

## Gloria Brown's New Passion Is Wildlife Photography

by Jill Connor

For Gloria Brown, her photography can be summed up in three sentences: "It's a passion. It's a hobby. It's a love for the birds." The Lanham resident spends a few hours a day nearly every day of the week at Greenbelt Lake photographing the wildlife, especially the birds.



Gloria Brown at her favorite photography spot, Buddy Attick Park

PHOTO BY CAN-YE WONG

two years, she has been doing just that. "Anything that is out here and that is photographable, I take it." Brown has photographed foxes, snakes, squirrels, beavers, turtles, great blue herons, white egrets, hawks, osprey and rusty blackbirds, but her favorite

is the pileated woodpecker. "It has so much beauty and I never knew the beauty of birds. Even though I saw them all the time, I didn't see the structure of their feathers or the different species. It's a lot to learn about." Brown is learning about the animals she photographs through Google, and she has also joined the Google and Facebook groups

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## Greenbelt Trends Toward Fitness at Beginning of Year

by Amy Hansen

'Tis the season to join the gym and work off those holiday cookies. Greenbelters are no exception to the annual fitness trend that begins in early January and ends ... well, later.

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center has been crowded right after the holidays, said Souzan Noaman, GAFC administrative assistant.

"It is much busier than normal," she said. "We've had a lot of registrations for classes."

Noaman said 935 people have used the facilities between December 30 and January 2.

Planet Fitness in Beltway Plaza tries to make it easy for

people to start working out by lowering their membership fee. "That brings in most of the resolutions," said General Manager Raquel Capuana. On Monday, January 2 the gym had 32 new members sign up. On a normal day they get about 10, she said.

What's more, people with memberships are getting out and using them, Capuana said. They had 658 people use the facilities on January 2, much higher than normal.

Planet Fitness is meeting the increased demand by adding

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Andre Cummings works out in the GAFC weight room.

## Green Team Advises City Council To Move Ahead with Solar Power

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council met on December 19 with representatives of the city's Green Team Solar Circle and staff of the Public Works Department to continue a conversation started at a worksession a year earlier regarding plans to implement the use of solar power for city facilities.

Steven Skolnik, chair of the solar group, emphasized that the topic of discussion for this meeting was municipal solar use, though many other opportunities for use by residents or other private or commercial entities are also available now.

In addition to Skolnik, representatives of the Green Team included John Lippert, who is chair of the Green Team and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), and Matthew

Dirksen. Staff from the Public Works Department included Director James Sterling, Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles, and Environmental Coordinator Erin Josephitis.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, Skolnik gave an overview of the reasons for the city government to pursue the use of solar energy for its own electricity needs, which include both environmental benefits and a significant lowering of the city's costs for electricity.

Many Maryland counties and municipalities are now incorporating solar into their energy mix, Skolnik said, with a motivating factor being that the cost inflation of electricity in Maryland has exceeded the increase in the cost of living for the last 15 years. The rapid growth of solar use in the state has resulted in both

lower installation costs and also lower incentive payments, which together suggest a need to take action sooner rather than later. According to Skolnik, the costs for enabling solar energy use are now nearing parity with those of traditional energy sources.

At the 2015 meeting, the hope was to piggyback on a Montgomery County contract, with an array of solar panels to be located on Greenbriar property toward the end of Mandan Road. The city holds a right of way on the property but is not using it.

For a number of reasons the first plan did not pan out. It now appears to make more sense for Greenbriar to pursue solar use on its own as a non-municipal project. The Green Team would like to see the board of directors of

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## Is Greenbelt Ready for Snow? Public Works Pulls Out Plows

by Amy Hansen

The snowplows cannot be put away with their plows on. The plows need to be removed for the trucks to fit inside. But Jim Sterling, director of Public Works,

said that all 16 trucks and plows have been serviced and are ready for action.

No snow yet, but the Old Farmer's Almanac, as well as normal experience, predict that Greenbelt will get hit with both snow and ice before spring arrives.

The city has been working since November to be ready. Sterling said the public works crew checked out the equipment starting in November, made sure it worked and that everyone remembered how to use it. They've attached salt spreaders to the large trucks – except for the three that are needed for leaf removal – and they have 350 tons of salt ready. Sterling said he ordered the salt in August. A normal year requires about 300 tons, he said, noting that last year was light, but the year before had a lot of snow. Other necessities include an order of magnesium chloride salt to be used in Roosevelt Center.

The plowing and snow shoveling follow a priority system that has basically stayed the same for decades.

According to the city's website, the first priority for plows "is to open the main streets. These streets are the key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic since most residents live within a few blocks of such routes."

Similarly, the priorities for shoveling are identified on a map. "We update it when we know if the schools are going to open or not," said Sterling.

The final piece is personnel. They do not hire more people during the winter, but do call people for more hours. For that reason, the city maintains cots as part of the winter equipment.

"Last year when we had the big snow, we knew we would be going for a long time," Sterling explained. "People slept here. We have cots for people who don't live close by." Then he laughed. "Actually the people who live close wanted to stay, too."

### What Goes On

- Sunday, January 8,**  
1-3 p.m. Community Art Drop-in, Community Center
- Monday, January 9**  
5:30 p.m. Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Greenbriar Community Meeting Room
- 8 p.m. City Council Meeting,** Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)
- Tuesday, January 10**  
7 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Police Station
- Wednesday, January 11**  
7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m. Green Team Zero Waste Circle,** Public Works
- 8 p.m. Council Worksession,** T-Rex Corporation, Community Center
- Saturday, January 14**  
9 a.m. to Noon Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building
- Monday, January 16**  
10:30 a.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Opportunity (See city ad for details.)



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One of Greenbelt's 16 snowplows (sans plow) ready to go



### Envelopes for News Review Carriers Are Now Distributed

The News Review Carriers remain hopeful that you won't forget them. It is never too late to send a tip to a deserving young person who distributes your newspaper. Envelopes marked with the year 2016 were distributed in the last two weeks and we hope residents will act with their typical generosity.

If you didn't get an envelope and would like to send a tip to your carrier, please put it in an envelope and send it to the paper at Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, and make sure the delivery address is on the envelope. Clearly mark the envelope with the word Carrier and make sure your address is legible so we can get it to the right person.

## Letters to the Editor

### Economic Development Study

The recent Greenbelt Economic Development Study report by the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation consultants on economic development should embarrass the Greenbelt Council members who voted to pay up to \$33,000 for it and the member who suggested this firm. The recommendations of public-private partnerships and tax incentives are standard boilerplate recommendations that many people have heard before from those who wish to privatize public resources.

Public-private partnerships have been supported by the Maryland Democratic Party and encouraged by the Obama Administration for the last few years as an easy way to fund projects without accepting responsibility for taxes. Now Trump apparently plans to use public-private partnerships to pay for rebuilding U.S. infrastructure. But these partnerships come at a great financial cost to citizens, as those cities such as Bayonne N.J., Missoula Mont., and Santa Paula Calif., which allowed their water system to become privately owned, have learned (see New York Times, December 25, 2016). Even our local public-private partnership with the owner of the stores around Roosevelt Center has had tensions in the past. If a situation arises in which the private entity must choose between profit and the public good, it is most likely to choose profit because its purpose is to make as much money as possible. We see this every day in the way some companies treat the environment.

The consultant calls for development around Roosevelt Center on city-owned land. I can only imagine what this recommendation means. Can we expect a 20 story office building on the lawn behind the Mother and Child

statue? Does the consultant want us to give up the parking lot on which the Farmers Market is held? Alternatively, perhaps the ball fields, tennis courts and woods near the Youth Center would be bulldozed for private companies. But any private company would probably also want the city to give it tax incremental financing (TIF) that foregoes city taxes to encourage them to come to Greenbelt; so the city income would not increase much. Developers (like Trump) risk little of their own money; they borrow money and recoup the expenses from future users. The city collectively could save money by itself borrowing through issuing bonds to pay for the initial costs of desired projects.

The report apparently says Greenbelt is "permit/license heavy" (News Review July 14, 2016). These words might be interpreted to imply that the consultant wants businesses to be free to do whatever they want. The News Review articles have not mentioned any recommendation to encourage formation of cooperatives that have an economic focus; cooperatives pay taxes too.

It seems that the consultant's main recommendations for economic development are to use city tax money to make private entities wealthier. In my estimation, council should pay at most five hundred dollars for this report and ignore its recommendations.

Henry Haslach

### Why Worry?

Some people worry about climate change. I don't, I welcome it.

During our first winter in Greenbelt, the weather dropped to -5. It's not been nearly that low in recent years. The South is coming to us, we don't have to move south.

R.J. Lewis

### City Notes

Animal Control staff removed the carcass of a raccoon from a resident's yard and a fox from a sidewalk. One cat was taken into custody from a building hallway and one cat, one dog and three kittens were adopted.

Public Works staff met with Gardiner & Gardiner regarding the theater renovation project to review warranty/deficiencies.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews took down unwanted signs and checked for graffiti, continued applying crack seal on Hanover Parkway, applied cold mix on Hanover Parkway and repaired and installed a headstone in the cemetery.

Facilities Maintenance staff supervised and inspected the ongoing LED lighting upgrade project and the ongoing flooring and HVAC projects in the Community Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 29.11 tons of refuse and 15.67 tons of recyclable material and assisted with installing LED lights in the Community Center.

Auto Maintenance crew installed the city logo on the new Greenbelt Assistance in Living vehicle and ordered the keys.

Triathlon Training for beginners class has been added to GAFC fitness classes in RecTrac.



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**Giant beavers grace the lake in their holiday garb. See back page for more holiday photos.**

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# Community Events

## At the New Deal Café

On Friday, January 6, enjoy Jazz and blues piano by Takoma Park's own John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Long Time Coming will perform an eclectic mix of hits, deep tracks, singer-song-writer ballads, classic rock, new artists, covers and originals.

On Saturday, January 7, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Guernsey's jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Just Stones takes the stage, playing their musical tribute to the Rolling Stones.

Sunday, January 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Deaf Brunch will provide an opportunity for Deaf and hearing people to socialize together using sign language. Newcomers are welcome. Not2Cool Jazz Trio Brunch will play from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Annette Wasilik performs from 6 to 9 p.m. She is joined by WAMMIE winning musicians, John Previti (bass), Andrea Hoag (violin) and Kevin Dudley (guitar).

Monday, January 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., New Deal Café regular board meeting will be held. Members and visitors are both welcome.

On Tuesday, January 10, The Not 2 Cool Jazz Band with Vocalist Aimee Breslow performs some of the best loved vocal standards from the Great American Songbook, featuring the songs of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and others from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, Geff King, Greenbelt's own Man of 1000 Songs, plays Honky Tonk, country, originals, and so much more from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## GHI NOTES

Thursday, January 5, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, January 10, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

## Wring In 2017 with Free Tie-dye Jan. 8

A free Community Art Drop-in will be held on Sunday, January 8 at the Community Center. All ages are invited to wring in the new year with a tie-dye workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 113. The workshop will be led by Artist-in-residence Erin Cassell. All materials provided. Make a bandana to keep and one to donate to the Casey Cares foundation. For more information, call 301-397-2208

## District 22 Night Is January 16

The Roosevelt Democratic Club is going to Annapolis for District 22 Night on Monday, January 16.

The event will highlight a keynote speaker who will focus on the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a dinner catered by Three Brothers restaurant.

The event in Annapolis is free and begins at 6 p.m. at the Miller Senate Office Building, President Conference Center - West I & II, 11 Bladen Street.

The Roosevelt Club will co-sponsor a bus to the event that leaves at 5 p.m. from behind Greenbelt Library. There is a fee.

The return bus will leave Annapolis at 9 p.m. after the event and after a brief visit to the Senate gallery to see Greenbelt's legislators in action.

Those planning to attend need to RSVP for the event and, if desired, for the bus by January 11 to Pamela Powers at 301-858-3058 or via email at [ppowers@house.state.md.us](mailto:ppowers@house.state.md.us). Attendees will need to present a picture id to enter the Senate Building.

## Golden Age Club

by *Bunny Fitzgerald*

Happy New Year 2017. After enjoying a very productive 2016 the Golden Age Club looks forward to a happy, busy year.

Jean Cook will speak on food pantries on January 11. Donations of non-perishable foods are needed. Bags of dried beans, rice and pasta are welcome, as well as peanut butter and cans of vegetables and fruit. Bring them to meetings and they will be collected. Come and listen to Jean Cook and help fight hunger.

We send happy thoughts and prayers for Kathleen McFarland who fell and broke her shoulder and hip while visiting in California.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness in the New Year.

## Register on January 9 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its winter 12-week GED course starting Monday, January 9 and continuing through Wednesday, March 29. CARES will provide two locations for the Winter GED program. This class will review basic math and English skills, critical thinking and analytical skills in social studies, science and computer skills based on student needs and assessment.

Registration for the course at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, will be on Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m. Classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, April 29.

Registration for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, will be on Monday, January 9 at 10 a.m. This class will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 10 to noon through March 29.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle id card).

There is no registration fee for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook, calculator and test-taking materials that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students have to be at least 16 years old to take the GED course. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland; students ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding the GED classes should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Turning Point School Hosts Open House

Turning Point Academy will be hosting an Open House, Thursday January 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents of prospective students are invited to tour this charter school's classrooms and learn more about Turning Point academic goals and school culture.

The school is located at 7800 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

Turning Point Academy, as a charter school, is part of the Prince George's County Maryland Public Schools (PGCPS). Maryland charter schools are public schools operated by an independent nonprofit organization. The charter is awarded by the local board of education, and grants the school more operational autonomy than non-charter public schools. Public charter schools are tuition-free and open to all students. The Maryland State Department of Education provides support and guidance to local school systems engaged in authorizing public charter schools, and to charter school operators. The general purpose of the program is to establish an alternative means within the existing public school system in order to provide innovative learning opportunities and creative educational approaches to improve the education of students.

## PG Valor Will Take On Reading Wizards

On Saturday, January 7 at 8 p.m., the PG Valor, the county's only American Basketball Association expansion team, will take on the Reading Wizards at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A portion of tickets sales from this game will be donated to the family of assistant coach Nate Williams, who died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve.

There will also be contests and prizes, vendors, food and music. Greenbelt residents and Roosevelt students get a discount on the admission price.



## Explore Shiatsu On January 13

Explorations Unlimited opens its 2017 session on Friday, January 13 with Leeann Irwin. Irwin is a licensed massage therapist whose specialty is Shiatsu massage. For more than two years she studied with masters in Japan and China to further her skills and knowledge of this contemporary branch of ancient Chinese medicine. Shiatsu means finger pressure in Japanese and treatment is done on a mat on the floor with no oils. The same medical theory used in acupuncture is used in Shiatsu with the practitioner using feet, fingers, elbows and knees to treat the client. Many clients find they are both relaxed and energized after a session. Irwin also holds a B.S. in Psychology.

Irwin will give an overview of Shiatsu, offer photos of some of her study time in Japan and China and answer questions. A 20-minute self-Shiatsu treatment will conclude the program.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Greenbelt Park Volunteer Event

On Saturday, January 7 join the invasive plant team to monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park, but can help protect vulnerable species in our region. Meet at the Ranger Station at 11 a.m. Event lasts until 1 p.m.

## Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 112. Everyone is welcome to discuss the latest in consumer electronics, computers and tablets. Basic trouble shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
**Sunday, Jan. 8th, Wed., Jan. 11th & Fri., Jan. 13th**  
**Beginning at 8 PM**  
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 And click on "Channel".

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
**COMING SOON**  
**A VISIT FROM SCARFACE**  
  
 by V. Cate & Duke Ernberger  
 Jan 20, 21, 27, 28, Feb 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8PM  
 Jan 29 and Feb 5 at 2PM  
 Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission,  
 \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,  
 \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)  
**COMING SOON**  
 The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Mar 3 - 25 - Directed by Jeffery Lesniak, Choreographed by Rikki Howie Lacewell  
 Tribute - Apr 21 - May 13 - Directed by Gayle Negri  
 She Speaks - June 2 - 18 - Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals  
 For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org)  
**BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)**

## Obituaries

### Robert "Bob" Janus

Long-time Greenbelt resident Robert "Bob" Joseph Janus died on December 27, 2016, in Leesburg, Va. He was 89. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, JoAnne, of Loudoun County Va.; his son Craig (Lisa) of Fairfax County, Va.; his brothers, Bill (Ruth) Janus of Huntington Beach, Cal.; and Ken Hoffman (Dolly) of Cheswick, Penn; his sisters Binks Mollica and Shirley Demedenko, both of Huntington Beach; and his grandchildren Victoria, Zachary, Grace and Hannah.

Mr. Janus settled his family in Greenbelt, on Lakecrest Drive, in 1967, where he lived until 2014 when his declining health forced relocation to the Northern Virginia area. He was a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter of St. Hugh's and was very active in the parish and the greater Greenbelt community.

Mr. Janus was born in Mc Kees Rocks, Penna. to Joseph and Julia Janus. In 1947, Mr. Janus was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps where he earned the World War II Victory medal and the Army of Occupation Japan medal. He went on to earn a bachelor degree from Lock Haven University in 1956 and a masters degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Mr. Janus coached football and wrestling at Bald Eagle Nittany High School in Mill Hall, Penna. and the University of Maryland.

Mr. Janus dedicated his life to bettering the lives of children with special needs. He joined the Prince Georges County Public School System in 1958 and retired after 45 years of service. He was the supervisor of motor development in special education for more than 37 years.

In 1967 Mr. Janus along with Eunice Shriver-Kennedy brought the Special Olympics to Prince



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Robert "Bob" Joseph Janus

George's County where he served as area director until 2004 when he retired. The Prince George's County Games were renamed the Bob Janus Area Games in his honor.

Over the years, Mr. Janus conceived and implemented a number of programs to address the needs of special education students. Operation Bridge is a summer recreation program with motor and language skills development, and a camping program where kids with special needs can enjoy outdoor activities at Camp Pecometh on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Mr. Janus is also internationally known for his work with the motor skills clinic at the Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland.

Mr. Janus has been recognized for his work in special education numerous times over the years. His awards include the 1979 Outstanding Service Award from the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation; the 1991 Prince Georgian of the Year Award; and the 1997 Howard "Rocky" Stone Award, among many others.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for January 19 at St. Hugh's. Mr. Janus will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Prince George's County Special Olympics in Bob's name at Prince George's County Special Olympics, c/o Wheatley School, 8100 Ritchie Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743

### Mary Anne (McAndrew) Scott

Mary Anne (McAndrew) Scott died on January 1, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. Mary Anne was born on June 30, 1958 in Cheverly. For most of her adult life, she lived in or around Greenbelt. Mary Anne was raised on Eastway with her brothers and sisters. She attended St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Junior High and graduated from Parkdale High School in 1975. For a time, Mary Anne was a member of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad. She worked in the medical field at various hospitals in the Washington, D.C. area.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas J. McAndrew, Sr. and Margaret A. McAndrew of Greenbelt, and her sister Margaret (Peggy) McAndrew Jones. Mary Anne is survived by her son William Scott of Greenbelt and siblings Thomas J. McAndrew, Jr. (Mary), of Chestertown, Md.; Michael McAndrew (Karen), Patrick J. McAndrew (Linda), and Kathleen (McAndrew) Legendre (Scott), all of Greenbelt. She is also survived by her many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at Borwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville on Friday, January 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122

## Art of the Airport Tower At Local Aviation Museum

The College Park Aviation Museum hosts a free reception to open Art of the Airport Tower exhibition on Thursday, January 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition comprises 50 large-scale photographs by Smithsonian photographer Carolyn J. Russo and explores the forms and functions of airport traffic control towers in the U.S. and around the world. The reception will feature live music by talented local guitarist, Jan Knutson. The exhibit is on view now through March 10, 2017.

Russo traveled to 85 airports in 23 countries to capture images of these towers. The resulting photographs can be interpreted as monumental abstractions, symbols of cultural expression and testimonies of technological change. Starting out as a strictly functional structure, the airport tower has become a symbol of its airport, its community and even its country. Visitors to the Stockholm-Arlanda Airport in

Sweden, for example, are greeted by two lookout points perched like birds at the top of the control tower to evoke protective ravens from Nordic mythology, while the crescent-shaped tower at the Abu Dhabi International Airport resembles the sail of a traditional Arabic boat to emphasize the area's maritime heritage.

Jan Knutson, a native of Berwyn Heights, is currently studying at the Manhattan School of Music with Rodney Jones. Knutson was selected to be a member of the elite Jazz at Lincoln Center Summer Jazz Academy in Castleton, Va. in Summer 2015.

The College Park Aviation Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliations member, is owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which also owns the College Park Airport, the oldest continuously operating airport in the world. Learn more by visiting [CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com](http://CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com) or calling 301-864-6029.



PHOTO BY CAROLYN J. RUSSO

A tower at Edinburgh Airport in Scotland, part of the Art of the Airport Tower exhibit at the College Park Aviation Museum



Our condolences to the family of long-time Greenbelt resident Robert Janus, who lived in Greenbelt from 1967 to 2014, and died on December 27, 2016.

Condolences to the McAndrew and Legendre families and friends on the death of Mary Anne McAndrew Scott who died on January 1, 2017.

The Greenbelt community sends deepest condolences to ERHS students and staff and the family of Assistant Basketball Coach Nate Williams, who died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve.

Please send your news for the next Our Neighbors column to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

- Karen Yoho

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**At the Library**

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes Tuesday, January 10: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, January 11: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, January 12: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 0 to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage your child 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 immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Brain STEM: Neuroscience in the Afternoon! Thursday, January 12, 4 p.m., ages 9 to 14. PGC-MLS is excited to partner with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NIH to present programs promoting neuroscience education and awareness to students in Prince George's County. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the human brain directly from NINDS staff and scientists and also take part in fun hands-on activities, through two separate programs based on different brain-centric topics. These programs are recommended for students 9-14 years old, although all interested students and parents are welcome to attend! (Next program will be held Thursday, January 26, 2017.)

**Lift, Sweat or Swim, GAFC Delivers Fitness**

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) offers three eight-week classes to make this new year's fitness resolutions a reality. The classes will be taught by GFAC instructor "Li'l Dan" Celdran. The trio of classes includes water interval training (no swimming experience needed), a weight lifting class aimed at women and a fitness boot camp, a total body workout for all fitness levels.

The water interval training will occur on Fridays from 6 to 6:45 p.m. beginning January 6. The weight lifting class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. began January 4. The boot camp on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. began January 3. There is a fee.



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# City Information

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Employee Relations Board will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a Personnel Matter – Grievance Hearing Procedure.

**Cindy Murray, City Clerk**

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING  
Municipal Building, January 9, 2017 – 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  
    - Advisory Committee on Education, Report 2017-1 (Grant Proposals - 2017)

**LEGISLATION**

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Police Body Cameras -2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Selection of New City Manager and Approval of Contract  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports  
\*- 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.*

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.  
For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

**BABY WELLNESS PROGRAM**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program in partnership with the DC Diaper Bank and Washington Adventist School of Nursing will be offering City of Greenbelt residents monthly home visits for infants ranging in age from birth to 2 years. Families will receive a nursing assessment, health and wellness information, baby milestone marker information, free diapers, baby formula and other incentives. Slots are limited. You must live within incorporated Greenbelt. Visits will begin Wednesday, February 8, 2017. If you would like to register please contact Sharon Johnson at 301-345-6660 ext. 2029 as soon as possible. Limited slots are available.

**GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER SURVEY**

GAFC-How Can We Improve Survey  
The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is taking a survey to see how they could serve you better. Please take a few minutes and take the survey posted at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NL7MZf>

For information on city services, meetings, events and more, visit Greenbelt CityLink at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @cityofgreenbelt.

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9-13**

Monday, January 9 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbriar Community Meeting Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. *On the Agenda: Opioid Public Service Announcement (PSA), Lowering the Voting Age Discussion, YAC Logo for T-shirts – Updates, Mandan Basketball Court – Revised Report, Possible Youth Forum*

Monday, January 9 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Police Station, 550 Crescent Road, Chief's Conference Room. *On the Agenda: Security Cameras*

Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm. 114. *On the Agenda: Detailed Site Plan (DSP) – Greenbelt Station North Core/Metro Parking Redevelopment*

Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30pm, **GREEN TEAM ZERO WASTE CIRCLE** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Updates on Organics Task Force proposal to Council, Foam ban violations, compost efforts, prototype zero waste station at the Theater, NYE zero waste efforts and TerraCycle Drop-off Center. New Business: Sign up to volunteer for new projects in 2017 and Replacing plastic bags with reusables*

Wednesday, January 11 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: T-Rex Corporation** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE**

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board encourage residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging 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.

**CITY OF GREENBELT OPPORTUNITY**

**Monday, January 16 from 10:30 am - 1 pm**

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive species at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to learn how to identify slow-growth native and nonnative trees, as well as the invasive species, English ivy. Wire caging will be placed around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory, and hand shears will be used to remove English ivy from taking over the forest.

RSVP to Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2150.

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

The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3347](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3347)

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

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

**MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP AND CAFE**

Wednesdays from January 18-March 29

Support Group 1:30-2:30pm

Cafe Group 1:30-3pm Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

The Memory Support Group & Café provides a stigma-free environment for those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment or other forms of dementia and their spouses, partners and caregivers. It is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie, and engaging creative fun! Caregivers are encouraged to attend at least the first session.

If you are interested in participating, you must register with Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov)  
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program.

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MDBirding where she has found a lot of information and friends.

Brown has become such a regular feature of the lake she is often recognized and approached. "I have had a lot of people approach me and ask me what I am doing and what I am looking at. I always tell them what it is and some people stick around for more comments." Brown's passion is evident by the time commitment to her photography. She spends three or four hours every day photographing animals. "I get so excited sometimes when I am taking the pictures that these people that are with me they say they can't believe my enthusiasm. I guess because of my age. I really like what I am doing, so I guess that is why I am so enthusiastic."

Although Brown does go to a few other locations in the area, she routinely comes to Buddy Attick Park because she enjoys the variety of wildlife, the quiet and safe nature of the park, the closeness of the police station, and of course the beauty of the lake itself.

Brown will walk with her Nikon L340 in the cold and snow, and even take photos when the lake is covered in ice. She has recently started taking videos and has one of birds trying to walk on the ice. "I do love the birds, although they are skittish. To me it is a challenge, and I like the challenge. I just like walking and observing them, period. I am just looking at God's beauty and the things I have walked by for years and not paid attention to, and now I'm more into actually observing and seeing what's around me."



Beaver



Brown thrasher



Bullfrog



Green heron



Male and female wood ducks

Photos by Gloria A. Brown

**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 9 are as follows:

Monday, January 9: Meatloaf with tomato gravy, butter beans, mixed vegetables, Texas toast, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, January 10: Sliced turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, cornbread, sliced pears, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, January 11: Baked potato, chicken, broccoli, cheese sauce, sour cream and margarine, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, crackers, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Thursday, January 12: Cranberry Dijon chicken, au gratin rotini, broccoli, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.

Friday, January 13: Stuffed salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice Florentine, parslid carrots, wheat bread, fluffy fruit salad, orange juice.

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# Workshop on Communication Across the Partisan Divide

by Jill Connor

Are you challenged when family members, friends or co-workers have viewpoints on politics, child-rearing or money that are radically different from your own? Jane Connor McMahon, Ph.D., a new resident of Greenbelt and a certified trainer of nonviolent communication, thinks there is a need to develop an understanding of others and the reasons people feel and act as they do. "Understanding is not the same as agreeing; it is the foundation for families, communities and a nation that works for everyone." She is offering three free workshops at the Greenbelt Community Center in January that address the themes of improving your relationships and decreasing conflict, with specific focus on the partisan divide that has deepened during and since the recent presidential election. One of the goals is to provide healing for people who are seeking it and unity through greater understanding of ourselves and others in our country.

The scheduled workshops are Transforming Post-Election Blues on Sunday, January 8 from 2 to 4 p.m., Energy for Building a World of Compassion on Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to

4:30 p.m.; and Connecting Across Differences – Post-Election on Sunday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.capitalnvc.org/events/summary> or contact [janemconnor@gmail.com](mailto:janemconnor@gmail.com) or 202-684-5974.

McMahon has trained Nonviolent Communication on five continents and is presently a restorative justice consultant for Washington, D.C., schools. Her co-presenters include Kanya Likanasudh, who has a masters degree in divinity, is an international trainer of Nonviolent Communication, and a trainer and consultant for schools, prisons, hospitals and businesses in Thailand, and Ian H. Solomon, J.D., CEO of SolomonGlobal, a training and consulting firm devoted to the art and science of cooperation. Solomon has been a vice president of the University of Chicago Law School and an associate dean of Yale Law School. He has also been an executive director for the World Bank Group engaged in multi-lateral diplomacy, negotiation and cooperation. The event is sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Capital

Center for Nonviolent Communication and Maryland United for Peace and Justice.

Nonviolent Communication, the approach at the foundation of the workshops, was developed over 50 years ago and is being shared world-wide today. It involves changing how we listen to and respond to others and in how we express ourselves. McMahon shared the following example of using a Nonviolent Communication technique to increase the chances of people connecting with each other. At a presentation on family relations, a middle-aged man asked what the trainer would recommend saying to a brother he had been estranged from for 20 years and would be seeing at an upcoming dinner. The trainer said, "Brother, I'm in deep, deep pain and sadness about our estrangement and I long for a way for us to reconnect. I so miss being in your life and you in mine, but I have no idea about how to bridge the huge gap that has come between us. I'm wondering if you have any interest in reconnecting." The elements that made this a heartfelt and effective communication are part of what Nonviolent Communication is about.

# Musings on Life in Greenbelt

by Suzanne "Snaps" Ginger

Ginger is a frequent visitor to Greenbelt who has noted the community as one she wants to stay in.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

"Snaps" Suzanne Ginger

While last year offered us studies in surprises – everything from Brexit to the Chicago Cubs win to the recent elections – 2017 promises us even more. Greenbelt, fortunately, offers us a respite from the often fast-changing and hard-charging outside world.

Remember Snowmageddon? It presented us with an opportunity to enjoy the community spirit that is omnipresent in Greenbelt. Thirty inches of snow – measured by one neighbor's hardware store yardstick fastened to the lamp-post – smothered our enthusiasm for travel, yet it hiked the neighborliness quotient tremendously. I saw men swathed in woolen scarves shoveling out walks for elderly neighbors. Kids with cheap plastic sleds offered each other rides down newly made hills. Spontaneously, whole courts turned out for potlucks. And some residents from one end of Ridge snowshoed down to the other end, just for salsa, chips and split pea soup with new friends. Hearing the laughter

ring in the frosty air, I smiled and remembered my growing up days in Chicago, where snow days there were often a cause for celebration.

Snow's not the only thing that brings us together. While it's a while off, we have spring to look forward to – the postman told me how many gardening brochures and catalogs he's starting to deliver. With the spring comes those first few warm days. We turn out of our cocoons, leaving behind our electric heat and enjoying the play of sunshine on our upturned faces. Some of us giggle with giddiness. Yet we

all suck in deep breaths of joyously perfumed air, brought to us by the lilacs and bridalwreath. In our gardens, we talk over the prospects for the upcoming season. Will it be a year for spinach? How will the sugar peas do? Can the beans do well this time around? So we talk and share.

With the advent of warmth comes the Farmers Market. Gathering outside the Aquatic Center, the vendors offer us yet another chance to celebrate community. Over purchases of

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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.

## Robbery

December 27, 5:47 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A man entered Demmy's Pharmacy armed with a handgun and demanded prescription medicine. After getting it he fled on foot.

## Assault

December 23, 8:35 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A manager at Wendy's was assaulted by a woman during a verbal altercation at the drive-through window. The possible suspect is a 26-year-old Springdale woman who fled in a vehicle. An investigation is ongoing. The manager refused treatment for minor injuries.

## Theft

December 22, 4 p.m., 7100 block Ora Glen Court. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence. A witness observed a man take it and flee on foot. The witness chased him as he fled and later discarded the package. It was recovered and returned to the owner.

December 23, 12:10 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

December 26, 10:08 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Money was taken from a cash register and manager's office at Shoe Show.

December 28, 9 a.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A man reported that liquor was missing from his liquor cabinet, and that he had had contractors in his home in September. The reason for the delay in reporting this incident was not given.

## Fraud

December 23, 5:23 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A woman making a transaction at the Capital One Bank ATM was approached by a man who said he

had lost his bank card and asked her to deposit a check for him into her account and give him the money. She deposited the check and gave him the money, and later discovered the check was fraudulent. He is described as black, 20 to 25 years old, 5'5" tall, 160 pounds with a light complexion, wearing a white shirt, black coat with a multicolored design on it and blue jeans.

## Trespass

December 27, 6 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found sleeping in the stairwell of a condominium building. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

December 26, 1:33 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A notebook-type computer was taken from a residence on December 21. No reason was given for the delay in reporting the incident.

## Vehicle Crime

A 2001 Dodge Intrepid reported stolen November 7 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace was recovered December 22 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 1400 block Bangor Street S.E., Washington, D.C.

Metro Transit police handled incidents in which several vehicles in the Greenbelt Metro station parking lot were broken into.

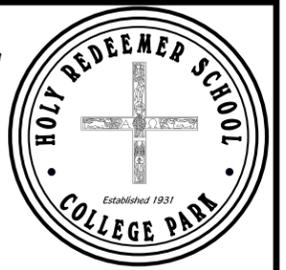
Clothing and gift cards were taken from a locked vehicle in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A backpack was taken in the 7500 block Mandan Road after the driver-side window was broken out.

A rear windshield was broken out in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Two windows were broken out in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

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Greenbriar Condominiums meet with council to discuss limited use by Greenbriar of the land the city is not using.

Removing the Greenbriar component from the municipal project was one big change in the 2015 plan, as was the decision not to pursue the Montgomery County contract. Another change in the overall plan since 2015 is that grants would be solicited for smaller parts of what had originally been viewed as one large project. Everyone agreed that this approach was better, with parts of the project able to be pursued at their own pace and without putting all the eggs in one basket.

For the larger part of the project – the installation of a solar power generating system to offset almost all of the city’s electrical energy needs – Public Works staff and the Green Team have since considered a proposal from a different vendor, Standard Solar, LLC in Rockville. Robert Busler, director of business development for the firm, was present at the meeting to discuss their proposal.

Under Standard Solar’s proposed plan, the solar panel array would be located off site (outside of the city) in a location available to Standard Solar in Prince George’s County that has a direct connection to the PEPCO grid. The city would purchase 100 percent of the solar power the system generates under a 20-year power purchase agreement. The array would be installed, operated and maintained by Standard Solar, with the city having no capital costs or responsibility for operation or maintenance for the 20-year period. The city would also receive “virtual net metering” credit from PEPCO at full retail rate.

Other smaller projects, such as the Public Works Department building and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, would be pursued separately as roof mounting projects for which grants would be sought. One source of assistance with which staff would work is the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland. According to Sterling, grants would support the installation of the system, with the result that the city would own it. Skolnik added that while the maintenance would then also belong to the city, the direct benefit is that the energy produced is completely free.

According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, seeking grants would be the next step in the city’s own program to reduce its electricity use and costs. Regarding the larger project, he said the city, as a government entity, needs to look at how it might handle a limited vendor situation, as well as analyzing cost break points for the proposal. It should be noted that city councilmembers and staff had received binders of additional background material on the Standard Solar proposal, which were not available to the public due to potential proprietary concerns.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was of strong opinion that the project needs competition and should go out to bid, but that idea raised concern among some members of the staff and Green Team. Lippert thought that while there would be no problem bidding the smaller projects, which

would be ready to build, the big project would have to be bid for “design and build.”

Skolnik agreed, saying if the city were to go out to bid, it would have to be by RFP, “which would yield a smattering of proposals across the board that would be difficult to compare and judge.” He believed it would be much to the city’s advantage to go sole source. It was suggested that access by the vendor to an appropriate area for the solar array within the county might be a unique or at least limiting factor.

Robles also raised concerns about open bid for this project, saying that the results from an open bid would not even be as easy as comparing apples to oranges. Rather, she said, “It would be more like ‘apples to chicken wings.’”

Davis closed that part of the discussion by saying there was precedent for the city using sole source or best source procurement and that nothing should be ruled out at this point.

The Green Team’s recommended next steps include the three items discussed: consideration of pursuing the big project of generating solar energy for the city’s electricity needs with Standard Solar, pursuit of grant sources for the smaller roof-mounted projects and discussion with Greenbriar regarding its interests.

Other municipal buildings that might potentially be suitable for rooftop solar in the future would be Green Ridge House, the Municipal Building, the Youth Center, the Community Center, the Old Greenbelt Theatre and facilities at Schrom Hills.

### Triathlon Beginner Training at GAFC

Beginning Monday, January 9 the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) invites aspiring triathletes to learn, train and prepare for their first race. Instructor Annacherie Thompson and special guests will offer six Monday evening classes, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., through February 13. Classes will include workouts for swimming, biking, running, strength training, plus tips for setting up transition areas properly and preparing for race day. There is a fee.





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# Greenbelt’s New Community Website: GreenbeltOnline.org

by Susan Harris



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A new Greenbelt Community website is now online.

A bit about Greenbelt’s Internet history. Way back in 1995, the city welcomed its first community website, Greenbelt.com. It was an online directory of everything Greenbelt, plus a place for organizations and even individuals to have their very own web page. It also provided email accounts for over 100 people, with addresses like Bob@greenbelt.com.

Those early online services were due to a group of visionary geeks who organized as the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative. Sadly, the organization was dissolved in 2006 and the site was no longer updated. Happily for lovers of Greenbelt history, though, the site is still online and continues to provide email accounts to a few of its former members.

About a decade later, George Boyce, founder of Greenbelt MakerSpace, called a meeting to discuss Greenbelt’s need for a community website and other online services. One happy result of that meeting went live this week, a New Year’s gift to all Greenbelters: GreenbeltOnline.org, Greenbelt’s newly designed, updated and expanded community website.

Greenbelt Online is in the process of becoming a tax-exempt nonprofit registered in Maryland.

#### What’s on Greenbelt Online?

- Greenbelt Directories for Businesses, the Arts and the Community.
- The Greenbelt Blog, covering happenings, movie reviews, how-to information just for lo-

calls, think pieces and much more. The 250 articles that were originally published on the blog “Greenbelt Live” from 2012 to 2016 have been moved to the new Greenbelt Blog (and Greenbelt Live will be taken down). Long-time Greenbelt bloggers Anna Socrates, Jeff Lemieux and this writer will be joined by new contributors to the blog in its new location.

- Photo Galleries of curated shots taken in Greenbelt and documenting life here.

- Videos about life in Greenbelt (also curated). They are also displayed on the new Greenbelt Maryland YouTube Channel.

#### How to Get Involved

- Write for the Greenbelt Blog, just once or more often. The editorial team will help with editing, illustrating and layout for the web, and the link to the article can be shared and included on writing portfolios.

- Submit your photos and videos for possible inclusion on the site.

- Help curate others’ photos and videos for this site and our YouTube channel. The (unpaid) jobs of Photo Editor and Video Editor are waiting to be filled.

- Tell us if your organization is missing from the Community Directory, or if the link is bad. Help make the site all-inclusive and error-free.

- Help promote Greenbelt Online (thereby promoting Greenbelt and every one of its activities and businesses).

- Create a logo for the cause.

- What else? We’re excited to hear your ideas.

#### For Greenbelt-based Businesses

- To get listed on the Business Directory, click “Directory” at the top of the page and follow instructions to send in your link, logo, text, and more. To cover expenses (at least until another funding source is identified) businesses are being asked to chip in \$20 to get listed.

- Greenbelt Online is available to design and host web pages for Greenbelt businesses and organizations for a very modest fee.

- Greenbelt-connected musicians and artists – your directory is next. Contact us with your ideas.

#### Greenbelt Online Team

Greenbelt Online was designed and developed by Tanya Amaya and Bethany Gresser, the talented team behind the firm Analytic Design. Working out of Greenbelt MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center, this superlocal firm also won the contract with the Greenbelt News Review to create its new website that launched in late 2015.

Greenbelt Online’s editorial team, responsible for all content and policies guiding the blog, is composed of Anna Socrates, Julie Winters and this writer. Blog policies include the requirement that articles be about Greenbelt (though the author may live elsewhere), and that language used be family-friendly.

Send your suggestions and especially your interest in getting involved to [editor@greenbeltonline.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltonline.com)



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 5, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- GDC Regular Open Session Meeting, 7:30pm**
  - Staff Recommendation to Charge a Fee for Apartment Transfers
- GHI Regular Open Session Meeting**  
*(Immediately following GDC Meeting)*
  - Certification of Yardlines for 14 A-V Hillside Rd.
  - Request by the Member of 2-L Gardenway for an Exception to Install a 8’x4’ Shed in the End Yard
  - 2016-2017 Audit Committee Recommendations to the Board of Directors
  - Bylaws Taskforce’s Recommendations Re:Revisions to GHI’s Bylaws



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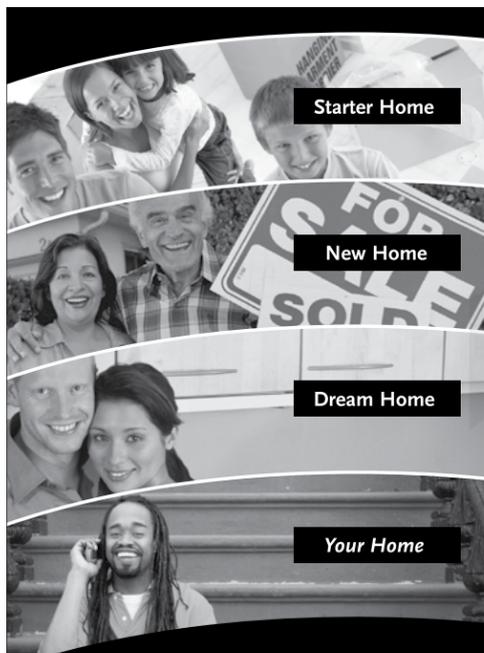
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**Snippets from the Past**

**Mayor Proposes Book Censorship Morrison Denounced For Profanity**

Censorship of books sold in Greenbelt was proposed by Mayor Thomas J. Canning at the town council meeting last Monday night. Favoring an ordinance to ban "sexy stories," the mayor bowed to the decision of other council members to authorize Town Manager Chas. T. McDonald to discuss the matter first with Samuel Ashelman, manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, and see if a solution could be reached.

Mr. Canning, while deploring the sale of comic books, scored violently the twenty-five cent books with sensational covers and contents "not fit for our young people to read." Particular reference was made by the mayor to the best seller dealing with the case of the only man left in a world of women and another with a dedication "To my wife ... who I hope never reads this book ..."

(Investigation of the Greenbelt public library revealed that one of the two books referred to by the mayor is on the circulating book shelf. Upon inquiry, it was learned that the purchase of the book had been recommended by several library associations.)

The mayor said that complaints had been made to GCS but that nothing had been done by them in the matter. He commented, however, that his proposal was not to be understood as an attack on the cooperative. The ordinance he had in mind

would apply to "anyone selling books in Greenbelt."

Councilman Allen D. Morrison was the target for a vigorous denunciation by a visitor to the meeting.

Charging that Mr. Morrison had dragged her son and three other boys to the police station for tampering with comic sections of newspapers, she asked the council if a councilman had the right to deputize himself as a policeman and make an arrest. Mayor Canning said "no"; whereupon she said that Mr. Morrison had used profane language and that her son had not been guilty of tampering with the papers in the councilman's garage as he claimed.

Mr. Morrison quickly proceeded to give his side of the story calling as witness his small son who had been present throughout the meeting. He questioned the boy for several minutes over the protests of Mayor Canning that the meeting was over and of Council member Betty Harrington who objected to questioning the boy although she felt that the charge warranted a hearing by the council.

Following a loud exchange on all sides the mayor disposed of the matter by saying that it was a "private argument" and had no place at the meeting.

*This front-page article appeared in the January 20, 1949, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.*

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jonquils and fistfuls of early lettuces, we catch up with one another. Plans for impromptu suppers arise. The availability of this week's produce determines the menus.

The season progresses, and we ask, "Did you try the buckwheat honey?" of a neighbor. She in return says, "Yes, and how about those heirloom tomatoes?" We share smiles and laugh.

Over at the pool, families soak up the sun together. Lazy days, hot sun and splashing children lead to conversations. "Going to the movie tonight?" is followed by "Yes, do you want to meet up after with the kids?" We feel connected.

Strolling through Roosevelt Center in the afternoon is like walking down the corridor during high school. We meet up with old friends and make new ones. We engage.

While simple conversations,

bunches of beets and movie dates hardly seem like the stuff that moves mountains, these create the invisible threads we call community in Greenbelt – and for a while, we can find sanctuary from the noise of the outside world.

Oh, what a relief it is!

May your 2017 bring you connectedness with your family and community.

**Zero Waste Circle Meeting on Jan. 11**

The next meeting of Green Team's Zero Waste Circle is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Public Works. The Zero Waste Circle encourages residents and city programs to reduce waste, reuse materials, compost food scraps and yard waste and increase recycling efforts to strive towards environmental sustainability.

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# Holiday Lights of Greenbelt



Lights display on Lastner Lane

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Polar bears on Northway

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Lights on Ridge Road

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Christmas decorations along the lake path

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD



The polar bear and penguin singing group serenades people on the lake.

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

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staff to their roster, she said.

While the crowds are not likely to continue into spring, there are tools to make the resolutions stronger. Psychologist John Norcross of Scranton University studied resolutions and people's ability to maintain them. He said

two of the keys are making the resolutions manageable and using the buddy system.

Which means if all the people on treadmills brought their buddies to work out there, the gyms will have even more people.



Angela Coburn and her grandmother Lydia Coburn finish their workout at GAFC.



Photos by Amy Hansen

Marie-Cecile Groelsefa burns calories at Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.



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