whether and how the school system can take these actions. She also noted that the income to be gained from such use is not high enough to justify the risk.

Mayor Emmett Jordan said the city would look into the jurisdictional issues involved with the county's use of property within the city. Councilmember Konrad Herling, who is employed by the Federal Communications Commission, said he had already asked to talk with people from the wireless division of the FCC and would continue to pursue that.

### Let's Move!

Recreation Director Julie McHale announced that Greenbelt had been named a Five Gold Medal Achiever as part of the Let's Move! program. Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama. The program

See **COUNCIL**, page 7

## American Education Week

In celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on the other local public schools.

Organized by Lisa Zammuto, the stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school. David Lange, who originated the series, assisted.

## A Dedicated Teacher Who Supports ESOL Parents

by Rebecca Boggs

"Shari Cornell strives to build a positive school culture and parent engagement," says Phyllis Gillens, principal of Magnolia Elementary School. "She is dedicated to the profession of teaching." She has taken the lead or assisted in developing activities such as Literacy Day, the Box Tops for Education Incentive Program and College Day. Cornell has also developed a new quarterly parent involvement program called Café Magnolia. It provides parents of students in



Shari Cornell

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) an opportunity to gain knowledge about the curriculum and strategies to assist their children at home.

Originally from Salisbury, Md., Cornell has taught for four years at Magnolia Elementary and seven years total. She majored in elementary education and minored in early childhood education at East Carolina University. She also has a masters in Teachers of English

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## Huften Marks Milestones Teaching at Magnolia

by Rebecca Boggs

Julie Huften, kindergarten teacher at Magnolia Elementary School, is completing her 15th year of teaching: 10 at Magnolia and 5 with the Imagine Learning afterschool program.

"Julie Huften works diligently to ensure that she continues to grow professionally," says Phyllis Gillens, Magnolia principal. She received the prestigious National Board Certification and now is pursuing her master's degree. Huften is dedicated to the profes-



Julie Huften

sion of teaching and continuous growth to assist students.

A native of Maryland and a Bowie resident, Huften received her graduate certificate in Professional Teaching Standards from George Washington University and is currently working on her Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate at the University of Maryland.

See **HUFTEN**, page 6

### What Goes On

- Saturday, November 22**  
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Office and Community Center
- Monday, November 24**  
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [greenbeltnmd.gov/municipalvtv](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/municipalvtv)
- Tuesday, November 25**  
7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team, Community Center
- Thursday, November 27**  
9 a.m., Gobble Wobble Race and Walk, Youth Center (See city ad on page 5 for details.)

*Editorial***Disheartened**

We were most disheartened by the decision of the Prince George's Democratic Central Committee to endorse candidates in the non-partisan school board elections just held and to name those candidates as part of the Democratic slate published and distributed to voters throughout the county. Reports in other publications indicate that members of the Central Committee also were reluctant to endorse these candidates but did so under strong pressure from County Executive Rushern Baker and State Senator Paul Pinsky at a second special meeting.

The education of our children should not be a partisan political issue but rather a united effort to do what is best for them. To that extent, this county and most other school districts hold non-partisan elections for the selection of school board members. We support such elections.

As did members of the Greenbelt City Council, Baker and Pinsky, as individuals, had the right to endorse candidates of their choice. But their efforts in securing the slating of these school board candidates as a part of the Democratic ticket was wrong, as it also was for those Central Committee members who supported them, reluctantly or not.

**Greenbelt Schools Hold a Book Drive**

From November 16 through December 20, Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza will conduct a book drive to support the community literacy initiatives at Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School.

Selected books will be displayed for patrons to purchase. These will be set aside and donated to the schools to support efforts to rally the community in raising the collective consciousness of students to the significance, promotion and celebration of literacy.

Additionally, a portion of the proceeds earned during the book drive will be donated to GMS for its literacy initiative.

**Grin Belt**

"This is better than getting cooked!"

**Letters to the Editor****Thanks**

Thank you News Review and Diane Oberg for the very informative article on the Homes Improvement Program run in the November 6 issue.

As a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) member who lives on a fixed income, it's important for me to know what is happening with the program and the options I will or will not have for the future. There seems to be a lack of communication between the GHI Board of Directors and members. I know I should be attending some or all of the committee meetings but sometimes after a full day, one wants to just stay home for an evening.

I would suggest that the board and committee meetings be recorded and made available on the GHI website for viewing.

*Ellen Weiss*

**HIP Recommendations**

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s Board of Directors will soon vote on the Homes Improvement Program (HIP) and what unfunded elements should be presented to the membership for a final decision. As concerned residents, we feel it is crucial for other members to understand and act on this issue, as the board's recommendations may result in fee increases for members.

We have been impressed with the Buildings Committee's dedication and expertise throughout the Pilot Program and think its report is a thoughtful blueprint for future home improvements.

However, our community has learned that there are serious problems with the crawlspaces that may threaten the structural integrity of many GHI homes. It is imperative for the board to determine the full extent and nature of these problems, including the cost of crawlspace repairs, before recommending nonessential home improvements, which involve borrowing money to fund. Critical crawlspace repairs must be addressed first.

GHI can undertake these crawlspace repairs in tandem with the projects covered by the Replacement Reserves. The Replacement Reserves work of replacing doors, windows, and vinyl siding could get underway using already-budgeted funds at the same time the crawlspace inspections are completed and



PHOTO BY WILLIS WITTER

**English ivy overtakes the Forest Preserve floor.**

the cost of repairs is calculated. This approach would avoid GHI borrowing money for nonessential improvements when this borrowing power may be needed to pay for critical crawlspace repairs.

We, as members, must live within our means while caring for and improving our homes. GHI's challenge is to manage its finite financial resources and pay for critical structural repairs. The board can meet this challenge and preserve GHI as a viable community in perpetuity by putting first things first.

Members, let the board know how you feel! Sign the petition ([petitions.moveon.org/sign/greenbelt-homes-inc-ghi](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/greenbelt-homes-inc-ghi)), write the board and attend meetings. Please also share this petition link with your neighbors.

*Anna Socrates, Kris White  
Stephen Holland*

**Two-track Approach For Forest Preserve**

I thank the Greenbelt City Council and city staff for Monday's work session on the Forest Preserve Management Guidelines that focused on the threat of invasive plants. While worksessions don't involve votes or decisions, several councilmembers leaned toward a dual strategy approach. On one hand, the need for assessments of the preserve by professional forest ecologists attracted broad support. The assessments could then be used by a task force of Greenbelters to develop a long-term management plan, which would rely heavily on volunteers to keep critical areas of the preserve in pristine condition.

The second strategy could

See **LETTERS**, page 5

**GUTTER CLEANING**

Aerotech Gutter, DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction are performing fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning November 24, work will be in this approximate area:  
**Ridge Courts 1-29; Southway Courts 1-11;  
Westway Courts 1-2; Crescent Courts 1-10;  
Gardenway Courts 2 & 4**

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

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

**ERHS Winter Concert Is December 4**

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra and Roosevelt Strings, directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands, directed by Sally Wagner; and the Chamber Choirs directed by Michele Fowlin. The ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

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

# 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.

## At the Library

All county library branches will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday and remain closed on Thursday, November 27. The Greenbelt library will reopen on Friday, November 28 at 10 a.m.

### Storytimes

There will be no storytimes on Thursday, November 27 because of the holiday. The next storytimes will be presented on Tuesday, December 2: Toddler Storytime, 2 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people; and Thursday, December 4: Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; Baby Lap-time Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Baby Storytime, 12:15 p.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people.

The programs contain a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.

## Upcoming Events New Deal Café

On Thursday, November 20, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, November 21, John Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Frenchy and the Punk bring their cabaret-style music to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 22, a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays classic American standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Billy Coulter Band performs original songs with rock, country and pop influences from 8 to 11 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch on Sunday, November 23, from 10:30 a.m. till noon. Sunday evening, LuLu's Fate offers original and covers of country and Appalachian style music from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 25, DragonSong brings unique World Music and an ensemble of belly dancers to the Café from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 26, for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music, a free Cajun Jam will be held. Beginners are welcome. Eat and socialize from 6 to 7 p.m. Jam from 7 to 9:30 p.m.



## Draft Report is Topic At GCDC Meeting

The annual members meeting of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC) will take place on Saturday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center. The main focus for discussion will be the draft report on economic development recently prepared for the city, especially the portion relating to Roosevelt Center.

All members of the public are invited to the meeting. GCDC members may renew their memberships at the door and new folks may become members as well.

Contact Barbara Simon at [simongava@yahoo.com](mailto:simongava@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Co-op Will Be Closed Thanksgiving Day

Co-op will close on Thursday November 27 for Thanksgiving. Visit [greenbelt.coop](http://greenbelt.coop) for more information about upcoming events, specials and the winner of this year's Jim Cassels Community Service Award. Congratulations to alight dance theater!

## GHI Notes

Friday, November 21, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday, November 24, 7 p.m., Communications Committee meeting, GHI lobby

Tuesday, November 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee meeting, Board Room

Thursday, November 27, OFFICE CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day). Emergency maintenance will be available.

Friday, November 28, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday, December 1, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase orientation, Board Room

Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting (open session), Board Room

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204  
[www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org) • Studio: 301-507-6581

### Members Only

"Black Friday's Race through Premiere" class  
 Friday, Nov. 28th, 10AM-6PM  
 Skip the malls and learn Adobe Premiere editing software instead! Basic computer skills required. Previous editing experience a plus.

### Open to the Public – Orientation Class

Want to make a video?  
 The first step is to attend the GATE Orientation class. Learn about our policies and procedures to find out if Public Access is right for you!  
 Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30-10PM  
 Mark your calendar! Last Orientation of 2014!

Seating is limited.  
 RSVP for a seat at: [GreenbeltAccess@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltAccess@gmail.com)  
 See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 at [www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org) and click on "schedule"

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Pancakes • Syrup • Sausages • Eggs  
 Photos with Santa, Laughter & Merriment

December 6, 8 to 11 a.m.  
 Children 12 and younger – Free, All others – \$7/person  
 At the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD

For more information call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766




Greenbelt Unit #136  
 American Legion Auxiliary presents our annual

## Craft Bazaar

Handmade items                      Refreshments  
 Raffles                                      Jewelry

Bake Sale  
**Saturday, November 29, 2014**  
 10:00am to 3:00 pm

6900 Greenbelt Rd.  
 MD Rte. 193  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770



For info: Rusty Beeg @ 301-602-7214 or [rbeeg@verizon.net](mailto:rbeeg@verizon.net)

## Greenbelt Arts Center

### LAST CHANCE TO SEE



## Death by Design

A Comedy with Murder  
 by Rob Urbinati  
 directed by Ann Lowe-Barrett

**November 21 & 22 at 8:00**  
**LAST SHOW November 23 at 2:00**

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

**COMING SOON**

The Heroes Tale - Nov. 29 - Guest Production from BrownWork Entertainment  
 Which Me Do You Want To See? - Nov. 30  
 A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Dec 5-7 - Guest production by The Renaissance Man  
 The Chromatics - Dec 13 & 14 - Holiday Concert

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)  
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 CENTER COURT OF BELTWAY PLAZA  
**301-220-1155**  
 For directions visit [www.academy8theaters.com](http://www.academy8theaters.com)  
 Most features are \$5.00  
 all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D  
 R = ID Required  
 (!) = No passes, (!!)= No passes weekend  
 \* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows

## WEEK OF NOV 21

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY**  
 Interstellar, PG-13  
 11:30, 3:30, 7:30  
 John Wick, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35  
 Big Hero 6, PG  
 11:05, 11:50, 1:40, 2:25 (3D), 4:15, 6:50, 9:25  
 Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1, PG-13 (!)\*  
 11, 12, 1:45, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:20, 10:10  
 Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!!)  
 11:25, 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10  
 Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:40

**SUNDAY – MONDAY**  
 Interstellar, PG-13  
 11:30, 3:55, 7:30  
 John Wick, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10  
 Big Hero 6, PG  
 11:05, 11:50, 1:40, 2:25 (3D), 4:15, 6:50  
 Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1, PG-13 (!)\*  
 11, 12, 1:45, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:20, 8:10  
 Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!!)  
 11:25, 2, 4:40, 7:25  
 Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7

**TUESDAY**  
 Interstellar, PG-13  
 11:55, 3:55, 7:30  
 John Wick, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:45, 4:20  
 Horrible Bosses, R\*  
 7, 9:35  
 Big Hero 6, PG  
 11:05, 11:50, 1:40, 2:25 (3D), 4:15, 6:50, 9:25  
 Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1, PG-13 (!)\*  
 11, 12, 1:45, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:20, 10:10  
 Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!!)  
 11:25, 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10  
 Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:40

**WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY**  
 Interstellar, PG-13  
 11:55, 3:55, 7:30  
 Horrible Bosses, R\*  
 11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35  
 Penguins of Madagascar, PG (!!)\*  
 11:50, 2:20, 2:25, 4, 4:40 (3D), 7, 9:30 (3D)  
 Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1, PG-13 (!)\*  
 11, 1:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:20, 9:20, 10:10  
 Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!)  
 11, 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05  
 Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
 11:25, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50  
 Big Hero 6, PG  
 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45

# Obituaries

## Mary Linstrom

Mary Lewis Marcilliat Linstrom, age 95, died on Sunday, November 9, 2014. She was the second of three daughters born to Mary Katherine Mattingly and John Baptiste Marcilliat in Bauer, Ky., on March 11, 1919. Because of the early deaths of her parents, she was raised by her paternal aunt, Anna Marcilliat. Her family moved to Louisville, where she was educated at Ursuline Academy (now Bellarmine University).



Mary met her husband, Lt. Col. John E. Linstrom (Jack), on a blind date while he was stationed at Fort Knox. They had a long-distance courtship while Jack fought in the South Pacific and were married in January 1946. Jack and Mary returned to Omaha, Neb. (Jack's birthplace) after the war, where he finished his law degree at Creighton University. The family then moved to the Washington, D.C., area, eventually settling in Greenbelt in 1952, where they raised their nine children.

Mrs. Linstrom was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and later joined the Catholic Community of Greenbelt. She worked for Prince George's County Memorial Library System and was president of the Ladies of Charity at St. Hugh's, later becoming president for the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity.

Upon the death of her husband in 1978, she returned to school to complete her undergraduate degree in 1980 at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she majored in history and architecture. She became a member of the Beta-Omega Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Society in 1979.

As a member of the Interfaith Council of Churches of Greenbelt, Mrs. Linstrom devoted countless hours to the causes of eviction relief and homelessness. She was a founding member of the Greenbelt Museum as well. She was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1994.

Mrs. Linstrom spent her later years gardening, traveling, enjoying her ever-growing family, theater-going and hosting vodka parties for her woman friends. She was also an active member of the Prince George's County and Maryland historical societies.

Although she dearly loved Greenbelt she never forgot her

Kentucky roots, looking forward every spring to watching the Kentucky Derby and sipping a mint julep. She adapted quickly to, and loved, the Maryland tradition of having crabs and beer each summer.

Mrs. Linstrom died peacefully, surrounded by family. She lived a selfless life based on the Golden Rule and the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Sacred Scripture. Her life is a shining example of the leavening effect of repeated small acts of kindness and charity. Like so many of her age, she was a member of The Greatest Generation.

Mrs. Linstrom is survived by her nine children, Mary (David), John (Karen), Christopher (Khing), Katherine (Jeffrey), Nora (Stephen), Joan (Kenny), Gerard (Alison), Elizabeth (Larry) and David (Stacey), as well as 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Celebration of Life For Dorothy Baluch

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held on Friday, November 28, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

All are welcome.

## Evan Jack Owens

Evan Jack Owens, 1 Court of Laurel Hill Road, died on November 2, 2014. He was born on September 9, 1921, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Mr. Owens, who was known as Jack, served in World War II, joining the U.S. Army Air Force in 1944. He was an airplane armorer for the 5th Fighter Squadron 52nd Fighter Group and the 2nd Bomber Group. He was honorably discharged on August 26, 1945.

In 1947 he married Irene. They raised two children. He retired from Metro in 1986, a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689 for 68 years.

Mr. Owens was a member of the College Park Moose, the Greenbelt American Legion, Golden Agers and St. Mark's Seniors.

The Owens travelled with the M-NCPPC, Golden Agers and the Frederick NARFE chapter.

Mr. Owens is survived by his wife Irene of the home; son Albert of Ventura, Calif., and daughter Donna of Hyattsville and their families - including two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Sympathy to News Review staffer Shirl Phelps and her mother Julie Phelps on the death of their grandmother and mother Barbara Phelps, who died November 13, 2014, at the age of 93, in Redlands, Calif. She worked in education for 50 years and was part of the original Head Start program.

We were sorry to hear of the death of pioneer Greenbelter Helen J. Ritter Hindt, 80, of Mechanicsville, Md., on November 14, 2014. She was predeceased by her siblings Harvey and Louise Ritter. Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Home on Thursday, November 20; the funeral service will be at Gasch's on Friday, November 21 at 11:00 a.m.

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

- Kathleen McFarland



## Thanksgiving Service Scheduled

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The offering collected will go to the Emergency Relief Fund for rental assistance. Checks should be made out to the "City of Greenbelt" with Emergency Relief Fund written on the memo line.

## Santa Hosts Breakfast

There will be a "Breakfast With Santa" pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 6 at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road, from 8 to 11 a.m. There is a charge for adults. Children 12 and under are free with a paying adult.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, hot chocolate and orange juice. The breakfast is sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with the Greenbelt American Legion. All profits from this event will be used for the Lions charitable projects.

To find out more about the Lions Club, come to the breakfast or call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766.

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**Sunday Breakfast Served 8:45-9:25 a.m.**

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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.

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November 23, 10 a.m.  
Thanksgiving for Life  
Rev. Russ Savage, with Carol Boston and Genie Ahearn, Worship Associates, and the Choir.

Every faith tradition calls its followers to give thanks. We think of this especially at this harvest time of year, but it is true throughout the year. We are called to a spirit of gratitude by life itself. In this all-ages service, we will take up a special collection for the UU Service Committee's Guest At Your Table program, and we will share a harvest communion. This is Signing Sunday.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, November 30  
Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM  
All are welcome.

# Letters

be likened to first aid. Common invasives such as English ivy have already penetrated some areas of the woods. In the two or three years needed to draft and implement a long-term management plan, ivy could become a permanent ground cover over a significant swath of the preserve. Several councilmembers expressed interest in a process that would allow city staff to organize outings to remove some of the more obvious invasives.

The photograph submitted with this letter shows a stand of English ivy that has destroyed the understory of about a half-acre of woods on city-owned property behind my house in Old Greenbelt. The invasion from nearby back yards took two to three years to develop. In another two years, the ivy will undoubtedly spread to an additional half-acre. I can't help but ask: "Is this the future of the Forest Preserve?"

Since the Forest Preserve Guidelines were enacted, neglect has been the primary tactic used to care for the preserve. There was nothing malicious about the policy. Instead it was based on a belief that the best way to take care of a forest is to leave it as undisturbed by people as possible. With the exception of the Pumpkin Walk, groups hiking in these woods are not always welcome. The Guidelines say the presence of people in the preserve is "not actively encouraged." This policy runs contrary to a broad consensus in the scientific community that woods in urban setting require active management to control the inevitable onslaught of invasives.

The possibility of council embracing a two-track approach – first aid now, followed by long-term management based on sound ecological science – gives me more hope for the future of the preserve than at any time since the preserve was created a decade ago.

I encourage people to hike these woods, alone or with friends. Hopefully, those who experience the preserve will develop an interest in volunteering as the city embarks on a renewed effort to protect the woods. If the effort succeeds, future generations of Greenbelters will look back with gratitude – much as the citizens today can thank an earlier generation that began the annual Pumpkin Walk, which helped save the woods from a developer and create the Forest Preserve.

Willis Witter



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, November 24, 2014- 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Recycle Right Awards

#### Petitions and Requests

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2014-1 (Substitution of CMA for Rock Salt in Deicing of Roads, Use of Pickup Trucks)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Installation of Kalwall Roof System over the Indoor Pool Area at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Structures Unlimited, Inc. at a Cost not to Exceed \$570,000
- 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Petition for a Policy on Reporting Crime and Special Procedures for Child Pornography
- Petition Regarding Safety of Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices
- Petition to Oppose Locating Cell Phone Towers on School Property
- Greenbelt Theater – 35 mm Projector
- 2015 Legislative Program
- Updating of Forest Preserve Maintenance and Management Guidelines
- Council Reports
- \*- Letter to County – Transportation Priorities
- \*- Removal from Advisory Board
- \*- Employee Special Holiday

### 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.

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 24-28

Monday, November 24 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES) and GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

**All meetings listed are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 24

- Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
  - Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
  - Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
  - Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday – No Recycling Collection
- There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 28.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt Arts Center café and artists studio open house - all fair hours

- Saturday, December 6, 10am-5pm**
- Sunday, December 7, 10am-4pm,** plus:
- Greenbelt Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm
- Free all-ages monoprint workshop, 1-3pm
- GATE animation open house, 1pm-4pm
- Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 1pm-5pm (\$3)



## BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER



**Saturday, November 22  
from 10am-2pm**

**Greenbelt Coop Ramp, 121**

To create more floor space for the adoptable animals and their visitors, WAGS (Well-wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) plan to purchase raised beds for the dogs and cats. Free Will Donation Checks also accepted. Make payable to WAGS. (Tax deductible!) Thank you!

**GET ACTIVE GREENBELT!**

**2014 GOBBLE WOBBLE**

**Date: Thursday, November 27**  
**Time: 9:00AM**  
*Race-day registration begins at 8am.*

**Location: Greenbelt Youth Center**

**Entry Fees**

- Pre-registration
- Individual - \$15
- Family 4-pack - \$50

**Day of Race**

- Individual - \$20
- Family 4-pack - \$70

**\*Race Packet Pick-Up\*  
Wednesday, November 26  
9:00am - 8:00pm (Youth Center)**

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the ninth annual Gobble Wobble. The Gobble Wobble is roughly a 5K race (2 laps) and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk (1 lap) around Buddy Attick Park lake path. Join your family, friends, and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your Thanksgiving feast.

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**For more information contact:  
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Sports & Recreation Coordinator  
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aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov**

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**LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE**

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 3, 2014 until January 16, 2015. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles. **Info: 301-474-8004**

**November 24-28:** Lakewood (Nov. 27-28 Holiday)  
**December 1-5:** Lakeside, Greenspring I & II  
**December 8-12:** Boxwood  
**December 15-19:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates

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**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 and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
**American Rescue Workers**

Saturday, November 22nd, from 9am-12noon  
Parking lot between City Office and Community Ctr.  
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to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the University of Maryland and is currently studying for her administrative certificate at Trinity College.

Five years ago she switched from teaching third grade to teaching ESOL because, she says, "I liked ESOL students. They were excited to learn and you could see them learning and getting excited themselves." Cornell works with 80 children whom she pulls out of class throughout the week for small group ESOL instruction. "With beginning ESOL there is a lot of necessary vocabulary and subject-related vocabulary to teach. The majority of students in the program though, just need help with reading skills and academic vocabulary," she explains.

Cornell's students and their families are mostly from El Salvador, Nigeria, India, Turkey and Vietnam. As mentioned, she recently started Café Magnolia for ESOL parents to come and learn about the school and its resources. They meet once a quarter to discuss school issues and learn about the school system. At the last meeting, there were 25 participants.

In late October Cornell also led Literacy Day, a school wide

event at Magnolia. Each class read and dressed up as characters from a book designated by the teacher. The morning of Literacy Day, pleased parents watched as the children paraded by representing characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith, Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and other well-known books. Later in the day, volunteers read more books in each classroom. It was a reading extravaganza.

Cornell says that the best thing about teaching is "seeing students progress, especially students with no English at all and seeing them learn and learn how to read." Her greatest challenge is "getting students to read at night. Lots of students don't have books or don't get taken to the library. I encourage students to bring home books," comments Cornell, whose classroom is filled with books almost up to the ceiling.

Cornell's hope for her students is "that they succeed in life, graduate from high school and go on to college." Her joyful and positive demeanor, along with expansive ESOL knowledge, will certainly help her students meet their goals.

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This is Huften's seventh year teaching kindergarten at Magnolia. "I love little kids," she says. "I choose to teach kindergarten because I still like being their [the students] first teacher, second to their parents."

Huften is enthusiastic, energetic and patient. This reporter experienced this, volunteering in her classroom when my daughter was in kindergarten in 2010. Huften says she most enjoys providing instruction in "science and math, because of the hands-on experiences." Each spring, Huften and the other kindergarten teachers bring their students to a farm where they see life cycles of frogs and plants up close. Huften says her biggest challenge is "trying to fit everything into one day." She manages, though. For example, she adds a little extra outdoor fitness time to the science lesson by teaching science outside. Huften co-facilitates the Imagine Learning program to further English skills of English language learners, who meet two days a week for two hours. This is a grant funded program that Huften helped start.

When asked what is the best thing about teaching, Huften says, "When a student grasps a skill and realizes he or she has grasped that skill." Her hope for her students is "That they will all be reading on or above grade level when they enter first grade and that they will continue with a love of reading."

## CALENDAR continued from page 1

the Calendar. Each event must be open to the public, advertised or announced in the News Review and occur at a particular place and time within Greenbelt. The Calendar already features events from the city and recreation department, New Deal Café, Greenbelt Arts Center, St. Hugh's Church, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Golden Age Club and Greenbelt Farmers Market, among others.

The News Review is working with Jones and the Foundation to bring this capability to Greenbelt. This rollout is a pilot project to gauge public reaction and gather feedback. During the pilot, qualifying organizations may list

events while future policies and capabilities are assessed.

The Calendar is maintained by the newspaper, but select advertisers will also have direct access to submit and update entries. Volunteer moderators will review submitted events.

The Calendar is the latest of several initiatives planned for the coming year. Don't miss the expanded News Review archive, which now extends back to the newspaper's inception in 1937, thanks to help from Joan Falcao, Eric Zhang and Jones.

The News Review invites your comments about the Calendar and website: click the feedback buttons or email [tom@spril.com](mailto:tom@spril.com).

Check out the Calendar right now.

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consists of five different goals having to do with nutrition, exercise and an overall healthy lifestyle. McHale said Greenbelt is currently ranked #1 among the 454 participating municipalities. Of those, there are 33 with five medals. The city will be recognized at the National League of Cities annual meeting in November for this achievement. The council thanked and praised McHale in particular for her work on this program.

### Legislation

The only legislation before council was a first reading of a resolution to amend the resolution that enumerates the vendors with whom the city's total smaller purchases over the fiscal year will likely exceed \$10,000, in order that these purchases may be made on a negotiated basis. In this instance, the change was required because James River Solutions was awarded the new bid by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for delivery of unleaded fuel for area government agencies, replacing a vendor previously on the city's list. The resolution will return to the next regular meeting for second reading and action.

### Garden Art

Also to return at the next meeting is a report submitted by the Arts Advisory Board giving recommendations on proposals received from artists for art signage in the CHEARS Three Sisters Gardens. Work by Zarela Mosquera, Charles Bergen and Joe Stebbing is recommended.

Three items of business were discussed, in addition to council reports and to a lease renewal for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The latter was approved without discussion on the consent agenda, including a decision to change the term of the lease from two years to five years.

### Campfire Rings

A request to conduct campfire rings at Northway Fields received considerable discussion, which resulted in a referral back to resident Joe Murray, who had made the request on behalf of Ancestral Knowledge, for further work. Murray submitted his request a year-and-a-half ago. No explanation was offered for why it had taken so long for the city to review it. In an undated recreation department report from McHale to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, she said that recreation staff had been divided in opinion on whether such a use should be approved. As a result, McHale chose to list some of pros and cons on the issue. Among the cons were the proximity of the Forest Preserve, which prohibits such use, the existing notoriety of Northway Fields as a site for inappropriate after-hours activities, the lack of a water source or bathroom facilities and a potential need for extra staff time to monitor activities and provide for safety.

Part of McHale's concern involved the safety of an open fire but Murray stated that a fire ring is legally a closed fire,

like a grill, not an open fire. Councilmember Rodney Roberts commented that people have campfires and grills in park areas all the time.

Eventually, council came around to the point of view that their objections were really to this particular site, for the reasons given by the recreation department, not to the idea of allowing a fire ring on city property as such. Murray noted that rings are much more effective against a wilderness background and that some level of isolation is good for mitigating noise and drumming. He said originally it had been thought that the observatory, now located at Northway Fields, might produce many of the same problems but it had not. That comment, however, raised the prospect that the fire ring and the observatory might be conflicting uses. Council asked Murray to come back with suggestions for other sites. Councilmember Silke Pope said if there was a revised site proposal, she would also like staff to solicit more formal review by the police and fire departments.

### Grant for MDTs

Council approved a request from the police department to use about \$21,000 of its \$49,000 Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council grant to purchase six Panasonic Toughbook 31 in-car mobile data terminals (MDTs) from Breckford Corporation on a state bid. The purchase will continue a process of replacing in batches the Toughbook computers

bought about eight years ago. In-car MDTs have had a big effect on law enforcement and are used for such daily tasks as issuing traffic violation paperwork, completing accident reports, accessing CAD/RMS data and completing incident reports. According to Sergeant Tim White, four of the six to be replaced are used in Greenbelt as license-plate readers, which fit under the vehicle theft rubric.

Relaying a personal story of car theft of his own, Councilmember Edward Putens stressed the importance of Greenbelt working harder to prevent vehicle thefts and to identify stolen vehicles. He also encouraged working together with the jurisdictions surrounding Greenbelt.

### Code of Conduct

As a result of requests from some of its advisory groups, council asked staff to develop a code of appropriate conduct for all council-appointed advisory boards and committees. In general the code covers such basic matters as civil behavior at meetings, maintaining the privacy of the personal information of others, disclosures of conflicts of interest and the responsibility to attend meetings. Although the advisory groups had functioned for decades without having too many written rules, events over the last couple of years have suggested that formalizing a code of conduct as a precautionary measure would be advisable.

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Spiral Sliced Bone-In Half Hams <b>\$2.99</b> lb.	Fresh Premium Louisiana Yams <b>69¢</b> lb.	Pillsbury Assorted Grand Biscuits 16.3 oz. <b>\$2.00</b>	Ore Ida Assorted Potatoes 16-32 oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	East Coast Fresh Oysters Standard/Select 8 oz. <b>\$9.99</b>

Grocery Bargains		CO-OP Supermarket Will Be <b>CLOSED</b> on Thanksgiving Day <b>Thursday, Nov. 27</b>	Grocery Bargains	
Green Giant Canned Vegetables Corn/Peas/Gr. Beans 14-15.5 oz. <b>60¢</b>	Shurfine Cranberry Sauce 14 oz. <b>\$1.00</b>		Stove Top Stuffing Mixes Assorted 6 oz. <b>\$1.00</b>	Heinz Assorted Homestyle Gravy 12 oz. <b>\$1.00</b>
Swanson Soup Broth Assorted 14.5 oz. <b>60¢</b>	Gold Medal All Purpose Flour 5 lb. <b>\$2.00</b>	Dole Pineapple Assorted 20 oz. <b>\$1.25</b>	Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice Blends 64 oz. <b>\$1.88</b>	

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

November 5, 9:53 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. An employee of El Taco Rico reported that she saw a man going through her purse at the front counter. When she confronted him, a physical struggle ensued. But he was able to take her money and debit card and flee. The employee was not injured.

November 5, 10:25 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. A man walking toward the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was approached by three men and three women, who surrounded him. One of them asked if he had anything on him. Another one produced what the man believed to be a stun-type weapon and shocked him with it. Another person then punched him in the face. The man's carry bag and cell phone were taken and the six people fled on foot. The man refused medical treatment for minor injuries.

## Cutting

November 12, 12:38 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Two men inside their residence heard someone knock on the front door. One resident recognized the person and opened it. Once opened, a second person forced his way into the home and assaulted the other resident with a knife, cutting his arm. He received a minor cut when he tried to pull the man with a knife away from the other resident. Both non-residents then fled. One resident was transported to the hospital for treatment. The other resident refused treatment for a minor cut. Both of the nonresidents are known to both residents. Investigation is continuing.

## Theft

November 5, 5:57 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. Clothing was removed from a dryer.

November 6, 11:11 a.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered Beltway Aquarium and removed a purse from under the

counter. He fled when the employee came to the counter area. He is described as a black man approximately 20 years old, 5'9" tall, 170 to 200 pounds, with a black goatee, wearing a black sweatshirt with a white shirt underneath, blue jeans, black and white tennis shoes and a black knit cap.

November 6, 7600 block Greenbelt Road. The driver's side car window was broken and a purse removed while the owner was inside the Greenbelt Road Exxon.

## Purse Snatching

November 7, 8:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that when she was leaving Beltway Plaza Mall she was approached from behind by a man who grabbed her purse from her arm. He was joined by another man and they fled together on foot.

## Peeping Tom

November 11, 11 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. A 20-year-old nonresident man who had previously been banned from the complex by agents of the property was arrested and charged with trespass-peeping tom after he was seen looking in an apartment window. He fled on a bicycle and was located a short time later in the 5700 block Cherrywood Lane and arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

November 7, 11:17 p.m., 8000 block Brett Place. Someone entered a residence by breaking out a basement window. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

## Vandalism

November 10, 4:23 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. An emergency call box and a traffic sign were spray painted.

## Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a blue 2004 Jeep Cherokee SUV with Md. tags 5DB2016, tak-

## Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

The Greenbelt Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Wednesday, November 26, the night before Thanksgiving, as part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign.

Driving drunk and not using seatbelts has made this night one of the deadliest for motorists.

The objectives of the campaign are to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and to identify and arrest those who do.

Police will also look for drivers not using seatbelts. They will be reminded to buckle up, as this is the best defense against impaired drivers.

Contact MPO Scott Yankow at 240-542-2114 for more information.

en November 5 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, and a 4-door silver 2001 Cadillac Catera with Md. tags 8BL6820, taken November 11 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

One vehicle was recovered, a 2002 Lexus ES300 reported stolen October 24 from the 6200 block Springhill Court. It was located November 11 by Bowie police near High Bridge Road and Annapolis Road. No arrests were made.

Two thefts from autos were reported. In 19 Court Hillside gas was siphoned from a vehicle and in the 6400 block Ivy Lane cash and jewelry were taken from an unlocked vehicle.

Vandalism was reported in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road (tire was slashed and a side view mirror and tail light were damaged), 6400 block Capitol Drive (tire was punctured) and 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (paint was scratched).

## Select Soccer Teams To Meet November 30

There will be an organizational meeting of the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) select teams on



November 30 at 5 p.m. in the Community Center room 114. GSA sponsors both recreational and select soccer teams. Recreational teams play a spring and fall schedule, while select teams also have summer and winter activities, play in either a select recreational or a travel league and may use a paid coach. GSA sponsors selected teams at the U12 (under 12) age and above.

At the meeting GSA will review the past season and lay plans for the current three select teams. Items to be discussed include plans for winter indoor soccer, league destinations for spring, distribution of club duties, coach training and more. Members of the community interested in learning more are welcome to attend or see [greenbeltsoccer.org](http://greenbeltsoccer.org).

## Volunteers Sought At Greenbelt Park

Join the Trail Crew on Saturday November 22 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area to help improve the trail system of Greenbelt Park.

All participants will need to pre-register by calling 301-344-3944. Student Service Hours can be earned with this project too.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

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.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

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## Greenbelt MakerSpace Debuts New Little Makers Project

by Joey Trull

On Friday, November 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., Greenbelt MakerSpace held its first meeting of the new Little Makers project. The Little Makers project was a free creative crafting and inventing opportunity for parents and children ages two through six.

George Boyce, owner of Greenbelt MakerSpace, said makerspaces throughout the country generally focus on science and technology but are now expanding to arts and crafts activities and workshops.

Greenbelt MakerSpace is a private nonprofit activity center in Roosevelt Center that provides hands-on activities for children, teenagers and adults. Activities include Lego robotics, summer technology camps, professional workshops and computer building seminars.

Zach and Heather Coady led the first Little Makers meeting after discussing with Boyce that there was not a program for the younger children. She said they wanted to be involved with MakerSpace with their child but there wasn't a program available for the younger aged children. Before Little Makers, the youngest activity group at Greenbelt MakerSpace was for ages seven and up.

They wanted to have an event that was later in the evening instead of during the day or directly after school like the many other programs for the young age group, Heather Coady said.

Smiling parents, family members and children with art bibs enjoyed themselves at the various tables in the freeform creative meeting.

The theme for the first session was creating and inventing with cardboard paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Heather Coady said they would like to continue using materials from items around the house in future Little Makers projects.

She also explained that they provide the materials but the innovation and creativity comes from the children.

During the first session, Heather Coady handed out printouts with inspirational ideas for the children to use with the paper rolls but also told them: "You can make anything you want!"

Tables were loaded with various materials for the children to use to invent and create, including felt, glue, colored cardboard paper, pipe cleaners, markers, yarn, cotton balls, paint, straws, craft sticks and aluminum foil.

The children were given free rein, with parental supervision, to make anything they wanted. The children made dogs, giraffes, broomsticks, monsters and more by painting and adding other craft materials to the paper towel rolls.

While they were in a creative mood, the children also painted and drew pictures.

The free Little Makers meetings will be held every other Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt MakerSpace. Registration is encouraged through Greenbelt MakerSpace's website: [makerspace125.org/](http://makerspace125.org/).

Joey Trull is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

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# A Great Year in the Life Of the Farmers Market

by Cathie Meetre

The sixth year of the Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) is drawing to a close and as winter descends, the more veggie-oriented vendors drift away one by one to the warmth of their well-earned winter hearths. Those with more enclosed growing space keep going with their bounty longer and vendors of prepared foods, coffee, soaps and lotions and other consumables tap into market-goers need for a warm brunch and original and creative holiday gifts. The last regular market on November 23 will feature the sprightly energy of the Arlington Morris Dancers. Market-goers who endured the sub-freezing temperatures and stiff breezes of last year's final market may remember that this Morris dancing troupe braved even that bone-chilling cold – warming themselves between sets in the New Deal Café and wearing down ski jackets over their colorful flummery.

Though the market's regular season ends the Sunday before Thanksgiving, further activity is in store on December 7 during the weekend of the city's Festival of Lights, when the market will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in collaboration with the city's recreation department activities. The Holiday market features many of the regular Sunday vendors and some new 'one-time' vendors whose wares are more closely tied to the season. The market also relaxes its producer-only rules a little to allow vendors to bring a larger range of goods to the Holiday market. The GFM website ([greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)) will list the vendors expected at the holiday market – and also gives the opportunity to sign up for the GFM weekly newsletter that informs Greenbelters of each week's offerings.

It has been a successful year for the market with more traffic than any previous year – almost every hour of every day has averaged more potential customers than in previous years. All week long, from Mothers Day to Thanksgiving – courtesy of a generous grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation – large and highly visible signs on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road remind passing motorists that there's a Sunday market in town. Only on Labor Day does the market cede its space to the Labor Day Festival, which though it may surprise potential market goers can hardly rank as a disappointment. Generous sponsors Doctors Community Hospital, Proteus Bicycles and Cultivating Health joined volunteers and community donors to keep the market on an even financial keel during a banner year.

A new tradition is emerging at the market. Whatever it may be called, the grassy slope between the parking lot and the Community Center has become a picnic amphitheater beloved of families. Unless it is pouring with rain, a group of families and their children gather to sprawl on the grass in the shade of the trees. Regaled with a market lunch (wonderful choices like shrimp gumbo, vegan delights or crepes) they chat as they view the market's bustle from on high. The kids (as kids will)

eat fast and then get busy playing. At any given moment some of the trees look like they're decorated for a festival – but on closer inspection it's four or five gaily-dressed children perched in the branches or swinging by their hands.

To make the market run requires a dedicated team of volunteers. Rain, shine and (sometimes) freezing cold notwithstanding, GFM's fearless Market Master Nancy Solomon coordinates a dedicated team of volunteers to set up, service, and take down the information booth and coordinate the market's vendors. Behind the scenes, the board – President Terry Kucera, Vice-President Kim Rush Lynch, Secretary Anne Marigza, Publicity Coordinator Stacy Brooks and Treasurer Cathie Meetre play their respective roles in organizing and managing the market's overall processes. Though the work involved is ramping down by this time of the year, the spring months are times of hectic activity as permits, vendors and resources must be lined up so the market can open without incident. Preparations for spring, however, will go on through the winter with planning meetings, volunteer celebrations and other activities suitable for a more dormant time of year.

Walking through the market, any Greenbelter with more than a few months in town is certain to run into a neighbor – or to make

a new friend over a discussion on the relative merits of beets versus squash, Staymen versus Honey-crisp apples or which is the most delicious of Simple Pleasures' ice cream flavors (there are no losers on that question). The information booth is a ready source of assistance – not just on the market – but on Greenbelt in general. The Greenbelt Master Gardeners are also a valuable source of lore for those growing their own flowers and vegetables.

A recent visit by board members (the board regularly visits all vendors to ensure the producer-only status of the market) to the newest organic produce vendor, Boxers Rest Farm, way over the bridge on the Eastern Shore – revealed part of the secret of the market's success. The farm's owner, Lori Sallet, who describes herself as a 'refugee from corporate America,' noted that the Greenbelt market is one of the best-organized markets she attends. She praised GFM's attention to vendor needs, good communications, careful record-keeping and disciplined organization during market operations.

Though this is taken for granted by the community, the skills to run the market were learned and honed by Solomon and the original founders of the market – of whom only Rush Lynch remains on the board. Retired board



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

members from throughout the years are all still market shoppers and a source of expertise that the current board is lucky to have. It is thanks to the original team and its successors that the market acquired the approaches that keep it

successful today. Greenbelters interested in volunteering with the market should visit the web or email [info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org). They can also visit the information booth during any market.

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by Li'l Dan Celdran

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PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase raised beds for the dogs so they won't have to sleep directly on a blanket on the floor of their run. The beds will arrive on Thursday, November 20. People will be encouraged to sign the beds with a permanent marker if they choose to 'sponsor a bed'. The beds cost \$34 apiece (about \$200 total).

WAGS will also be fundraising for the renovation of the cat rooms.

The shelter is located at 550A Crescent Road and is open to visitors on Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays 4 to 7 p.m. Adoptable pets are also listed on petfinder.com.

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Regional jeweler Mary Ann Beall has stunning pieces of work on display. She began her artistic endeavors as a potter. She uses stones and silver metal clay that is fired like pottery but on a smaller scale.

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## Five School Rooms Studied For Rentable Costs, Purpose

by Valerie Young

At a worksession held October 29, the Greenbelt City Council worked to determine the potential costs and purpose of renting five classrooms in the old Greenbelt Middle School.

The old middle school was renovated and is currently used by the Robert Goddard French Immersion School. However, five classrooms were not renovated and the Prince George's County Public School System is seeking tenants to rent and renovate these rooms.

Before the meeting, the council toured the unfinished classrooms and the newly renovated French Immersion School.

Some councilmembers reported that the conditions of the rooms were substandard and may require substantial renovation expenses due to unknown conditions of the building.

"I'm really concerned about the condition of the space and what's hiding underneath there," said Councilmember Silke Pope. "Just walking in there for a while, my sinuses are all messed up. It's very dirty and who knows if asbestos is in there and what else. It's a health risk," said Pope.

Estimates of the renovations were between \$250,000 and \$350,000. The costs could include abatement, ceiling replacement, cleaning and bathroom and water damage renovations.

According to a memorandum by Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, the Prince George's County Board of Education estimates that the lease rate will be \$10 per square foot.

The memorandum also noted that the gross amount of space is estimated to be 7,000 square feet, costing the city \$70,000 to rent yearly. The square footage includes five classrooms, hallways and bathrooms.

In the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, the city has \$50,000 set aside in the Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund to pay for rent and supporting staff. According to the memo, no money has been set aside for programs or renovation expenses.

Peggy Higgins, Prince George's County Board of Education member, said that the city should keep the custodian cost segregated because the cost would be higher if the city used the school's custodians.

"It is probably financially better if the City of Greenbelt does

its own custodial work," said Higgins.

Once the space was leased and operational, maintenance and supporting staff costs were other expenses that the council considered.

Julie McHale, director of recreation, said that the costs to subsidize the programs offered in these classrooms were another factor council had to consider.

"In addition to any renovations, any rental fees, we have got to think about subsidizing these programs. It's reality. It's where we're at," said McHale.

Council discussed using the rooms for social programs, office space and storage.

Social programs included adult literacy, English as a second language (ESL) classes and tutoring.

"My concern is that the discussion is about space and the discussion needs to start with what the space will be used for," said David Lange, member of the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force.

Lange provided council with a written proposal for the usage of the classrooms and introduced Lois Browne, a 14-year Greenbelt resident with three children. Browne highlighted the need for Head Start programs, ESL classes and reading and writing classes.

"Having the classroom space to have those types of classes will help the community," said Browne. "They just want to know they have a place to go when they need some help."

Councilmember Judith Davis said that Planning and Community Development Department and Greenbelt CARES should be contacted to determine if there is a need for these classrooms.

Council requested that McLaughlin go back to the board of education to continue negotiations.

Council agreed that there continues to be interest in this opportunity but that there need to be discussions on the various issues identified during the meeting.

McLaughlin will also work to provide an estimated cost of the renovations to council. He said that the school board is looking for an answer soon, potentially within the next 30 days.

Council is expected to meet about the rental of these classrooms again in the next two or three weeks.

*Valerie Young is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the news review.*

## MakerSpace Activities

Have you ever wanted to learn to knit or just need a refresher? Stop in for a laid back experience with yarn. We knit or crochet and enjoy beverages and talk. We share ideas, solve problems and test patterns. Sometimes we watch Dr. Who. The Greenbelt MakerSpace hosts activities and interest groups on many different topics. The fabric arts group meets every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Joining the Banned Book Club, which meets on the third Thursday of the month, are two new Thursday evening interest groups forming in response to community requests.

Did the midterm election produce any surprises? How will the change in political leadership

affect policies and legislation important to you? The "Just the Facts" group will meet once a month to explore and discuss political issues at the local, state and federal level. The group's first meeting will be December 4, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Have you saved enough money for retirement or is that in your distant future? Regardless, it is always the right time to learn how to invest your hard earned cash wisely. The FauxBucks Coffee and Investment Club will hold their first meeting December 11, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

For more details visit [makerspace125.org/calendar](http://makerspace125.org/calendar) or drop in to visit us at 125 Centerway.

— *George Boyce*

## Mishkan Torah Sale Brings in Community

by Allene Abrahamian

Men, women and children gathered at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, November 9 for the annual rummage sale. Tables were stacked with clothes, shoes, kitchen supplies, home décor, books, games and more.

Both members and non-members donated for the event, which lasted two days.

"We've been doing this since way before my time, which is 20 years," said Debbie Brenner, organizer of the rummage sale. She estimates the event has been going on for at least 30 to 40 years.

"It's been good and steady," said Brenner about the turnout. "Everybody is finding something and buying."

The sale not only sold material items. Near the entrance stood a bake sale run by Paula Volk. She started the bake sale about six years ago and single-handedly bakes the desserts and runs the table.

Volk works full-time and teaches water aerobics. "I marathon bake," she said. Many ask about her ability to keep her cookies from burning. She tells them that parchment paper is her secret.

### Goal of Sale

The overall goal of the rummage sale is to raise a couple thousand dollars. The synagogue "donates whatever is left to charity. This year's is for lupus," said Brenner. Lupus is a chronic disease that affects skin and internal organs.

There was some dispute on whether to keep the rummage sale through Veterans Day weekend, but "Everyone knows in Greenbelt it's this weekend," said Brenner. They chose to keep the date since the event is well known in the community.

Some come and buy goods to send back home to countries such as Nigeria or Jamaica, Brenner said, as she pointed out a woman selecting clothes to purchase who acknowledged she was doing so.

"You get to come and work

## NASA Annual Musical is Fanny

NASA Music and Drama Club's (MAD) annual fall musical is Fanny with book by S. N. Behrman and Joshua Logan and music and lyrics by Harold Rome. It's playing this year at the Charis Center for the Arts, 13010 8th Street, Bowie, while Goddard's Recreation Center is closed for renovation. Due to limited space there will be no dinner but light refreshments only.

Greenbelt residents involved in the show include Mary Lou Fisher (assistant director), Tommy Zanner (lighting designer), Glen Harris (bass) and Mairead Alexander and News Review staffers Anne Gardner and Helen Sydavar (violinists).

The story of Fanny, set in Marseilles, France, follows Marius and Fanny, who are deeply in love but torn apart by the temptation and excitement of the sea. Years later the star-crossed lovers are reunited. But everything has changed.

Find out what happens at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through November 22. For ticket sales and more information contact 240-475-8800 or go to [madtheater.org](http://madtheater.org).



PHOTO BY ALLENE ABRAHAMIAN

Many attended the first day of the Rummage Sale at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on November 9.

with your friends and do good for the community," said Nancy Gerstel, who for 25 years has been involved in the rummage sale.

Some of the influx of donations came from people moving from houses to condos in the area, Gerstel said.

Those helping out at the event

were quick to help those looking for certain sizes or styles. The event even attracted new families that had moved to Greenbelt, not only for the sales, but also for the sense of community.

*Allene Abrahamian is a University of Maryland graduate student writing for the News Review.*

## City Council Tours Vacant Classrooms in Middle School

by Thomas X. White

Just before the Greenbelt City Council worksession to discuss potential uses for five vacant classrooms in the lower ground-floor portion of the 1969 wing of the old Greenbelt Middle School, members of council and city staff were able to tour the spaces the Prince George's County Board of Education was offering to lease to the city either for city or community use. All councilmembers with the exception of Edward Putens were able to participate in the tour.

Taking advantage of the tour as well were several members of the city's special task force appointed several years ago to advise council on potential uses for the then vacant old Greenbelt Middle School. They included David Lange, chairperson of the task force; David Whaples, a local architect; and Lois Browne, a resident of Franklin Park. City staff leading the tour included City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Director of Recreation Julie McHale and Assistant Director of Recreation Operations Joe McNeal.

### Five Classrooms

The lower ground floor wing comprises five classrooms of about equal size, a storage space and one restroom. If the city were to utilize the space, access would be from Greenbelt Road (west) using the school bus access road to a parking lot adja-

cent to the building.

Also adjacent west of the wing is a fairly-new paved pathway from Greenbelt Road to the new Greenbelt Middle School that is well lighted in the evening.

Participants on the tour were mixed in their impressions of the lower wing. Some expressed disappointment that the space had not been renovated to the same conditions as the upper story spaces now occupied by the county's French Immersion Program. They felt that if the city leased the space, the cost of renovation would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Others saw it differently; they felt the space could be improved at a lower cost by replacing ceiling tiles, painting the walls and other fix-up strategies. For the longer term, there could be a window replacement program and other energy-saving features.

More difficult issues relating to the use of the space would be adequate restroom accommodations, handicap accessibility at the entrances and, depending on the city's potential uses of the space, breaking up the classroom space for other uses.

These issues were discussed generally in city staff-generated memos dating from August. They were reviewed at the October 29 worksession at the Community Center (see article on this page).

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