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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

At 5:15 on January 19, a passerby noticed that the house at 1 Lakeview Circle was on fire. No one was hurt, though there was considerable damage to the building. The passerby saw smoke coming from the roof and flames inside the second story window. Within five minutes firefighters from Greenbelt, Beltsville, Branchville and other county departments were on the scene. Firefighters reported attacking the fire in the kitchen area, as well as in the top floor and attic. Fire crews had the fire under control within 20 minutes, though trucks lined Lakeside Drive for a few hours.

## City, GHI Take Steps in Considering Museum Expansion to 10A Crescent

by Kathleen Gallagher

At its regular meeting on January 11, the Greenbelt City Council introduced for first reading an ordinance to authorize the city to acquire by negotiated purchase the rights-to-use for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) house at 10A Crescent Road. This unit is the other half of the duplex that houses the Greenbelt Museum at 10B, for which the city has held the rights since its purchase in 1987. The ordinance, which also authorizes the mayor and the city manager to execute all the appropriate documents, will return on the agenda of the council's Monday, January 25 meeting for second reading and

proposed adoption.

In the meantime, just down the road at Hamilton Place, the GHI Board of Directors has begun its own process for reviewing the request from the city to become the GHI member at 10A. Opinions were solicited from GHI members through the beginning of this week. According to Board President Steven Skolnik, through January 15 response had been light. Only 15 comments had been received from members, 14 of them supportive of the city's plan. The board expects to consider the matter on the agenda of its next regular meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 7:30

p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The city's ordinance stipulates the sale price to be up to \$200,000 plus any related costs or fees. Since GHI is a cooperative, the sale would not actually be for the real estate at 10A, but rather to enter into a mutual ownership contract (MOC) with GHI that would give the city a right to perpetual use of the unit. The MOC also lists the rights and obligations of a member and the cooperative to each other. Since the city is already a GHI member by virtue of its MOC for 10B, it would be allowed to continue to

See MUSEUM, page 8

## Dog Turf, Plastic Bags, Trees Engage Council's Attention

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's first regular meeting in 2016 featured a light agenda that had everyone out the door in less than half the usual time. The introduction for first reading of an ordinance for the city to purchase the rights-to-use for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) house located at 10A Crescent Road is reported in the article above. Other items covered at the January 11 meeting included a resolution to purchase canine turf, a program for planting chestnut trees and state legislation once again being introduced in the new General Assembly session to discourage use of plastic bags in retail stores.

### Artificial Dog Turf

A resolution to negotiate the purchase of artificial dog turf for the dog yards at the city's animal shelter was introduced for first reading and will return to the agenda of the January 25 regular meeting for action. Complaints about the condition of the ground at both the shelter and the dog park resulted in investigation of artificial turf as a possible solution to problems in both areas. Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, had reported at the department's budget worksession last year that it had become impossible to maintain a grass yard at the shelter because of the very heavy

use by dogs, poor drainage and a lack of sunlight. As a result, the yard becomes wet and muddy, which in turn causes the inside of the shelter to become wet and muddy. Not only does that result in higher maintenance costs but it is also a possible health hazard for both the dogs and the staff.

Council included \$15,000 in this year's budget to install the turf at the shelter since the need there was greater and because staff members were less certain about the suitability of the turf for use at the much larger dog park. It was then decided to take advantage of the opportunity to

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## Tree Stewardship Event Celebrates MLK Day

by Erin Josephitis

The Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project led a tree protection volunteer event in Buddy Attick Park on Monday, January 18 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Over 50 volunteers and three Public Works employees honored the holiday by contributing to a National Day of Service. Participants of all ages demonstrated hard work and positive attitudes throughout the event despite frigid temperatures.

Volunteers met inside the Public Works Department for orientation to the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project. A short video demonstrated the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following the history lesson was an introduction to the Public Works Department's role in coexisting with beavers.

The purpose of protecting trees is to sustain the forest by coexisting with beavers. In order to maintain woodlands from transforming into wetlands, certain slow-growth tree species must be protected from beavers with wire caging placed around trunks. In order to ensure adequate food and building materials for beaver dams and lodges, non-native trees are purposely left uncaged.

After orientation, volunteers took a bus or walked along the lake path to see the beaver dam in person. Volunteers were divided into groups to learn the proper techniques to protect trees from beavers and English ivy. Wire cutters were used to remove tight wire and fencing was re-

placed on some previously caged trees to provide enough space for continued tree growth. Hand shears were used to remove English ivy from trees. An estimated 25 trees were protected with wire caging and 40 trees were liberated from the invasive English ivy.

Laughter could be heard throughout the forest as individuals and families worked together to make the holiday a day on, not a day off. Thanks to all the individual participants and volunteer groups, especially Islamic Relief USA, Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society, Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Junior Miss Greenbelt, Little Miss Greenbelt and St. Vincent Pallotti High School. Thanks also to Bagel Place of College Park for donating bagels and to Generous Joe's for donating pizza.

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PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

Junior Miss Greenbelt, Allison Beatrez, and Little Miss Greenbelt, Katherine Larkin, removing English ivy at Buddy Attick Park.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, January 23**

9 a.m. to Noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot city offices

**Monday, January 25**

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltd.gov/municipaltv

**Monday, January 25 through 29**, Strength Training Room at the Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closed for installation of new equipment and new flooring.

**Tuesday, January 26**

3:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

6:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education, Principals Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Green ACES and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

**Wednesday, January 27**

7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, College Park

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

## Snow Alert

There may be a big storm this weekend or it could be just a couple of inches. Here are the preparations.

**Public Schools:** A Friday storm won't affect the students in the public schools, since the day is already designated as a Professional Development Day.

**The Recreation Department and City:** The Greenbelt Recreation Department normally follows the school closings, but also puts schedule changes on the weather and information hotline: 301-474-0646. Community Center Coordinator, Rebekah Sutfin, says patrons can also check the city website, and sign up for the city's alert system.

**Library:** Changes in the library's schedule will be posted on the library's website.

**Food and Shovels:** Shopping before a storm can get crowded. The Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy ordered extra milk, bread, snow shovels and ice melt salt among other things. "We stock up on things that are in high demand," said store manager Bob Davis. He also coordinates additional staff to keep the store running smoothly. At 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the store was crowded with shoppers.

## City Notes

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews assisted with the removal of fallen trees around the lake, in the wooded areas and from the water at Buddy Attick Park, deposited gravel on the path and dug a swale to help with water drainage.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 25.41 tons of refuse and 13.05 tons of recyclable material.

Walk With Ease Open Gym began and 20 people used the gym to get in their daily walk.

## New Deal Online Celebrates 20 Years

The History of the New Deal Café is now online celebrating the twenty years since about five hundred people in Greenbelt created the New Deal Café cooperative in 1995. There is an online history on the web at [thehistoryofthenewdealcafe-greenbeltmaryland.wordpress.com](http://thehistoryofthenewdealcafe-greenbeltmaryland.wordpress.com). The links on the home page connect to histories of the specified eras. To contribute information or comment on this new website about our town's own New Deal Café, email Barbara Stevens at [stvn@s@greenbelt.com](mailto:stvn@s@greenbelt.com).



**There was no need for the coroner.  
An invasive species had struck again.**

## Letters to the Editor

### Original Row Of Townhouses

I really enjoyed seeing my row of townhouses (33 Court Ridge, A-D) featured on page 7 (80 years ago) of the January 14 issue of the News Review. It was a nice picture of the row too. There is at least one picture of the row from the Library of Congress (LOC) that used to hang in the Community Center – haven't checked lately. I think it would be neat to do a then and now picture of events like this.

I didn't actually know before that my row was the first although I suspected it because the Gardenway unit that is next to me has a plaque saying that it was the first inhabited house but the LOC picture of my row shows that the Gardenway house wasn't built yet.

So anyway, now I know when to tell my house happy birthday!  
*Rachel Channon*

### Happy New Year!

The Community Relations Advisory Board. (CRAB) is an advisory body to the city council. Our charter is to "Foster sympathetic understanding, harmonious relationships, tolerance, good will, individual responsibility and a practical cooperation among all groups and individuals in the community."

In an effort to better understand and address community concerns, we have adopted a policy of meeting at least quarterly in various locales throughout the city. We want to hear from you. All of our meetings are open. Scheduled meetings will be listed in the News Review on the page called city information.

In the spirit of the recent holidays, we would like to remind all Greenbelters of the Community Pledge, which was proposed by CRAB and adopted by council. Please keep it in mind this season and at all times when commenting publicly and through various media, including letters and ads in this newspaper.

"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation.

We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths and races living together.

By sharing together all are enriched.

We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe and fair for all people."

*Rick Ransom, Chair;  
Jacquelyn Carrington, Co-Chair;  
Janet Parker; Kevin Hammett;  
Dan Hamlin; Dea Zugby and Jamie Krauk.*

### Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club is ready for another active and enjoyable year. The following slate of officers was installed on January 6, 2016: President Brenda Cooley, First Vice President John Henry Jones, Second Vice President Randi Anderson, Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald, Corresponding Secretary Cathie Brennan, Treasurer Wallace Wilcox.

We have welcomed several new members and would like lots more. The Program Chair, Suze Marley, has some great things planned for the New Year and we enjoy Bingo every month.

Remember to laugh at yourself and you'll always be amused.

*Bunny Fitzgerald*

### On Screen

#### Spotlight and Room

Two somber, riveting movies open this Friday at Old Greenbelt Theatre. Both explore the dark abyss of human cruelty, many circles into hell. Both are worth seeing.

**Spotlight** is a newsroom procedural which focuses on the exposure of some of Boston's Catholic clergy (over 100 priests) involved in child abuse over several decades. It feels like a taut detective thriller, though one saturated with enormous sadness. Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery and Stanley Tucci rip the lid off of the coverup.

Running time 128 minutes R rating

**Room** tells the heroic story of a kidnapped young woman who lives in a one room prison and bears the child of her rapist/captor. Cherishing her child, she eventually escapes and raises the child on her own. The ending certainly can't be called happy, but it is a paean to the determination and generosity of the human spirit.

Running time 118 minutes R rating

*- Peter Curtis*



Old Greenbelt Theatre  
129 Centerway  
301-329-2034  
[www.greenbelttheatre.org](http://www.greenbelttheatre.org)

Adults \$9  
Senior/Student \$8, Kids \$6  
Members receive a \$1 discount on all shows after 5:00 PM  
All shows before 5 PM:  
Adults \$7, Kids \$5  
OC = Open Captions  
CC = Closed Captions

**SHOWTIMES**  
Jan 22 – Jan 28

**SPOTLIGHT**  
(R) (CC) (128 m.)  
Fri. 6:00 PM  
Sat. 1:00 PM, 6:00 PM  
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC),  
6:00 PM  
Mon. 6:00 PM  
Tues. 6:00 PM  
Wed. 1:00 PM, 6:00 PM  
Thurs. 6:00 PM

**ROOM**  
(R) (CC) (118 m.)  
Fri. 3:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
Sat. 3:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
Sun. 3:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
Mon. 8:30 PM  
Tues. 8:30 PM  
Wed. 3:30 PM, 8:30 PM  
Thurs. 8:30 PM

Family Series:  
A CAT IN PARIS (2010)  
(PG) (70 m.)  
Sat. 11:00 AM



The Greenbelt  
Grasshopper

Check out the kids' section on page 7

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# Community Events

## Q & A on County Schools Budget

On Monday, January 25 at 6 p.m., community members are invited to learn more about the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The meeting, which will take place in Room 114 of the Community Center, is being sponsored by the Prince George's County Advocates for Better School. Staff from the PGCPS budget office will be in attendance to answer questions.

The proposed operating budget can be accessed on line at [1.pgcps.org/budget/index.aspx?id=220014](http://1.pgcps.org/budget/index.aspx?id=220014). For more information about the event, contact [pgcabschools@gmail.com](mailto:pgcabschools@gmail.com).

## City Offers Rain Garden Workshops

The Department of Public Works is offering a series of three free workshops for those who have thought about planting a rain garden but felt that they needed some help. The first workshop, Stormwater Audit, will be held January 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn how to assess a property for stormwater problems and opportunities and how to site a rain garden.

On February 27, a workshop will feature a tour of local rain gardens so attendees can view displays and talk with local landscapers. The third, a Rain Garden Clinic on March 19, will allow attendees to get real-time help with rain garden design and a Rain Check Rebate application.

All workshops will be held at the Public Works Office, 555 Crescent Road; door prizes and refreshments will be included. To register go to: [signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain](http://signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain).

## At the Library

Crazy 8s! Season 1, Tuesdays: Grades K to 2 at 4 p.m., Grades 3 to 5 at 5 p.m. Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music, and make a mess...all while bonding with new friends over math.

Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, Wednesdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.; limit 20. Ages 2 to 3, Thursdays, 4:15 p.m., limit 20. Ages 1 to 2, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.; limit 20. Bring your baby, preschooler or toddler and join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

### Lecture Series

Justice Denied: The Roots of the Reparations Movement will be presented by historian C.R. Gibbs on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. Other sessions will be presented during the winter in commemoration of Black History Month on Tuesday evenings.

## 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 margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 25 are as follows:

Monday, January 25: Pineapple juice, sliced turkey with gravy, bread dressing, green beans, cornbread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 26: Grape juice, chicken noodle soup with crackers, open-faced hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, January 27: Apple juice, pork roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, California vegetables, wheat roll, applesauce.

Thursday, January 28: Pineapple juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay cream sauce, black-eyed peas, Harvard beets, biscuit, fruit cocktail.

Friday, January 29: Cranberry juice, sliced roast beef with provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise and mustard on sub roll, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

## Beech Tree Puppets

On Sunday, January 24 at 2 p.m., Beech Tree Puppets bring their new show, Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight, to the New Deal Café. The show combines two American Indian creation stories from the Lenape and the Inuit tribes. Crow has been revered by many cultures throughout the ages. Follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit, as he saves the animals, then travels to the Land of the Light. The show premiered in December 2015 at Greenbelt Elementary School as part of a two-year artists-in-residency, funded by the PTA, the GES Family Art Fund, and a grant from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council. This free performance at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt. The show, which is suitable for ages 4 to 104, lasts about 45 minutes. For more information, go to [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com) or [beechtreepuppets.com](http://beechtreepuppets.com).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Meeting, GHI Office

Tuesday, January 26, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, January 29, Office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011

## Events at MakerSpace

We have a full week ahead at the Greenbelt MakerSpace.

Kicking off the weekend is the Fermentation Fan Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, January 22. Come in to learn about beer brewing, yogurt making and pickling.

Saturday, January 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the quarterly Repair Café. Bring in broken stuff, and one of our talented volunteers will fix it.

Tuesday, January 26, we have Coder Dojo for kids from 7 to 8 p.m. and for adults from 8 to 9:30 p.m. No experience necessary; learn JavaScript programming through the world of Minecraft.

Wednesday, January 27 is Knit Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring knitting, crocheting or other fibery pursuit. All skill levels welcome, and if stuck on a tricky stitch, there will be someone to help.

Thursday, January 28 is Make-Write, the MakerSpace writers' group, from 7 to 9 p.m. All types of writers and aspiring writers are invited to come and talk shop.

## Weekend Activities At Greenbelt Park

Sunday, January 24: Trail Walk on the Dogwood. Join a Park Ranger for a 1.4-mile trail walk. Learn some of the basics for getting on the trails and explore an area popular with many visitors. Bring comfortable walking shoes and water. Meet at the Dogwood parking lot at 9 a.m.

Saturday, January 30: Talk in Trash with Sasha the Spider. Want to become a puppeteer? Talk in Trash is a play that helps children ages 8 to 12 learn about the animals that live in Greenbelt Park. Come and join us as a puppeteer to educate those interested in learning about the park. Meet at the Ranger Station classroom at 11 a.m.

## Twisted at Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) presents Twisted, the story of Aladdin told from the perspective of evil Vizier Jafar. This student-produced musical features a full pit orchestra and 12 performers. The show is performed in the new Sally Wagner black box theater at ERHS in Room 004. Show dates are January 27, 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. This show is not suitable for children.

## Self-advocacy Talk By GAIL Caregiver

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Helen Barnes on Friday, January 22. Barnes will share insights on the importance of improved communication in various ways. This program will allow an open discussion and role playing opportunities to better prepare individuals for any new roles they may be taking on, particularly with regards to advocating for oneself or for one you care for.

Barnes is a retired mental health professional. She worked in the mental health field for many years. She has also worked diligently with the GAIL program. She has done numerous presentations and is excited to share information with program attendees.

On Friday, January 29, Fortis College dental hygiene students, Sarah Gurgius and Cassie Wood, will be presenting the Link Between Oral and Systemic Disease. Come learn why dental care is so important for your health.

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

## CARES Provides Homework Help

Greenbelt CARES recently began an after-school Homework Help Club and Tutoring Program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Students should bring homework, school work and questions.

For more information call Judge Hering, M.S., vocational/educational counselor, at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email her at [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov).

**ACADEMY STADIUM THEATERS**  
 6198 GREENBELT ROAD  
 CENTER COURT OF BELTWAY PLAZA  
 301-220-1155  
 For directions visit [www.academy8theaters.com](http://www.academy8theaters.com)  
 R = ID Required  
 (!) = No passes, (!!)= No passes weekend  
 \* Not part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows  
 Most features are \$5.50  
 all day on Tuesdays; add \$2.00 for 3-D

**Week of January 22**

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY**  
 Ride Along 2, PG-13 (!!)  
 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 7:10, 9:15, 9:45  
 Norm of the North, PG  
 11:20, 1:40, 4:10  
 The Revenant, R  
 11:35, 2:50, 6, 9:10  
 The Boy, PG-13 (!)  
 11:30, 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50  
 Dirty Grandpa, R (!)  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:25  
 Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13  
 11, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:30  
 The 5th Wave, PG-13 (!)  
 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50  
 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers, R  
 11:55, 3, 6, 9

**SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY**  
 Ride Along 2, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 7:20  
 Norm of the North, PG  
 11:20, 1:40, 4:10  
 The Revenant, R  
 11:55, 3:30, 6:40  
 The Boy, PG-13 (!)  
 11:30, 1:50, 4:50, 7:10  
 Dirty Grandpa, R (!)  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7  
 Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13  
 11, 2, 4:10, 7  
 The 5th Wave, PG-13 (!)  
 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15  
 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers, R  
 11:55, 3, 6:50

**THURSDAY**  
 Ride Along 2, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 7:20  
 Norm of the North, PG  
 11:20, 1:40, 4:10  
 The Revenant, R  
 11:55, 3:30, 6:40  
 The Boy, PG-13  
 11:30, 1:50, 4:50, 7:10  
 Dirty Grandpa, R  
 11:10, 1:40, 4:30, 7  
 Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13  
 11, 2, 4:10, 7  
 The 5th Wave, PG-13  
 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15  
 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers, R  
 11:55, 3:50, 6:50  
 The Finest Hour, in 3D, PG-13  
 7  
 Fifty Shades of Black, in 3D, R  
 7:10

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
**COMING NEXT WEEK**

**ZOMBIE PROM**



January 22- February 13  
 Friday and Saturday at 8:00  
 Sundays January 31 and February 7 at 2:00  
 Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$18 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

**COMING SOON**  
 Enchanted April Auditions - Jan 31 - Feb 1  
 God: The One-Man Show - Feb 19 - 28 - Created by Rich Potter  
 Bad Jews - March 4 - 20 - Directed by Bob Kleinberg

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)



## Specialty Programs: Apply Online

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is now accepting online applications for the following specialty programs for the 2016-2017 school year: French Immersion – Kindergarten only; Talented and Gifted – Grades 2 to 8 (student must be TAG identified or in screening process); Montessori – Pre-K, K to 8 only with current, full-time certified Montessori experience; Creative and Performing Arts – K to 5 only, Grades 6 to 8 must audition; Spanish Immersion/Dual Language – Kindergarten only; Creative and Performing Arts Program at Thomas Pullen, Benjamin Foulois or Hyattsville Middle Schools – Grades 6 to 8.

Interested families can submit an online application by visiting [forms.pgcps.org/specialty/](http://forms.pgcps.org/specialty/). Applications are due by March 14 at 5 p.m. For additional information, contact the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300.

PGCPS Charter School Office is also accepting online applications for the 2016-2017 school year. All Prince George's County families can apply to a Public Charter School and must complete an online application at [lottery.pgcps.org](http://lottery.pgcps.org) by January 29.

## High School History Scholarships Offered

The Friends of Montpelier and the American Legion Post 60 are offering three Hallie E. Carson History scholarships of \$2,400 each to three deserving students for the best history paper or website. Eligible students are juniors and seniors in a Prince George's or Howard County public high school, and juniors and seniors at Fort Meade High School whose parent(s) is/are a non-commissioned officer. Priority will be given to students whose projects are tied to Montpelier, veterans or Maryland history. The deadline for submissions is March 15.

For more information, rules and application, visit [history.pgcparks.com/sites\\_and\\_museums](http://history.pgcparks.com/sites_and_museums) and follow links from Montpelier Mansion's website or contact Mary Jurkiewicz, Director, Montpelier Mansion Historic Site at 301-377-7817, TTY: 301-699-2544 or [Montpeliermansion@pg-parks.com](mailto:Montpeliermansion@pg-parks.com) for further information.

## Free Spring Home Show On Jan 29

The Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show will be held on Friday, January 29 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Show Place Area in Upper Marlboro. Find experts, inspiration and more at the Suburban Maryland Home Show. This event features a wide selection of home improvement professionals and expert exhibitors for any upcoming renovation or remodel.

Free admission and free parking is available.

Call 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.



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## Beltsville Garden Club Meets January 27

On Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Beltsville Garden Club will meet in the multi-purpose room of the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail. Thomas Rainer will present Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for More Resilient Landscapes.

Join landscape architect Rainer, a leading voice in ecological landscape design, to learn how plants fit together in nature and how to use this knowledge to create landscapes that are resilient, beautiful and diverse. The public is welcome and admission is free. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## Botanic Garden Holds Cooking Workshop

A Cooking Demonstration: Roots of Flavor will be offered at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Thursday, January 28 at noon and repeated at 12:45. Speakers include Adrienne Cook, gardening and cooking writer, and Danielle Cook, nutritionist and cooking instructor. Turmeric root and ginger root are often seen side-by-side on grocery shelves, but how to use them? Learn about the nutritional value of these two powerhouse roots and how to incorporate them for maximum flavor in delicious original recipes. The workshop is free; no pre-registration is required.

## Marietta Hosts Special Winter Tour

A 19th century winter visitors tour of the Marietta House Museum in Glenn Dale will be given on Saturday, January 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. Come for a special winter tour with a cup of hot cider. Tour includes tales of 19th-century winter travel and how travelers kept warm in carriages and coaches. There is a small fee.

Call 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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## Climate Change and Food Security at Mishkan Torah

On Thursday, January 28 at 7:30 pm, Lewis H. Ziska, Ph.D, a plant physiologist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, will present a talk entitled Climate Change and the Future of Food at Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt. Hosted by Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee, the talk is free and open to the public.

According to Ziska, "documented and projected changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide are likely to alter agricultural productivity directly, by supplying additional carbon for photosynthesis and growth, and indirectly, by altering surface temperatures and precipitation."

In this overview on the impact of carbon dioxide and climate change on food security, Ziska will present data from a number of sources that document the likely changes in temperature, carbon dioxide and water on crop quality and production and will identify other biological interactions with pests, weeds and diseases. In addition, he will discuss adaptation strategies, focusing on exploiting genetic and intra-specific variability within plant germplasm as a possible means to maintain agricultural production in the future.



The Bus

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After graduating from the University of California, Davis, Ziska first served as a Smithsonian fellow and later became the project leader for global climate change at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines. Since joining USDA in 1998, Ziska has published over 100 peer-reviewed research articles relating to climate change and rising carbon dioxide.

These articles address agriculture and food security, weeds and weed management, invasive species and plant biology and public health. Ziska is a recent contributor to the 2014 International Panel on Climate Change report (food security chapter) and the 2014 National Climate Assessment (public health chapter). His work has appeared in Scientific American, USA Today, CBS Nightly News, National Geographic, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal. He is the author of Weed Biology and Climate Change (with Jeff Dukes, Wiley Press) and the editor of Invasive Species and Global Climate Change (with Jeff Dukes, CABI Press).

The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road. Light refreshments will be served.

## Our Neighbors

We didn't hear of any big wins for our Greenbelt neighbors in the recent PowerBall drawing. Better luck next time!

The wait is over for parents Digna and David, and siblings Charles and Hillary. Devin-Linh Kent Cockerham arrived at 5:03 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. He weighed in at 9 lbs 7 oz and is 20 inches long. Congratulations to the Cockerham family.

Tim and Meadow Platt and big brother, James, of Ridge Road joyfully welcomed baby, Rose Mary, January 15. Happy grandparents are Mac and Mary Wirick, former longtime Greenbelt residents, and Ken and News Review Staffer Marylee Platt of Crescent Road.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt MakerSpace/Magnolia Elementary R5 Robotics team. They competed against 31 teams at the First Lego League event last weekend, and their sixth place finish earns them a chance to compete at the state championship in March.

Get well wishes to David Lange who is now at home recuperating from pneumonia.

Share your accomplishments, milestones or news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



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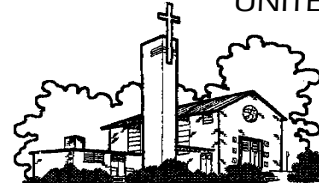
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Join us for Sunday breakfast 8:30 am.

## 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. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor



## Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### Pro-Life Prayer Mission Kick-Off Rally

First Baptist Church of Glenarden Ministry Center  
3600 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD.

Saturday, January 30, 10 am-12 noon

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Clenard Childress, author of *No Sheperd's Cry* and President of the Life Education and Resource Network.

Free Continental breakfast 9:30 am

Preregistration required [www.fbcglenarden.org/40days](http://www.fbcglenarden.org/40days).  
Sponsored by Beauty for Ashes, a women's healing ministry.  
For information call 240-593-6982.

**Upcoming Events At the New Deal**

Thursday, January 21, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 22, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Marv Ashbey & High Octane perform hard-driving bluegrass music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 23, a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in this community jazz session. Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. InToneNation plays roots rock, blues and funky ol' soul music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, Beech Tree Puppets present adaptations of Native American folktales using rod puppets, shadow puppets and marionettes from 2 to 4 p.m. Free for all ages. Tom Constanten and Anthem String Quartet perform songs on piano and vocal selections from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, January 25, the New Deal Café Board of Directors meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, January 26, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLaw Comedy Productions will feature several local comedians from 7 to 9 p.m. Adult audience suggested.

Wednesday, January 27, the monthly Cajun Music Jam happens from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in the fun.

Thursday, January 28, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 29, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The 8-Balls offer up classic rock from the 60s and 70s from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Little Red and the Renegades Zydeco and Cajun band start off Mardi Gras season with some great New Orleans party music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Call 301-474-5642 or go to newdealcafe.com for any weather-related closings.

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# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING**  
Municipal Building, January 25, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

**ORGANIZATION**

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations  
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
- \* Minutes of Council Meetings  
- Administrative Reports  
- \*Committee Reports  
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-1 (Recognition Group Application)

**LEGISLATION**

- An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Greenbelt Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Certain Real Property Known as 10-A Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland Which is Needed for a Public Purpose, Namely a Museum, for an Amount Not to Exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) Plus Related Costs - 2nd Reading, Adoption  
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Canine Turf for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and Greenbelt Dog Park from East Coast Surfacing of Rock Hall, Maryland at a Cost of \$20,940 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2016-1 (Grant Proposals – 2016)  
- State Legislation  
- Council Reports  
\*- Playground Surfacing – 1 Court Southway  
\*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups  
\*- Resignation from Advisory Group

**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 WEEK OF JANUARY 25-29**

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

Tuesday, January 26 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES AND GREEN TEAM**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION; Principal's Meeting**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, College Park.

Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 113. *On the Agenda: Discussion of Ongoing Planning Projects – Greenbelt Station, GSA-FBI, Renard-METRO, Economic Development, Anticipated Project FY 2017 and Upcoming Meeting schedule topics - Greenbelt Auto. This agenda is subject to revision.*

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

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 from 9am- 12 noon**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, laptop computers, recording equipment, scanners, surge protectors, wires and cables, fax machines, cameras, telephones, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped to expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam") cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**

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

**NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT THE GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**

New weight equipment and flooring is coming!! The strength training room will be closed starting Monday, January 25 with an estimated re-opening on Friday, January 29th. Removal of all weight equipment will take place on Monday, January 25. Removal of the old flooring and installation of new flooring is scheduled for Tuesday-Wednesday, January 26-27, with the new circuit weight equipment being delivered and installed on Thursday, January 28. At this point we do not anticipate needing to close the other fitness wing rooms (treadmill, bike & stretching) during this installation.

**VISIT OUR ADOPTABLE PETS**  
**Greenbelt Animal Shelter**

**550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124**  
Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm



Ernie is an affectionate guy who came in with his buddy Tiger. Tiger was recently adopted but Ernie is still waiting for you to come adopt him! Visit Ernie and all his friends at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**

See pets at  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

For more information on City Activities, Services and Events, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
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We are also on Twitter and Instagram at @cityofgreenbelt



**CAMP PINE TREE CAMP YOGO CIRCUS CAMP**

**REGISTRATION FOR SPRING & SUMMER CAMPS BEGINS ON: FEBRUARY 1 FOR RESIDENTS FEBRUARY 16 FOR NON-RESIDENTS**  
Camp Brochure will be posted on line by 1-22-16. More Information: 301.397.2200



[www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)

**KINDER CAMP CREATIVE KIDS SOCCER SOURCE 360**

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
Green Drop Charitable Donations  
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>  
Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
or until the truck is full  
Parking lot between City Office and Community Ctr  
City of Greenbelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308

**Rain Garden Workshop Series**  
**Stormwater Audit: January 30 from 10am-12pm**  
**Greenbelt Public Works Office at 555 Crescent Road**  
Learn how to assess a property for stormwater problems and opportunities, and how to site your rain garden.  
**Additional workshops: Rain Garden Workshop on February 27th and Rain Garden Clinic on March 19th**  
**Please join us for all 3 of these FREE workshops**  
Door prizes and refreshments will be offered! To register <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain>  
Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County Department of the Environment, CCRIC, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, and Friends of Still Creek.



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8116 Good Luck Road  
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Lanham, Maryland 20706

# MLK DAY continued from page 1

The next tree protection volunteer opportunity will take place on Presidents Day, Monday, February 15 from 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m. in Buddy Attick Park. Re-

member to dress warmly and wear clothes that can get dirty. RSVP in advance to [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) to confirm availability.



PHOTO BY ERIN JOSEPHITIS

Volunteers remove English ivy at Buddy Attick Park.

# New Rolling Bins to Enhance Recycling Delivery in Greenbelt

by Amy Hansen

Rolling bins may be coming to your house soon. The City of Greenbelt is "providing new bright blue bins to enhance recycling," said recycling coordinator Luisa Robles. By giving people more space and keeping the recycling materials dry as well as allowing more automation and saving the workers' backs, there will be greater efficiency.

"The rolling carts allow people to put more recyclables in the bin," she said. "Many people realize some things are recyclable, but don't put them in their bin because they feel there is not enough space. This way there is no space constraint."

She added that the new bins prevent materials from blowing all over the place and prevent materials from getting wet with rain, so the weight collected is the actual weight of the recyclable items, and not just water.

The bins, which cost the city \$65 each, are being distributed around the city. The hope, Robles added, is that these bins will



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

New trash and recycling bins

mean fewer injuries for the workers. "Ultimately, this leads to better finances for the city in the form of fewer tipping fees at the

landfill and fewer crew members out of work or on 'light' duty," she said.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

At right: a female northern cardinal cracks a sunflower seed at a feeder on Plateau Place.

At left: this photo of red holly berries topped with snow first ran on January 22, 2015, in black and white. The News Review's new color printing allows us to do justice to the photos our readers submit.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

## Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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## The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have a joke, riddle or artwork you want to share? E-mail [sfits7@gmail.com](mailto:sfits7@gmail.com). Must be between the ages of 2 to 16.

**Joke of the Week:** What did the lightning bolt say to the other lightning bolt?  
(You're shocking!)

### Art Gallery

Drawings by Springhill Lake Elementary students  
Faith T. (on the left), and Jorge R. (on the right)



## MUSEUM continued from page 1

hold only one membership vote if it purchases 10A.

The house at 10B was acquired as a museum for use by the city as part of its 50th anniversary celebration in 1987. At the time, it was recognized as extraordinary good luck to have a house become available in a location so near the town center, the Municipal Building and what eventually became the renovated Community Center.

Ever since then, the staff and friends of the museum have hoped that in time it would be possible for the museum to occupy 10A as well. The additional space would permit consolidation of some museum functions currently located in the Community Center, which in turn would enable the museum to offer more tours and be open to the public for increased hours. Space might also be provided for use by researchers studying Greenbelt.

### First Time

This is the first time an opportunity has arisen for the city to acquire 10A, since the Dwyer family has resided there for 59 years, serving as excellent neighbors to the museum for the last 28. The executor of the Dwyer estate has expressed willingness to sell to the city for \$200,000.

The city council held a public hearing as part of its December 14 regular meeting to solicit comment from residents on the proposed purchase. The room was full of members of the board of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the president of the Green-

belt Community Development Corporation, staff and a number of residents strongly encouraging council to take this next step in expanding the museum as a facility and as a cultural institution in Greenbelt. No one spoke to oppose the sale, but there was a request to be sure that the price was fair and to see if any grant funding might be found to lower the city's costs.

Although Skolnik said he could not speculate on what decision the GHI Board would take, he did enumerate four issues he thought would likely be among those informing the decision:

(1) What, if any, would be the financial or other impacts that the city's purchase of the rights to 10A would have on the membership as a whole?

(2) Would the city agree to enter revised "commercial use" MOCs for both 10A and 10B?

(3) Would the GHI Board be willing to reduce GHI's housing stock by taking 10A Crescent Road out of use as a cooperative residential unit?

(4) Are there any uses of the unit that would not be acceptable to GHI? If so, what are such uses and would the city agree to avoid them?

If the GHI Board votes on January 21 to allow the city to move forward with the process of purchasing the unit and if the city adopts its ordinance on January 25, the next step would likely be for GHI to draft the intended commercial MOCs and forward them to the city for consideration.

## Homeschoolers Visit Police Station; Learn of Careers

by Li'l Dan Celdran



PHOTO BY LI'L DAN CELDRAN

George Mathews talks about his work.

Greenbelt Homeschoolers met at Greenbelt Police Department on Friday, January 15 to tour the station and learn about careers of the police and animal control officers. Officers Torres and Yatsko gave an impressive and thorough tour. Visitors learned about the various job duties of the department and its officers and staff. Children saw where people are processed and fingerprinted and

a jail cell. Children learned about Greenbelt's K-9 and emergency response units and how dispatch/communications work.

Howard Stanback, Greenbelt Animal Control officer, described his job responsibilities and led an interactive discussion about how to care for animals and our pets.

Thanks to Greenbelt Police and Animal Control Departments for hosting our group.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Greenbelt Museum at 10 Crescent

### Libraries Offering Passport Services

Passport services are now available at the Hyattsville, Accokeek and Largo-Kettering libraries. The Hyattsville library includes passport photos with its passport service offering. No appointment is necessary.

Visit [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) for details on applying for a passport and related fees. Customers planning travel within two weeks must apply for a passport in person at a U.S. Passport Agency or center; expedited fees apply. Those closest to Prince George's County are located in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pa. An appointment must be made in advance by calling 877-487-2778. For additional information, check out the U.S. Passport Service Guide at [us-passport-service-guide.com/](http://us-passport-service-guide.com/).

## A Picture Of What Is To Come?



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



Right: Hannah Baker makes a snow angel.

These photos by Eric Zhang were first printed on January 15, 2015.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Jan. 24th & Wednesday, Jan. 27th  
Beginning at 8 PM

"Unraveling Michelle", "God Is a Dog"  
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Reckless Endangerment

January 7, 3:17 p.m., 5700 block Kara Court. Officers responded to reports of the sound of a gunshot. They spoke to a 71-year-old woman who said she fired a test shot from a handgun. The gun was seized, and she was transported to Washington Adventist Hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation.

## DWI/DUI

January 9, 1:33 a.m., Hanover Parkway near Greenbrook Drive. A 29-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation.

## Assault

January 7, 5:02 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man purchasing items at Burlington Coat Factory was approached by another man who verbally threatened and pushed him and then left the store. When the shopper walked out of the store, the same man approached him again, punched him and fled on foot. He is described as being black, with a light complexion, 21 to 25 years old, 160 to 180 pounds, wearing a green coat, gray sweat pants, black shoes and a green hat.

## Sex Offense

January 10, 3:05 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man on a bicycle rode up behind a woman loading groceries into the trunk of her vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza and touched her inappropriately. He fled on the bike. He is described as a black youth, 14 to 15 years old, wearing a black sweatshirt and grey pants.

January 13, 10 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive. A technician at a doctor's office was touched inappropriately by a patient during an examination. Staff knows this person, and an investigation is continuing.

## Trespass

January 13, 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 23-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located inside Beltway Plaza after having

been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

January 8, 11 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. The hallway of an apartment building was sprayed with a fire extinguisher.

## Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were stolen. A black 4-door 2009 Toyota Corolla with Md. tags 9ESW97 was taken from the 7500 block Greenbelt Road, a maroon 2004 Buick Rendezvous SUV with Md. tags 9BL2836 was taken from the 6200 block Springhill Court and a red 2001 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags 5MD6837 was taken from 18 Court Ridge Road.

Two vehicles were recovered. A 2007 Nissan Maxima reported stolen to Prince George's County police was recovered at Edmonston Court near Edmonston Road. A 2009 Volkswagen Routan reported stolen December 9 from the 7800 block Mandan Road was recovered January 7 by Prince George's County Police Department in the 1700 block Fernwood Drive in Upper Marlboro.

Five reports of thefts from vehicles were received.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles occurred in the 6100 block Breezewood Court (portable GPS) and 7300 block Morrison Drive (purse). A vehicle in the 7200 block Morrison Drive, also unlocked, was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

The front grille of a vehicle in the 8300 block Canning Terrace was taken. Four tires and rims were taken in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

An attempted theft from auto occurred in the 7500 block Mandan Road. A witness saw two men attempting to remove a tire and rim from a vehicle. They then got into a vehicle described as gray with four doors and fled.

There was one report of vandalism in which two tires were cut in the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

# ERHS Gender Disparity Exemplifies National Divide

by Clara Janzen

Despite equal availability, some science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) display a clear gender gap, with males dominating, at least in numbers. The divide exemplifies a larger national trend in STEM fields, which is most acute in engineering, physics and computer science.

The National Girls Collaborative Project website says that although women hold the clear majority (57 percent) in receiving bachelor's degrees, they represent only 19 percent of engineering degrees, 19 percent of physics degrees and 43 percent of mathematics and statistics degrees.

Enrollment numbers at ERHS emphasize this gap clearly. Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science, a class that explores college-level computer programming concepts, has 15 girls enrolled out of 50 total students, and the precursor class Intro to Computer Science has 32 out of 118. On the other hand, AP Language 11 has 70 girls out of the 104 enrolled students.

And higher-level math exhibits an almost perfect divide: of the 100 students enrolled in AP Calculus, 49 are girls.

Physics teacher Yau-Jong Twu, who creates instructive physics videos for her YouTube channel TwuTube, said that in the reports she receives from YouTube only about a third of her viewers are female. What's more, of the 46 total students taking AP Physics C, a calculus-based physics course and the highest level physics class available at ERHS, there are 34 boys and 12 girls. Twu mentioned that the precursor algebra-based physics classes to AP Physics C exhibit an equal boy-girl ratio.

According to Twu, who is in her 17th year of teaching physics at ERHS, her physics classes have "always been like this." Twu suggested that although girls have the same abilities and potential in physics as boys, they just choose to apply themselves in other areas.

"The gender distribution in Physics C is pretty striking," wrote senior Hannah Sutton, who is enrolled in both AP Physics C and AP Biology. "There is definitely some disparity. My AP Physics C class is definitely dominated by guys. My AP Bio class is mostly girls."

"I feel like guys who take upper level science electives get [an] 'Of course he's taking that

class, he's really smart' reaction, whereas girls who take the same classes often just end up being 'girls who are taking a hard class,'" continued Sutton. "Everyone knows who the 'smart STEM guys' are in our grade or our school, but the girls who do just as well aren't acknowledged as 'smart STEM girls' in the same way."

Some physics students said that they noticed no difference in social attitude. "I definitely see a camaraderie among everyone in physics, no gender-based cliques," said senior David Gardner, who is also an AP Physics C student.

"All of the girls in the class seem to get along well with the boys, so I don't get the impression that anybody is treated differently because of their gender," said senior Christine Bailey. "And also, because it is such a rigorous course, the environment is just really serious and studious most of the time, as everybody is trying their hardest to understand what is going on."

Senior Asha Pawar, who took AP Physics 1 in her junior year, credited her choice to take Microbiology and Physiology instead of Physics C in her senior year to the difficulty of physics.

"Physics is hard, and I didn't feel that continuing would be the best for me since I had a hard time during Physics 1," said the senior, who also said that the self-learning aspect of the class was "good to prepare for college," but "hard [for her] to get used to." She also mentioned that "the social climate for girls is the same, relatively. I learned the same things as the guys in my class and my teacher was not at all biased in any way."

Still, even with students such as Bailey and Pawar citing equal attitude between genders, the fact of the gender divide remains. According to a Business Insider article, factors such as bias, marginalization, competition, stereotypes, lack of encouragement and teasing contribute to the scarcity of women in science. However, if students have found no such activity then further investigation may be needed to understand why the gender divide remains at ERHS. Some suggest the divide may be a result of more sub-

liminal social tides or a common national attitude.

"I feel like people here are more open to women being in STEM, but that there's like this cultural background, so we're hesitant to go into these difficult [fields]" like engineering and physics, said Arlynda Jorgensen, who teaches Engineering Foundations 2 for sophomores in ERHS's STEM program, as well as the college-level Production Systems engineering class and Research Practicum (RP) engineering. Jorgensen said that she grew up in a more conservative environment in Utah, which she described as having a "this is boy's club" attitude.

"A lot of times girls self-select out of engineering and programming classes," said Jorgensen. This could be the case for RP Engineering, a class with only three girls enrolled, higher than last year's two.

"How do we change that cultural ideal that an engineer looks like a man?" asked Jorgensen. "We need to change that cultural ideal."

*This article originally ran in ERHS's newspaper, the Raider Review. Clara Janzen is a senior and co-editor-in-chief.*



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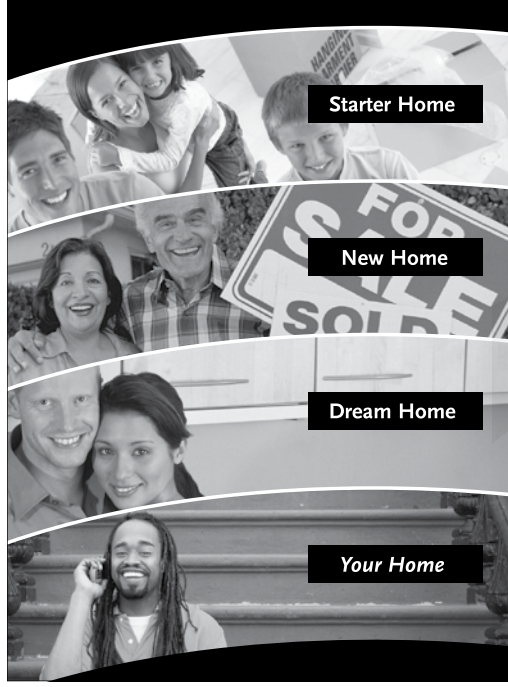
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**Chestnut Trees**

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board forwarded information from the American Chestnut Foundation and suggested that the city look into whether it would be advisable to apply for a grant of free seedlings of the American chestnut tree. The American chestnut has nearly been wiped out by a fungus but recent efforts to breed it with the Chinese chestnut have resulted in a new disease-resistant strain of the American chestnut. The foundation is looking for partner organizations to work with it in establishing new stands of the tree. It is assumed that the board is recommending possible plantings in areas other than the Forest Preserve.

Since more information would be needed to evaluate whether proceeding with this program would be advisable, council voted to refer the matter to the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) for its evaluation and recommendation. City Manager Michael McLaughlin commented that if ACT recommended in favor of pursuing the program, it could be a featured event for

Arbor Day.

**Plastic Bag Disposal Fee**

The perennial bill for allowing Prince George's County to impose fees for plastic bags to be used in retail establishments will once again be introduced this year. Greenbelt has supported the various iterations of the bill over the years. This year, however, there is a twist to the tale that caused concern among some councilmembers. While in the past, it was always clear that the intent was for the retailer to charge the cost of the plastic bag to the noncompliant customer, the bill titled PG-404 charges the fee directly to the retailer.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he would not support the bill as written, since charging the retailer is just a way for the county to make money. If the county is making money on something, he added, it has no incentive to eliminate it. Councilmember Edward Putens said he would not support it either. Councilmember Judith Davis said the bill only enables the county to charge the retailer and that the specifics of how it would be implemented would appear in a county law, not the state law. She thought the city would be better advised to work to shape the county bill rather than rejecting the state bill. She suggested postponing action until Assistant City Manager David Moran could get more information.

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# Racing Pigeon on Way Home Rests and Eats in Greenbelt

by Sue Krofchik and Elaine Nakash



PHOTO BY ELAINE NAKASH

A racing pigeon finds a temporary home in a cat carrier.

There it was. Some kind of bird that resembled a mourning dove but it looked like it had a fluffy white cape over its shoulders. It kept pecking at the grassy area next to the phone pole on Parkway, across the street from the sign for Jane Realty Efficiency Apartments. Two men on the sidewalk passed within two feet of the bird, as oblivious of it as it was of them. They kept walking and talking and it kept pecking the ground. I stayed at the stop sign in my car for awhile, watching, until a car came behind me.

Driving home I kept wondering and worrying about the bird. All that white over its shoulders. Could it have been a baby eagle? That's not so far-fetched. Greenbelt is home to an eagle nest, near the 2-lane bridge on Research Road where Beaver Dam Creek flows underneath and beaver had a den years ago. It's about a mile, as the crow flies, from that phone pole on Parkway.

Once home I searched Peterson's Field Guide to Birds East of the Rockies, unsuccessfully. Who in Greenbelt might be able to help? Maybe, Barbara Havekost. I called her. "If Dorothy were alive she would know," said Barbara, a long-time friend of the late Dorothy Lauber, known by many for her birding knowledge. Then it came to me. I'll call Elaine Nakash. She works at

Patuxent Research Refuge in the birdbanding area. I tracked her down at the Greenbelt Museum, picked her up and headed to the phone pole. By now about 30 minutes had elapsed since I'd seen the bird. Elaine hoped it would be there so she would get a chance to try to identify it.

When Sue called, I wasn't sure what bird she was describing and was anxious to see it. As her car wound through the Co-op parking lot approaching Parkway, I saw it from a distance and said it's a pigeon. "Oh, no," Sue lamented, "so much for finding a baby eagle." I tried to console her by saying other people probably would have thought the same thing.

We continued toward the corner phone pole. The bird was still pecking nonstop at the ground. I decided to pick it up and check for injuries. He seemed ok. Each leg was banded, a red band on one leg and blue on the other, with engraving on each. We went to my home to look up his numbers on the internet and brought him with us. We were concerned about leaving him on the corner, not knowing if he really was able to fly or care for himself overnight, given the number of raccoons and foxes in our town.

His red band 1185 IF EPR told us he was registered with International Federation of Ameri-

can Homing Pigeon Fanciers through the Hamilton Homing Pigeon Club in Baltimore and was born in November 1985. There was a name on the blue band but the engraving was well worn and we could not read it.

We reached the club contact person, Bill Hohman, and found that our town visitor was registered with the Hamilton group, but it had disbanded a few years ago. "He's probably on his way home after that 100 mile race yesterday (May 17) down in Orange, Va.," Bill said. "Give him some birdseed and water and he'll be all right."

We didn't want to leave him alone in my home so we took him with us to go to Sue's home to get her cat carrier. We wanted the pigeon we now considered our little sweetie to have a small area to call his own if he found my home too large. For birdseed, we went to see if Sue's neighbor, Beth Norden, who feeds birds, was home. She brought out a large cup of seed. Our buddy did not need coaxing.

Home he went with me, in the cat carrier and with plenty of food. His first 24 hours were spent sleeping, eating, drinking and, later, wandering around the house. On day two, Tuesday, he would go to the door or window, look out for a few seconds but then retreat. I was getting used to the little fellow and enjoyed him but wondered if it was time to let him go. The question was answered when Paul, our buddy's owner, called. "Fatten him up and take him three or four miles away from your place and let him go." He said to be sure there weren't power lines around. Sue and I decided we would do this early the next day.

On Wednesday about 6:30 a.m. we drove into the farm (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center) to find a spot for release. We found a gravel lane north of Powder Mill Road and slowly followed its bends until we found a secluded area at the edge of a large field. It had a row of telephone lines stretching east to west. We decided to release him on the northern side of the phone lines. This would allow an unobstructed flight path north to Baltimore. We felt a tinge of sadness, knowing our feathered friend was leaving us, but also happiness that our little fellow was now ready to go home. Sue took him out of the cat carrier as I told her how to hold him for release.

The big moment came. She held him skyward, arms extend-



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Sue Krofchik holds the pigeon for release.



PHOTO BY SUE KROFCHIK

On left, Beth Norden holds a cup of birdseed and Elaine Nakash holds the pigeon.

ed. 7:06 a.m. Within seconds his wings burst open as Sue felt his feet gently push off. He went only a few wing flaps and circled back, settling on the top bar of the phone lines that had been at his back on release. We wondered if he was all right or if this had been a test flight before the trip home.

There he sat, facing east, head periodically swiveling from side to side.

Over the next 20 to 25 minutes he stayed on the phone pole

bar, preened himself every once in a while, took a tiny step or two periodically, craned his neck at times and every so often a wing would twinge. All isolated movements. Suddenly his feet began a series of quick, short steps and wings began to flap, quicker and quicker – majestically airborne! 7:40 a.m. A sight to behold. His wingspan was unbelievably wide, about 24 to 30 inches tip to tip.

A single, tiny downy feather fluttered to the ground.



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American wigeons swim in Greenbelt Lake.

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