

## Council Holds Public Hearing To Discuss Theater Operations

by Thomas X. White

On Wednesday, January 7, the Greenbelt City Council held a public hearing on the three proposals being considered for operation of the Greenbelt theater when it reopens this spring after the ongoing phase-one renovations have been completed. Again, a fairly good turnout of citizens and interested parties attended the hearing.

All seven members of council were present for the hearing, joined by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Representatives of the three organizations vying for a contract to operate the theater, also present, were positioned at a desk with a microphone to respond to questions posed either by members of council or by those testifying on the proposals. They were Dennis Fincham of Greenbelt Cinema (GCI), Caitlin McGrath of Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) and Paul Sanchez of P&G Theatres, Inc. (P&G).

McLaughlin provided a brief report on progress of the renovations, indicating the city's target for completion of the Phase 1 work was the end of February.

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the hearing, requesting that members of the audience sign up if

they wished to speak and that they try to keep their testimony to three minutes. Councilmember Judith Davis asked how any amended proposals would be handled and Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that, for questions directed to any of the applicants, the applicants' responses be received prior to the council meeting scheduled for January 26.

### Comments/Questions

Twenty people signed up to speak – 12 Greenbelt residents and eight interested non-Greenbelters. Four others had signed up, but either did not speak or had left the meeting.

Mike Morini, the first speaker, posed a question for the three applicants regarding their available capital funds, if selected, for starting and supporting the business. Their responses were \$25,000 for GCI and \$75,000 for P&G. FOGT did not provide a specific amount but noted their reliance on contributions and grants.

Maria Mia Helmick followed with a question regarding the applicants' readiness to open with employees ready to go, necessary paperwork requirements and their access to movies. P&G said they

were ready in all three areas, but were concerned regarding the time for patrons to return and for advertising.

GCI indicated they would hire a former manager of the theater and would also hire local residents. They would open the theater prior to any showings and they have a film broker in place. GCI added that a more realistic opening of the theater would be April/May this year.

### Diverse Program

Michael Hartman, speaking in favor of the FOGT proposal, said he feels that organization would provide a more diverse program and that their non-profit model would be more suitable to Greenbelt, reflecting the community in centered values of the city.

Robert House, a former projectionist at the theater, urged council to go with P&G because of their experience.

Jasmine Virli of Silver Spring asked the applicants how they would run the theater. FOGT responded that they would rely on community groups, film professionals and a staff capable of operating the theater.

GCI's Fincham repeated that he would hire Angela Handren, a former manager, to manage the theater. Sanchez of P&G noted his long experience in theater management, including the management of the Old Greenbelt Theatre itself since 1973.

Anna Socrates expressed her support for the FOGT proposal as an innovative approach and asked the applicants their opinions relating to operating a single-screen versus a multiplex.

GCI responded that their plan to be a subsequent-run theater would allow them the leeway to show other films as well as

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### What Goes On

**Monday, January 19** – City Offices closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

**Wednesday, January 21**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center  
**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Economic Development Study, Community Center

**Thursday, January 22**  
**7 p.m.**, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Community Center

**Friday, January 23** – Deadline for providing promotional materials for distribution with Welcome Packets. (See city ad for details.)

## City's Cultural Landscape To Be Examined in Lecture

by Megan Young

Ennis Barbary, University of Maryland master of applied anthropology graduate will visit the Greenbelt Museum to share her research into Greenbelt's ever-changing cultural landscape. The program takes place at 7:30 p.m. on January 20 in Room 201 of the Community Center. The lecture is open to the public and there is no fee.

Beginning in June 2013, Barbary collaborated with the museum to conduct 14 oral history interviews with both new and old residents to discover and document how current Greenbelters interact with their city's landscape: how residents move through the city, how they actively shape the landscape, and how Greenbelt's landscape features influence residents' actions.

The Greenbelt Museum has a strong collection of oral histories that were begun to be collected on the occasion of the city's 50th anniversary in 1987 by Dorothy Lauber. Bar-

bery's work builds on that collection, revealing residents' insights into what Greenbelt is like today. Residents spoke not just of Greenbelt's strengths but also of some of its challenges.

Not long after completing her practicum with the Greenbelt Museum, Barbary became the executive director of the Museum of Chincoteague Island, Va. To learn more, visit [chincoteaguemuseum.com](http://chincoteaguemuseum.com).

This is the final lecture in the museum series offered in conjunction with the exhibition, Greenbelt: The First 75 Years, 1937-2012. The exhibition is scheduled to close in mid-February.

The exhibit and lecture are sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Community Foundation and Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc. In the event of inclement weather, the lecture may be postponed. Call the city's weather hotline for information: 301-474-0646.

## Four Cities A-Z Agenda Covers Animals to Zoning

by Kathleen Gallagher

Elected officials and senior staff from Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton met in Greenbelt on October 30 for the last quarterly meeting of the Four Cities Coalition in 2014. Representing nearly 69,000 residents in total, the coalition meets to confer on issues and projects of common concern. Meetings rotate among the four neighboring municipalities, with the mayor of the host city – in this case Mayor Emmett Jordan – chairing the meeting.

Including visitors, about 40 people attended the meeting. All members of the Greenbelt City Council were present, as was City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Attending from Berwyn Heights were Mayor Cheye Calvo and three councilmembers as well as new Town Administrator Jessica Cowles; and from College Park, Mayor Andrew Fellows, four councilmembers and City Manager Joseph Nagro. Representing New Carrollton were Mayor Andrew Hanko, two councilmembers and City Administrator Graham Waters.

The agenda included briefings from two external groups: Pepco on its proposed merger with Exelon and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on Prince George's County's zoning rewrite project. Internal items included an update on Greenbelt

Station North Core development including discussion of a possible promotional video project on the Four Cities area, discussion of streetscape improvements for Greenbelt Road (Route 193) and a report on a meeting about a potential north county animal shelter.

### Exelon-Pepco Merger

Exelon, the Chicago parent company of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, ComEd and PECO (Pennsylvania), announced last April a \$6.9 billion deal to acquire Pepco Holdings, Inc., the much smaller Washington-based utility company, which owns Delmarva Power and Atlantic City Electric as well as Pepco. Pepco and Delmarva Power together serve about 768,000 customers in Maryland. The merger, which had already been approved by the State of Virginia, would make Exelon the largest mid-Atlantic electric and gas utility and place it among companies with the highest number of ratepayers nationally, adding about two million customers to its existing 7.8 million.

Jerry Pasternak, Pepco vice president for this region, told the Four Cities group that the deal was expected to close in the second or third quarter of 2015, following review by all the required regulatory and public

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## An Evening with Friends Starts 2015 with Fun

by Carol Griffith

The New Year's Eve event held at the Arts Center, titled An Evening With Friends, was just what you'd expect from the name: a fun, touching, quirky time with comfortable old friends and some exciting new ones.

With the aid of the Pollinators, volunteers dressed as bees and butterflies to remind us of the importance but tenuous existence of these creatures, the Arts Center was transformed into a perfectly festive display of lights and balloons to set the mood. Plenty of food and drinks were available and the zero-waste ideal of the event made indulging seem like the "green" thing to do.

Councilmember and arts promoter Konrad Herling hosted the event. His infectious good cheer set the tone for the program that was engaging and entertaining.

George Boyce and Eva Fallon of the Greenbelt Maker-Space proudly demonstrated the skills of the group's robot and setting. The setting is creative; the robot rescued a man from a burning building, among other tasks. The audience was enthralled.

Herling interviewed Kathleen

McFarland, 2014's Outstanding Citizen. She told the audience of her days during World War II, learning to identify enemy aircraft in case one was to fly over Greenbelt and also how the war affected Greenbelt.

As one of the themes of the night was to celebrate those who work to ensure public safety, Herling interviewed Bowie Police Chief John Nesky and Greenbelt Police Captain Thomas Kemp about how they had chosen their professions and their thoughts about how their careers had advanced. Their answers were sometimes surprising, yet reassuring, especially in light of current national controversies about police actions.

### Film Showing

The audience was then treated to two short films from the Utopia Film Festival, introduced by Frank Gervasi. One, The Texas Chainsaw Musical, was a spoof of the horror movie genre, the other a touching and thought-provoking film about the plight of an arctic fox when his world is affected by climate change.

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**Editorial****Do It Right**

The Greenbelt City Council should consider deliberately, carefully and openly the alternative proposals it has received for the operation of the historic Greenbelt movie theater. We believe it is more important that council get it right than get it done quickly.

We are eager for the theater to reopen with its many upgrades after being closed since last June. We believe council should have been considering proposals on theater operations at a much earlier date. It is important that the reopened theater be operated in a way that best serves the wants of the community and maintains the venue as a keystone to a viable business district at Roosevelt Center.

Council should take full advantage of this opportunity to secure an operator that will continue showing first run quality motion pictures that are not always available at multiscreen theaters; expand the community use of the theater during the hours that the theater is dark; and explore ways to provide films for children and families on the weekends.

With proposals received from three groups, all well-known in the community, and with the desire of many members of the community to see the movie house reopened, what council decides will be closely followed by many in the community. We urge council to reach its decision openly and with as much input and guidance from the community as possible, and wish councilmembers success in their deliberations to find the right path for the theater to serve the city.

**January Reel & Meal**

On Monday, January 19, Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will present the documentary I AM, which poses two practical and provocative questions: what's wrong with our world and what can we do to make it better? The filmmaker behind the inquiry is Tom Shadyac, the leading comedy and creative force behind such blockbusters as Ace Ventura and Bruce Almighty. In I AM Shadyac steps in front of the camera to recount what happened to him after a cycling accident left him incapacitated. Though he ultimately recovered, he emerged with a new sense of purpose, determined to share his own awakening to his prior life of excess and greed and to investigate how he as an individual, and we as a race, could improve the way we live and walk in the world.

Ironically, in the process of trying to figure out what's wrong with the world, he discovered there's more right than he ever imagined.

Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. This month's film is organized and sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Greenbelt along with the regular organizing groups of Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. Baha'i members will lead a discussion following the film.

The optional vegan buffet (for a fee) begins at 6:30 p.m. and the free film screening starts at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Susan Barnett at susnbarn@earthlink.net or visit [greenbeltnewsreview.com/calendar](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/calendar).

**Owl Prowl**

There will be an Owl Prowl for ages 10+ on Sunday, January 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887.

For more information visit [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).

**The Old Curmudgeon**

"Well, how is Mr. 'I'll get a flu shot later' doing?"

— January 13, 2000

**Letters to the Editor****Thanks to All!**

There are so many folks to thank for making the New Year's program at the Greenbelt Arts Center a rewarding experience. Susan Barnett and Jean Newcomb, along with Frank Gervasi, are but three people I must note for helping to put the program together.

Additionally, the donated piano tuning of David Pitts of Pitts Piano assured that the instrument would be in tune. The tech work of Tommy Zanner assured that lighting for all performers would allow the audience to view what was needed to be seen.

We were very grateful to "Pollinators" Jean Newcomb, Susan Barnett, Ann Dunne, Aileen Kroll, Jeffphine Dawson, Sue Stern, Cathy Cox, Mary-Denise Smith, Catherine Plaisant, John Klinovsky and Paul Downs. They, along with the friendly Greenbelt Arts Center box office group of Joe Wall, Carol Shaw and Sandy Irving, helped make folks feel welcome and along with Greenbelt Compost Co-op, made a zero waste evening a great way to say Auld Lang Syne to 2014.

All of the performers were great. If I start with naming all of the acts, I may inadvertently leave someone out. However, I must say that this was a rare experience when in one setting the mayor of Greenbelt, Emmett Jordan; Bowie's police chief, John Nesky; high school phenom Jan Knutson; and talented friend Max Williamson would all be accompanied by the steady and incomparable Glenn Harris on bass. In one word: impressive.

All together, it was a true variety show that featured an interview with Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen Kathleen McFarland, two contrasting videos from the Utopia Film Festival, a magic show and robotic demonstration that held the attention of everyone from ages 5 to 85. Also in the house in addition to Councilmembers Judith Davis, Leta Mach and Ed Putens were Greenbelt police captain, Tom Kemp, who had contacted Bowie's police chief to invite his talents on guitar, his wife Leigh Ann and McGruff.

I must also note the kind certificates for donated facial treatments by Pleasant Touch. The event also raised \$100 toward the

cost of the reel-to-reel projector for the movie theater. A quick note of clarification regarding the initial fund raising for this purpose: the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, having secured 501(c)(3) status, did indeed enable folks to make tax-deductible contributions to the cause. The Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, while they had not at that time secured such status, provided the leg work, the "people power," to raise funds.

Finally I wish to thank Carolyn Lambright Davis for her efforts to find Smokey Bear who used to live in Greenbelt, as well as Kelly and Linda Ivy who brought a music drive to provide for dancing. If I could have figured out how to make it work . . . well, there's always next year.

Thanks to everyone who attended the event. Hope you all enjoyed a nice way to bring in the new year while celebrating community and the arts.

Konrad Herling

**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS****PRELIMINARY AGENDA****GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, January 22

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- Criteria for the Selection of Tenants for the Parkway Apartments
- Taskforce Recommendations Re: Smoking Restrictions at the Parkway Apartments

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Yard Line Certification for 1A-D Ridge Road
- Communications Committee Recommendation Re: Revised Media Policy
- Investment Committee's Report to the Board of Directors
- Marketing Committee's Recommendations for a Revised Pre-Purchase Orientation Presentation
- Proposed Rules' Changes for Control of Invasive Plants in Yards
- Proposal for Board to Consider Recommendation for Heating/Cooling Systems for the Homes Improvement Program in February
- Contract for Repairs to 30B Ridge Road, 1st Reading
- Proposal for the Assignment of Mutual Ownership Contract and the Right of Perpetual Use for 8G Research Road to GHI

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**Skull Detectives**

On Wednesday, January 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge children ages 8 to 10 can join a refuge naturalist in discovering what we can learn from different animal skulls.

For more information visit the website at [fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent).

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# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Neither snow nor sleet nor bitter cold weather can stop the Golden Age Club. At the January 7 meeting Julie McHale, recreation department director, installed the following officers for 2015: President Brenda Cooley, 1st Vice President John Henry Jones, 2nd Vice President Randi Anderson and Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald.

Let's give these officers lots of support and encouragement. Treasurer Warren Wilcox and Corresponding Secretary Cathie Brannon will be installed at a later date.

We were saddened by the death of Sylvia Kender, a long-time active member. Jane Wilcox has been very ill and is in the hospital. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

January birthday lunch will be on January 21 and bingo on January 28. Hope we see everyone at the meetings. We hope everyone has a year filled with good health, good friends and lots of laughter.

## After-school Gym At Youth Center

Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer after-school gym from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays which will include a structured game from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center gym.

A wider range of activities will be introduced than in previous years, while still offering dodgeball on some days.

The program has had a great mix of ages and is an opportunity to meet other families. Some of the children who participated last year didn't attend the same school, and so were able to make new friends.

Participants need a Recreation Facility ID or GAFC membership.

— Li'l Dan Celdran

## Cajun Jam

On Wednesday, January 28 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners welcome. Dinner and socializing from 6 to 7 p.m.; jamming from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

For details, contact 301-434-5642 or swopes123@aol.com.

## MakerSpace Open House

On Friday, January 9, MakerSpace members were busy helping two of its robotics teams get ready for their competition on Saturday when a friend stopped in to work on a project. He asked if they had a floppy disk and a hot glue gun. Members thought that was strange since they didn't think those items would be useful in building his software weather radio.

Through the front window, his handmade radio antenna can be seen hanging from the ceiling, connected to a PC and the Internet. They asked "what size?" and then fetched a floppy from a crafts supply box, apologizing for not having the glue gun, which they had just loaned to the Greenbelt Arts Center. They located a tube of super glue, however, that met his need.

He then grabbed a tiny screwdriver, pulled an old digital camera from his coat pocket and proceeded to disassemble it into many small piles of tiny components until he found the infrared (IR) blocking filter. He tossed that aside and in its place glued a small piece of the floppy disk since the plastic blocks visible light but lets the IR light pass through.

In a couple of hours he had converted a rather worthless old camera into a fun new one, capable of creating some amazing images. Those interested can see some of his test photos and instructions on how to convert their own camera at makerspace125.org.

This is what is done at the MakerSpace. The group enables people to learn and share new experiences. Sometimes this happens in a class or one-day workshop, members say, or in a semester-long after-school program. And it can also happen when people just drop in with an idea or interest. Those interested are invited to drop in on Sunday, January 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. for an open house to learn more. Visitors will get a tour around the facility and will learn how, with their participation and help, MakerSpace can become a valuable part of our community. A fun evening is planned, with entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided by our volunteers, beginning the third year of activities on Roosevelt Center Plaza in historic Old Greenbelt.

— George Boyce

## Democratic Club Marks MLK Day

On Monday, January 19, Maryland's 22nd Legislative District Team Democratic Club is sponsoring a trip to Annapolis to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. To be part of the celebration, call Pamela Powers at the legislative district office at 301-858-3058. Respond early as the office is keeping track of the number of riders for the bus ride.

Join members and supporters of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at the Greenbelt Library parking lot where, after paying a nominal fee, participants will board a bus going to Annapolis. Important to note: the bus takes off promptly at 5 p.m.

Each year, Three Brothers provides a meal and Maryland state representatives provide their insight on the coming legislative session and their thoughts regarding the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club encourages everyone to seriously consider joining the club if they have not done so already.

For more information, call 202-321-4207.

## Coming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, January 15 - Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft plays from noon to 2 p.m. In the evening, Joe Harris hosts Open Mic from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 16 John Guernsey plays piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Better Off Dead, a Grateful Dead tribute band, will perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 17 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays classic American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Classic honky tonk, original roots and vintage country classics are offered up by Karen Collins and the Backroads Band from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 until noon on Sunday, January 18. Kids Open Mic will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Fez Tones Hafla will perform Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, January 19 Reel and Meal will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 20 the monthly Poetry Open Mic night will be hosted by David Taylor Nielson from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 21 the monthly Pub Quiz will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Garden Club Meets at Café

On Thursday, January 29, the Greenbelt Community Garden Club will sponsor an informal social gathering for all club members at the New Deal Café. Thursday is open mic at the Café so bring instruments or talents to share.

Karim's specialty platters will be available for consumption. The gathering is from 7 to 9 p.m. For questions, contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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### WEEK OF JAN. 16

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

The Wedding Ringer, PG-13 (!)  
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 Paddington, PG (!)  
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 American Sniper, R (!)  
 10:50, 2:15, 4, 7, 9:50  
 Spare Parts, PG-13 (!)  
 10:55, 1:40, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
 Taken 3, PG-13 (!)  
 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
 Selma, PG-13 (!)  
 11:10, 2:20, 5:20, 8:15  
 Into the Woods, PG  
 10:50, 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45  
 Annie, PG  
 11:10, 1:40

#### MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

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 Annie, PG  
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 \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

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The Renaissance Man Clybourne Park - Jan. 30-Feb.21 - Directed by Bob Kleinberg  
 Evil Dead: The Musical - Mar. 6-28 - Directed by Jeffrey Lezniak  
 Choking Out the Kudzu - Apr. 10-26 - Directed by Billie Colombaro

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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**Basic Canon Camera Class**  
 Sat., Jan 17, 10AM-4PM. \$\$

**Open Editing Studio, Mondays, 7-9PM,**  
 Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2. FREE

**Camera Science 101 Class**  
 Sat., Jan. 24, 10AM-4PM. \$\$

**Free and Open to the Public**

**GATe Board Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:30PM**

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FIOS 19 by visiting [www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org) and click on "schedule"



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

*Our Neighbors*

Deepest condolences to the family of John Hayes of Eastway who died on January 11, 2015. John was well known in Greenbelt bridge circles and writing clubs and was a frequent reader at poetry nights at the New Deal Café. He will be missed in our Greenbelt community.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Betsy Tropp, who died on January 8, 2015.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Sylvia Kender, a longtime member of the Golden Age Club.

We were sorry to hear of the death on January 9, 2015, of John Madigan, 55. Deepest sympathy to his wife, News Review staffer Candy Madigan, daughter Kindra and other family and friends.

**Congratulations to:**

– Longtime Greenbelters Heather Norden (Wertz) and husband Bill Wertz who became the proud parents of baby “Will” (Archibald William Wertz V) on January 9, 2015. Little Will weighed in at 7-1/2 pounds and joins the family in their Greenhill Road home, with grandparents Beth and Butch Norden nearby on Fayette Place. The new baby’s paternal grandparents are Liz and Tom Constant of Florida and Robin Hirsch and Archie Wertz of Keymar, Md. New uncle John Norden, a lifelong Greenbelter now in Minnesota, joins in welcoming Will to the family.

– Dr. Dianna Lee who has been brought into full partnership at the McCarl Dental Group. Since 1938, six McCarl dentists have provided care to Greenbelt and the surrounding area. January 1 marked the first time a dentist other than a McCarl was made a full partner. Lee brings energy, talent and dedication for patient care. Lee’s mother and two of her sisters also work at McCarl Dental Group.

Lee started as a part-time dental assistant while still in high school at the age of 16. She excelled at the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in Baltimore. At her 2009 dental school graduation, Dr. Lee was given the most distinguished class award for ethics and patient care.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. Email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



Elaine Skolnik (left) enjoyed a visit from long-time co-workers on the News Review Sandra Lange (center) and Mary Lou Williamson last Monday. Skolnik has moved to Solana, an assisted living facility in Olney nearer her family.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10 a.m.**



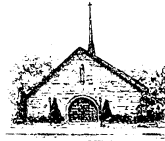
At the group level, a concern for justice is the indispensable compass in collective decision making, because it is the only means by which unity of thought and action can be achieved.

Baha'i Writings

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

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301-474-4322



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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.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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January 18, 10 a.m.

Sweet Freedom

Martin Luther King Sunday

Rev. Kate Walker, guest preacher;

with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate;

and the Choir

This sermon will look at the complexity of freedom as envisioned by our founding fathers to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will ask what liberation theology and our UU Principles have to teach us about how to navigate the moral ambiguity of freedom.

Rev. Kate Walker is minister of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church in Alexandria, Va.

**Obituaries**

**Betsy Tropp**

Betsy (nee Hartman) Tropp died on January 8, 2015. She was the wife of the late Sterling E. Tropp, Sr.; mother of Sterling (Charlotte) Tropp, Jr. and Tammy Tropp; grandmother of Lisa Tropp Mavilia and Sgt. Calvin Tropp; and great-grandmother of Malory Mavilia, Macy Mavilia and Bradley Tropp. She was also the honorary grandmother of Michael, Christina and Victoria Kerdock.

Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home on January 12. The funeral service was held at Greenbelt Baptist Church on January 13. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

The first snowfall of 2015 provided plenty of activity on January 6. Top, Michael Jawer of the Public Works Department applies ice melting pellets at Roosevelt Center.

Middle, Nicole Leech (left, 10) and Alyssa Bailey (9) sled down a slope behind the Greenbelt Library.

Hannah Baker makes a snow angel.

**Greenbelt Community Church**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**At the Library**

All county library branches will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. The Greenbelt library will reopen on Tuesday, January 20 at 1 p.m.

**Adult Book Discussion**

Tanis Rideout's *Above All Things*. Tuesday, January 20, 7 p.m. Come join the library's Adult Book Discussion of this New York Times Editor's Choice historical fiction novel.

In 1924 George Mallory departs on his third expedition to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Left behind in Cambridge, George's young wife, Ruth, along with the rest of war-ravaged England, anticipates news they hope will reclaim some of the empire's faded glory. Through alternating narratives, what emerges is a beautifully rendered story of love torn apart by obsession and the need for redemption.

Anyone who has read this book and wants to discuss it is welcome to participate. Copies of the book may be available at the branch's information desk through January 17.

**Storytimes**

Thursday, January 22: Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime 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. Encourage your children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each 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 available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

**2015 African History**

**& Culture Lecture Series**

Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m. *The Long, Hard Fight: Blacks & The War of 1812* will be the first session of the winter season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African diaspora. Other sessions will continue each Tuesday evening through February 24 in celebration of Black History Month.

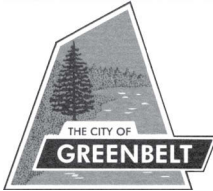
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# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 19-23**

Monday, January 19 - Dr. MLK Day Holiday - No Meeting

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 21, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Economic Development Study** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, January 22 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Review new code of conduct document for city boards/committees and FP assessment/RFP process

*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 Monday, January 19, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**  
 Week of January 19  
 Monday Route – Collected Tuesday  
 Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
 Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday  
 Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 23

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Community Service Opportunities**

In observance of the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=35>

Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS) community service opportunities at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/chears](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/chears)

The online home of President Obama's "United We Serve" initiative: [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)

Download Greenbelt's Volunteer brochure at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1897](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1897)

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b) (1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Session of the **Employee Relations Board will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review an employee grievance.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at various locations and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to one of the drop-off areas by February 6, 2015. A complete listing of tree drop-off areas can be found at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?nid=361>. For more information contact 301-474-8004.

**Visit our adoptable pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter**  
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King was an owner surrender because his dad's new home wouldn't allow pets. He is a 1 year old boxer mix, very smart, walks well on leash, but he can be excitable. King is looking for a forever home.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**  
 See our pets at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**WANTED: WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS!**

The City of Greenbelt will be compiling Welcome Packets for new residents soon. Local businesses, groups, organizations are encouraged to provide materials to include in these packets. Flyers, coupons, promotional items, etc. Please provide 300 of what you would like to include to the city office, attention Beverly Palau, at 25 Crescent Road by Friday, January 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or at 240-542-2026.

## 50 Years Ago . . . Who Pays for the Light On Greenbelt Road?

by Tom Jones

*Excerpts selected from the News Review online archive. The following are front-page excerpts from the News Review online archive, February 14, 1965, issue.*

“The [State Roads Commission] has authorized the installation of traffic lights at Beltway Plaza Shopping Center . . . but no lights have been installed because of a squabble of who should foot the bills . . . . The council did decide to ask its solicitor whether the city had legal authority to prohibit left turns in and out of Beltway Plaza . . . .

“[Councilman Lewis Bernstein] charged [developer] FNRC with using devious methods to avoid paying for the lights. He pointed out that if FNRC had at the time of its request for a permit to gain access to [Greenbelt Road] had informed SRC that it never would pay for the light, it never would have gotten the permit. Instead, FNRC agreed to bear responsibility for the light, but reserved the right to contest the provision of the permit requiring it to pay for the light . . . .

“[Councilman Cliff] Simonson pointed out that a whole string of traffic lights along Greenbelt Rd. will eventually be needed . . . . It was also pointed out that the American Automobile

Association [AAA] has noted that Greenbelt Rd. needs overhead lights as well as traffic lights to lessen the safety hazard.”

In the same edition:

- A “spanking new” 16 cubic yard refuse collection truck was the City’s first truck with a diesel engine.

- Advertisements for four repair services for televisions, one for typewriters, two for vacuum cleaners and one for washing machines.

- A history of the Greenbelt Library, which in 1965 was located in Center School (now the Community Center). The Greenbelt Library was the largest in the county before the county library system was created in 1955.

- Double-feature movie at the Greenbelt Theater: Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello in Muscle Beach Party and Bikini Beach

See the entire February 14, 1965, News Review – including an editorial and letter about the controversy surrounding the first Beltway Plaza traffic light – in the News Review archive at [GreenbeltNewsReview.com/archive](http://GreenbeltNewsReview.com/archive).

### Lottery for County Specialty Programs

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) specialty programs is accepting online applications for the 2015-2016 school year until March 12.

All Prince George’s County families can apply to a PGCPS specialty program. Interested families must complete an online application at [forms.pgcps.org/specialty/](http://forms.pgcps.org/specialty/) for each child they wish to enroll.

PGCPS specialty programs provide students with a range of unique learning subjects, activities and opportunities as an enhancement of choice. Specialty programs include Creative and Performing Arts, French Immersion, Dual Language/Spanish Immersion, Montessori and Talented and Gifted (TAG).

The admission lottery drawing will be conducted electronically by the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries on March 20. Parents will be notified by mail the week of March 30.

Close to 6,500 students are currently participating in one of five PGCPS specialty programs. Last year, 6,044 applications were received.

### Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, January 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building. To register call 301-324-4968.

### Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 19 through 23 are as follows:

Monday: Martin Luther King Holiday – No Service

Tuesday: pineapple juice, meatballs w/marinara sauce, whole grain spaghetti, broccoli, Italian bread and pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday: cranberry juice, cream of tomato soup w/crackers, egg salad, mixed green salad w/French dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday: grape juice, crispy baked chicken thigh, macaroni & cheese, glazed carrots, and tropical fruit.

Friday: orange juice, pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, California vegetables, wheat roll and applesauce.

### Women's Heart Support Group

On Tuesday, January 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital offers a free program with heart disease experts who provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions. For more information or to register, call 301-324-4968.

### GHI Notes

Thursday January 15, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday January 16, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday January 19, OFFICE CLOSED (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday). Emergency maintenance will be available.

Tuesday January 20, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday January 21, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Library

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday January 22, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

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allowing time for special film festivals. P&G recognized the difficulty of operating a single screen when opting for first-run films.

FOGT responded that operating as a non-profit, they would not have to rely only on ticket sales, would be more program-driven and more nimble and varied in programming.

**Experience**

William Thompson of Lanham expressed a preference for P&G because of their experience in finding good first-run movies that don't show up in all theaters, especially the multiplex venues.

Peter May of Greenbelt also supported the P&G proposal because their experience is based on real numbers and because they had indicated an interest in providing a second screen.

Barbara Simon agreed that P&G has good first-run experience and that a solid business experience is needed. Interested non-profits could share the space when the theater is dark, she said. Support for P&G was also echoed by Marie Silvia Miller because of their experience.

The next nine speakers indicated support for FOGT. Susan Stewart of Greenbelt said she felt there was a lack of family type movies at theaters run by P&G

and that she favored the FOGT proposal. This support was also shared by Greenbelt residents Emily Feng, John Mason, Jon Patterson, Gwen Vacarro and Oliver Gaychen and by Meagan Baco of Washington, D.C. Brian Real supported the non-profit model for Greenbelt and noted a possible link to the University of Maryland Film Studies Program. Kim Kahn also supported FOGT.

**Next Steps**

Following the hearing, council discussed the next steps and tentatively scheduled a worksession for Wednesday, January 14. It also continued its plan to have theater operation proposals on the agenda of the January 26 meeting of council.

The worksession may be an executive session closed to the public. McLaughlin said he would recommend that the meeting be an executive session based on his understanding of the Maryland statutory authority for closing a meeting. For the actual approval of an operator for the theater, it is also not known if council will waive its rules and approve an operator at the January 26 council meeting or whether it will follow the usual procedure, making its final decision at the following council meeting on February 9.

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**Magician Tricks**

Mike the Magician entertained with his magic tricks and stand-up comedy as he performed, sometimes with audience participation. Talented at both comedy and magic tricks, he kept us guessing about how he made his magic.

But what would New Year's Eve be without music? There was something for everyone to enjoy. Chief Nesky played some 1970s-era soft rock; Jan Knutson and Max Williamson played jazz guitar; and Knutson was joined by Mayor Emmett Jordan on guitar for some Brazilian jazz.

Herling then joined in on piano for two pieces, one of which, Missing You, he had written. He was followed by Glenn Harris on bass and by Jordan and Knutson on guitar who played jazz by Wes Montgomery and Pat Metheny, as well as a Cole Porter piece.

Soon enough it was time to go up to Roosevelt Center for the midnight singing of Auld Lang Syne to ring in the New Year. What we lacked in vocal talents we more than made up for with hugs and well-wishes for all. Because that's what friends do.



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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.

## Home Invasion

January 3, 11:11 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. People were in their residence when two men wearing ski masks kicked in the front door, brandished handguns and announced a robbery. They ransacked the apartment, took a wallet and fled.

## Fire

January 7, 3:25 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A fire was reported at a kiosk at Beltway Plaza. No one was injured. Prince George's County Fire Department investigators are handling the investigation.

## Handgun Recovery

January 6, 11:02 a.m. Prince George's County police recovered a 45-caliber semi-automatic handgun taken in a burglary May 9 in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

## Robbery

January 4, 7:59 p.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. As a woman was getting inside her vehicle, a man approached and demanded her purse. A struggle ensued and after he got her purse, he ran to a car described as a grey sedan and fled. He was described as a black man, 5'8" tall, 170 pounds with a beard, wearing a grey shirt.

## DWI/DUI

December 31, 10:18 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Hanover Parkway. A 40-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with alcohol and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

## Assault

December 31, 10:10 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A man walking in the parking lot was approached by a group of people, one of whom asked for a cigarette. When the man said he had none, they assaulted him. He was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment.

January 1, 5 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A woman was assaulted by a man she let into her home to perform maintenance work. She was not injured and the man, who is known to her, left. The investigation is continuing.

## Unattended Purses

January 4, 20 Southway. When a woman returned to her car after going into the BP Service Station to pay for gas, she found the driver side window broken out and her purse missing. A vehicle described as a white Jeep Cherokee was seen in the area.

January 5, 7600 block Ora Glen Drive. When a woman returned to her car after being inside the Post Office to drop off mail, she discovered the right rear window was broken and her handbag missing.

January 6, 6000 block Green-

belt Road. An unattended purse was taken from a car in the Beltway Plaza parking lot after a window was broken to gain access.

## Theft

January 5, 8 a.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. Camera equipment and electronics were removed from an office.

## Trespass

January 3, 1:03 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 27-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 7, 7:19 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 43-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Greenway Shopping Center after having been banned from there by agents of the property.

## Burglary

January 3, 5:30 p.m., 6800 block Megan Lane. Jewelry was taken after entry was gained by forcing open the rear basement door.

January 6, 2:32 a.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road. A window screen was removed and a rock thrown through a window in an attempted commercial burglary. Entry was not gained.

January 6, 12:10 p.m., 7700 block Greenbelt Road. A window was broken in an attempt to enter a business. Entry was not gained.

January 7, 10:45 a.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. A television and video game player were taken from a residence. Entry may have been gained by way of an unlocked sliding glass door.

## Vandalism

January 1, 2:05 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A man went up to the walk-up window at the Shell FoodMart and attempted to buy beer. When the cashier said they were not selling beer at that time, the man kicked the front door, shattering the glass. He fled in a vehicle described as a white 4-door Nissan. He is described as a white man, 25 to 40 years old, 5'8" tall, 200 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt.

## Vehicle Crime

A 1999 4-door Honda Civic stolen January 4 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered the next day by the U.S. Park Police on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at the NASA/Goddard exit.

A 1997 black 2-door Honda Civic with Md. tags 4BF8460 was stolen on January 5 from the 7400 block Morrison Drive.

Parts were removed from a motorcycle in the 6100 block Breezewood Court on January 7.

## A Review

# Call It Rude Homage for Shakespeare

by Jim Link

The myriad-minded Shakespeare is so capacious that he thrives even on narrow, "hip" or politically trendy interpretations.

There was nothing petty or provincial, though, in The Rude Mechanicals' production of Julius Caesar; their joyous irreverence and bizarre innovations served only to deepen our appreciation of Shakespeare. The Rudes come to praise the Bard, not to bury him, to coin a phrase.

Those unfortunates who missed last weekend's production at the Greenbelt Arts Center can still catch it at the Howard County Center for the Arts beginning on January 16. Google The Rude Mechanicals for details.

Set in 1924 Russia, Caesar-as-Lenin (Alan Duda) is opposed by Brutus-as-Trotsky (Josh Engel). The integrity and optimism of the Bolshevik Revolution fail horrifically with the emergence of the young Octavius Caesar-as-Stalin (Holly Trout).

Toss in some dizzying gender

benders and you have an evening of mind-stretching, sexually revelatory, politically insightful entertainment. Cassius, Antony and Octavius Caesar all are female characters!

This casting is partly inspired, partly sheer desperation. Holly Trout explained to me that there was a merry-go-round of casting changes right up to the week before opening night as actors kept dropping out. "There were three Caesars, two Antonys, two Octavius Caesars and two Treboniuses," she said.

## Other Actors

Duda was a real trouper coming off the bench as Caesar #3 and Director Jaki Demarest heroically did double duty as a mini-skirted Antony #2, while Holly Trout stepped in as a sleek, menacing, feline Octavius Caesar #2. The play's the thing indeed!

No wonder Demarest credits assistant director Liana Olear for pulling the show together and for letting her "keep whatever sanity I have left when this is over."

If Josh Engel (Brutus) is the noblest Roman of them all, Re-

becca Speas (Cassius) is certainly the prettiest assassin of them all. After they argue in their tent the day before the battle of Phillipi, they make up by rough housing playfully, ratcheting up the sexual tension between them. So when they eventually "bid farewell, forever and forever" with a deep, lingering kiss, it seems weirdly appropriate.

Also appropriate, though a jolt, is Brutus's tender kiss of Portia's self-inflicted thigh wound. The lovely Boneza Hancock (Portia) is proving her stoic courage to her uncommunicative husband. Uxorious response!

Engel and Demarest deliver their funeral orations with dignity, reason and noble futility (Brutus), and with passion, irony and cynical effectiveness (Antony). The fickle mob plunges into the rapture of violence, tearing Cinna the Poet to pieces – poor Will Robey.

The ragged edges of this challenging production will be smoothed out next week, no doubt. It's a hoot, a delight, an education.

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### Citizens to Share Ideas On Zoning Rewrite

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission seeks feedback on the rewrite of the county's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. After a year-long review of the current codes, the consultant team led by Clarion Associates has completed and released its evaluation and recommendations for how the ordinance and regulations should be restructured.

A series of countywide listening sessions will be held on January 27, 28 and 29. The sessions will be held on the following days and locations from 6 to 8 p.m.: January 27, Parks and Recreation Administration Building, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale; January 28, Southern Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington; January 29, Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover.

The Prince George's Zoning Rewrite will update the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to make development rules easier to understand, more user-friendly and supportive of the type of quality development that encourages economic growth for the county. The project will also implement the newly-adopted Prince George's 2035 General Plan, which establishes the vision for how the county hopes to grow.

The Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations have not been updated in over 50 years. In past years however, there have been numerous amendments to the regulations. Thus, the current law has become a 1,000-page document that many agree is confusing, inconsistent, difficult to understand and to use, and that in some instances creates obstacles to achieve the types of economic development desired and to improve the quality of life for the county's residents.

#### Learn More

For more information about the Zoning Rewrite and to read the Evaluation and Recommendations Report, visit [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com). The newly-redesigned website offers opportunities to learn more about zoning through the Zoning Academy, view the project time line and stay involved by keeping track of the planning department's progress.

The planning department is responsible for preserving, protecting and managing the county's resources through high-quality planning services and growth management guidance. Visit the website [pgplanning.org](http://pgplanning.org) to learn how to become engaged in shaping the future of the county.

### CPAE Photography Club Meets Tuesday

Photography buffs who want to participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), may attend meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

For more information visit [facebook.com/groups/photo20740](https://www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740).



### Free Lymphedema Support Group

On Wednesday, January 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free education and support meeting for those combating lymphedema. The meeting will take place on the 5th floor of the North Building.

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

### CSPAC Celebrates ML King, Jr.

On Saturday, January 17 at 2 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center the City of College Park will hold its 24th annual tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme this year is "Our Diversity as a People is Our Strength as a Nation."

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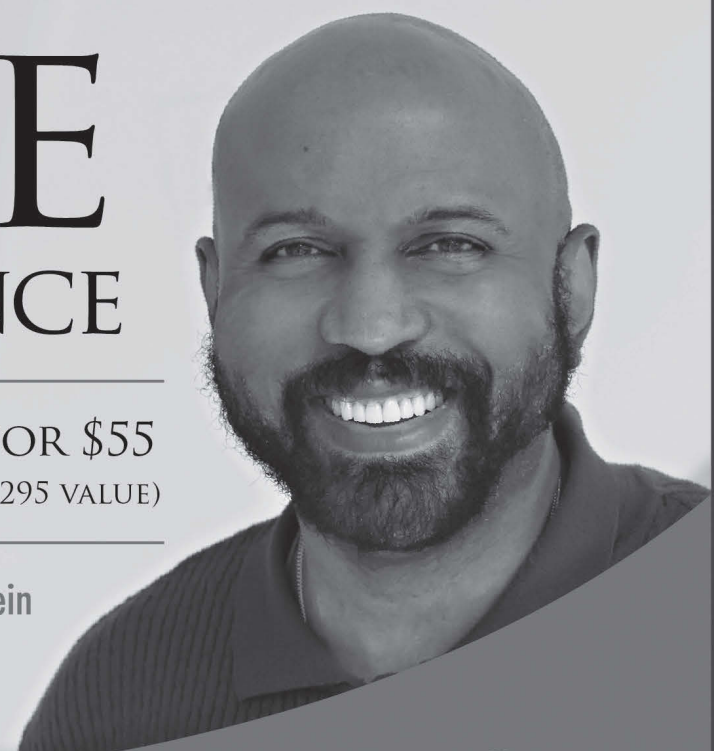
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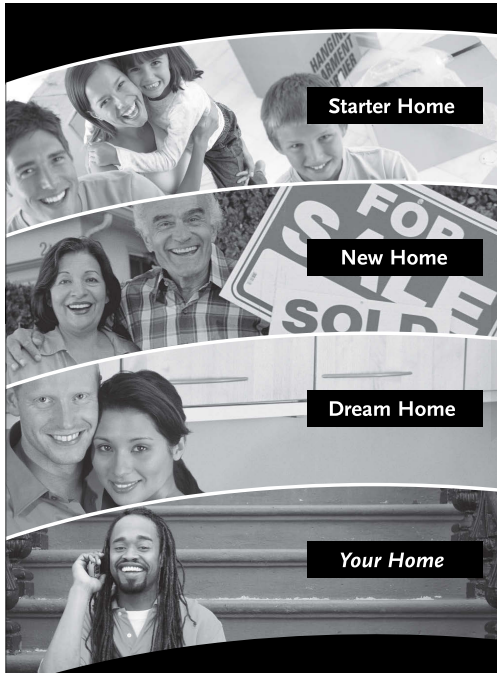


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### Garden Club Meets in January

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the James Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville.

Featured will be speaker Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of Washington Gardener magazine and a specialist in small space and urban gardening. Jentz will talk about Common Gardening Challenges, including poor landscape drainage, gardening on a slope, planting in clay soil and small spaces. She takes a do-it-yourself, hands-in-the-dirt approach that emphasizes practical advice while not ignoring the fun and humor of learning from past mistakes.

Jentz has been featured in numerous Washington-area publications and she appears in regular gardening guest spots on television and radio programs in Washington.

She is also the Green Media columnist for the Mid-Atlantic Grower newspaper where she does a great deal of hand-holding and coaxing to get independent garden centers, plant breeders and other horticultural businesses to join the social media revolution and maximize their online brands.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related item for the door prize table. There is no fee and the public is welcome.

### Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, January 20 from 7 to 9 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. The second group is for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, on the 4th floor of the North Building. Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure.

Registration for either group is required by calling 301-324-4968.

### Supreme Court Article on Wikipedia

Enthusiastic Greenbelt historians should take a look at the recently updated Wikipedia page relating to the Supreme Court decision involving this community newspaper. This historic decision involving First Amendment rights was the outcome of the case known as Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc. v. Bresler. Wikipedia references the article that sparked the case in the October 14, 1965, issue in the Greenbelt News Review's online archive. Thanks to Tom Jones, News Review board member, for providing the Wikipedia link to the late Dorothy Sucher's article which appeared on the front page of that edition of the paper.

Jones hopes that some First Amendment scholars will appreciate seeing the original source article that led to the case. Sucher continued writing and editing until her death in 2010. See [wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenbelt\\_Cooperative\\_Publishing\\_Ass'n,\\_Inc.\\_v.\\_Bresler](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenbelt_Cooperative_Publishing_Ass'n,_Inc._v._Bresler).

### Refuge Offers Storytime

On Sunday, January 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge offers a tale about winter and the wonderful way nature makes it through the cold months. This program is free and for all ages.

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service commissions. According to Pasternak, a primary benefit to consumers will be a higher level of performance and reliability by Pepco, which would not only be subject to fines for nonperformance but would also have access to a large network of crews and resources when it needs assistance during storms. He said there would be no rate increase as a result of the merger and, at least for two years, no merger-related loss in jobs. The company would also maintain charitable contributions in the areas served and honor collective bargaining agreements. Employee unions support the merger.

Greenbelt Councilmember Konrad Herling raised the issue of the Coalition for Utility Reform and the Petition to Intervene in the Merger, which were introduced by County Councilmember Roger Berliner of Montgomery County. The councils of both College Park and Greenbelt had voted to join the coalition. Pasternak responded that a number of the items proposed for reform are things Exelon is already doing. The other items they believe are not appropriate for consideration during a merger proceeding, but should be applied across the board to all the utilities in the state.

Jordan replied that Greenbelt was not opposed to the merger but was interested in the idea of setting up performance standards and metrics that were based on consumer service performance rather than on financial performance. Calvo said Berwyn Heights had not had adequate time to make a decision on it but also had found the performance metrics to be of interest. There ensued discussion of the recently adopted performance standards required by Maryland law, which are not as strict as those the new company is adopting for itself.

### Zoning Rewrite

The Prince George's County Planning Department is conducting a comprehensive rewrite of the county's 50-year-old zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations. Chad Williams, project manager for M-NCPPC, gave an overview of the project. Objectives include creating a more concise document that is more user-friendly and less reliant on legalese, consolidating the number of zones; streamlining the development approval process so it moves more quickly and modernizing development standards to reflect current practice.

While Williams covered many areas in his overview, the most controversial aspect was municipal involvement in the process of the rewrite as well as in the development review process, which is targeted for streamlining. Greenbelt Councilmember Judith Davis questioned where municipalities fit into this process, since roles are mentioned for citizens and the district council (members of the county council) but not for municipalities. She said provision has to be made for municipalities to have a say in what they want their towns to look like.

Calvo agreed that if some of the proposed changes are made, cities would have much less say in a reduced review process. Councilmembers Patrick Wojahn and Denise Mitchell expressed similar concerns on behalf of College Park. Williams said they

understood those issues but wanted to strike a balance so that the process would not be endless, as it sometimes now seems to applicants.

Herling intoned solemnly in conclusion, "We are all concerned about this. You can hear it."

### North Core

As part of an update on the status of the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a draft proclamation from the Four Cities expressing support for the choice of the North Core of Greenbelt Station was approved. Representative Steny Hoyer's office has requested that the joint proclamation be sent to him for purposes of reading it into the Congressional Record.

Fellows said the developers have held two meetings with residents from North College Park who had concerns with potential traffic noise, light impacts and the height of buildings. While there are still some reservations, North College Park is in general satisfied with the developers' responses and the attention paid to their concerns.

Berwyn Heights Councilmember Jodie Culpa-Eddy said Berwyn Heights had already sent a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) in support of the development. Wojahn added that College Park has also done so.

Everyone agreed that lobbying efforts should be heightened and that it was essential to stress positives of the Greenbelt area rather than negative aspects of the other locations.

### Video RFP

Herling, who is functioning as the chair for the coalition committee established to promote the area through development of a promotional video, distributed a copy of the request for proposals (RFP). He said it was based in part on talking points from this group. At that time, there were two potential producers with the RFP still open. Greenbelt Councilmember Leta Mach is working with him on this project. In principle all four cities were committed to some financial support for the video but commitments had not yet been made. If all four cities participate, the budget will be \$25,000.

### Rt. 193 Streetscape

Greenbelt placed this item on the agenda to note that it was a high priority in its legislative

program to resuscitate this program, into which cities bordering Route 193 had put a good deal of time and planning effort when the state was promoting the program some years ago. Support is still needed for items that had been eligible: for example, street lighting, traffic signals, bike lanes and general improvements to the appearance of the streetscape and to pedestrian and bicycle access.

The city hopes to elicit support from District 21 elected officials as well as its own. They have asked the State Highway Administration to bring the program back. The message is "Just Find It and Fund It."

### Animal Shelter

Discussion begun at prior Four Cities meetings continued regarding the possibility of a joint county-municipal animal shelter to be located in the northern part of the county. Calvo and Wojahn gave an update on a meeting held earlier that day with the County Department of the Environment. They said the county has about \$200,000 to put toward a feasibility study and is expecting some support from the municipalities. Jordan reminded the group to keep in mind as things progress that part of the initial idea was to have a private-public partnership.

Calvo said he thought a lot of good ideas came out of the meeting but that it appeared the county had not really started thinking about it. He said the list of issues that must be looked at is very extensive. He expects the county will get the scope of work for the feasibility study to the Four Cities soon. It is then essential that each city promptly review the document and decide whether it is committed to pursuing the project to the next level or not.

The next meeting of the Four Cities Coalition will be hosted by College Park on Thursday, January 29.



## Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Location: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road

2:00 – 4:15 PM

*This meeting will be recorded for future viewing.*

### Purpose:

- Discuss the upcoming Homes Improvement Program (HIP)
- Address some of the big issues and major challenges ahead
- Provide opportunity for questions and comments from members

### AGENDA

1:45-2:00	Sign-in
Ongoing	Question submittal for tally and subsequent responses
2:00 – 2:05	Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Steve Skolnik, Board President
2:05 – 2:15	State of the Co-op – Steve Skolnik, Board President
2:15 – 2:25	Status of Phase 3 of the Pilot Program (Installation & Testing of Heating/Cooling Systems) – Jim Cohen, Buildings Committee Chair
2:25 – 2:40	Homes Improvement Program: Board Recommendations re: Non-replacement Reserve Envelope Improvements – Sue Ready, Board Vice President
2:40 – 2:55	Homes Improvement Program: Status of Board Review of Crawlspace Improvements – Steve Skolnik, Board President
2:55 – 3:05	Homes Improvement Program: Timeline for Major Preparation Activities in 2015 – Eldon Ralph, General Manager
3:05 – 4:10	Question and Answer Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Top 3 frequently asked questions (or other recurring issues) submitted on index cards</li> <li>- Open mike for member questions and comments (2-minute limit per question)</li> </ul>
4:10 – 4:15	Closing comments – Steve Skolnik, Board President



Sign language interpreters will be provided at this meeting.

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