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A Review

Greenbelt Pictorial History Precedes City's 75th Anniversary Celebration

by Virginia Beauchamp

In early years after the founding of Greenbelt, reproducing photographs for print was difficult and expensive. Mirror images had to be incised into metal, called cuts, attached to wooden blocks and then placed face-down on the printing press. Early issues of the News Review show few pictures and only occasional Izzy Parker cartoons.

With modern offset printing all that has changed. Now a new book, *Images of America: Greenbelt*, appears in anticipation of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the city. Designed and edited by staff members Jill Parsons St. John and Megan Searing Young on behalf of the Greenbelt Museum, the work is a collection of pictures recording the city's history.

Extensive captions, however, and one-page introductions for each chapter provide contexts and explanatory information. As a historical volume, the work re-

produces many pictures seen in the earlier hard-cover history of 1987 and 1997 supplement, *Greenbelt: History of a New Town*.

But the new work, in its final chapter, "The 1980s and Beyond," brings the story up to date. New pictures as well – some from private collections or historical prints held by the Library of Congress – help to complete the historical record.

Among developments since the earlier works has been construction of the U.S. District Court House, the opening of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the dedication of the Greenbelt Museum itself, which had been established in a GHI townhouse on Crescent Road. Long-time City Manager James



K. Giese had also retired, the former Greenbelt Elementary School had been converted into the Greenbelt Community Center and a new elementary school had been constructed on the site of the razed former North End School.

New as well is a picture of the Greenbelt Theater with its new marquee, now owned by the city, and a photograph of the current Greenbelt City Council. And in honor of history itself, a group photo is included of visiting residents of sister-city Greendale, Wisconsin.

The book is available for sale at the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Co-op and online through a variety of booksellers.

Council Approves Refurbishing Southway Entrance Map Sign

by Barbara Hopkins

Refurbishing the Southway city entrance sign and holding a community-wide visionary exercise in 2012 were two items considered by the Greenbelt City Council at its December 12 regular meeting.

Council in the past has approved a design for gateway signs and discussed possible locations. Now in the fiscal year's capital projects budget is \$20,000 for installation of signs.

Staff has recommended upgrading the existing sign on Southway rather than its replacement. Recent vandalism has rendered the sign illegible.

Staff recommended improving

landscaping near the sign, cleaning the masonry, painting or replacing the lettering, replacing the frame, making sidewalk improvements and replacing the outdated map. The Public Works staff will perform necessary carpentry, landscaping and masonry work.

Councilmember Leta Mach noted sun damage as well on some signs. She asked City Planner Terry Hruby about the projected life of new signage.

Hruby replied that staff will look at what types of signs have worked elsewhere and will try to use state-of-the-art technology while staying within the amount of funds budgeted. She mentioned the possibility of using technology to provide links to the city's website.

Council agreed to have staff move forward with work on the Southway sign and to schedule a worksession on city signage. Council also wanted to address other city signage soon. In the interim they asked that the Southway sign be taken down.

Visioning Event

At the same meeting, council discussed holding a community-wide visioning exercise, such as a forum, leading council to discuss holding another one soon. Mayor Judith Davis said a visioning exercise to consider where the city

should be after 100 years could tie in with Greenbelt's 75th anniversary. It could be one of the steps also toward achieving Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team status. Holding the exercise early in 2012, she said, would enable council to use information gained to set goals for the 2013 budget.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts thought the visioning process should be held only once every five years or so. He said there is still a backlog of things to do from the last visioning process.

Other councilmembers preferred holding the exercise, or something similar, more frequently. Mach pointed out that the last visioning report was for 2009-2012, which she interpreted to mean the process would be held again in 2012. Councilmember Emmett Jordan favored separating goal-setting from the budget process, saying it is important to prioritize goals. The city will never have enough money to do all it would like to do, he said. The budget would be used as a reality check for these ideas.

Process Time Frame

Councilmembers struggled to come up with a workable time

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January Artful Afternoon, 75th Anniversary Launch

Sunday, January 8 is the January Artful Afternoon, which features the kickoff ceremony for the yearlong celebration of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Year. The free program, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, includes an opera performance, a public art dedication, hands-on crafts and more.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary, a new piece of art created by the public for the public will be dedicated. "Faces of Greenbelt" is a ceramic tile panel created through intergenerational workshops facilitated by Mary Gawlik, artist-in-residence and tile-making instructor at Greenbelt Community Center. See photo on page 2.

The dedication begins at 2:45 p.m., followed by remarks from Mayor Judith Davis on the 75th Anniversary of Greenbelt at 3 p.m. in the gym. Limited edition commemorative tiles showing four iconic Greenbelt scenes on 6 x 6 glazed Art Deco tiles will make their debut at the ceremony.

Shortly after 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the mayor's remarks, the Bel Cantanti Opera offers an exciting sneak preview performance of their new show *The Impresario* (Der Schauspiel-direktor). Mozart's one-act farce

about operatic auditions transports the audience to New York of the 1940s, where two primadonnas fight for the attention of an agent who is desperately trying to get rid of them both.

Craft Workshop

From 1 to 3 p.m. make a wrist cuff with Artist-in-residence Celestine Ranney-Howes. There are sizes and styles for boys and girls, women and men. No experience is needed.

Drawing

A drawing will be held for two tickets to the performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center or a gift certificate for pottery by artist-in-residence and pottery instructor Gina Mai Denn. Enter the free drawing at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery or at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts now through 2:30 p.m. January 8. Winners will be announced prior to the opera performance.

Artful Afternoon also offers a studio open house and sale with the Center's artists in residence. Artful Afternoon activities are an introduction to the many art classes and activities offered by the city.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Sneaker Seeker Crowd Overruns Beltway Plaza

by Sue Krofchik

People attempting to make a quick early morning run to the Beltway Plaza Giant Food store before 8:15 a.m. on Friday, December 23 either stopped in their tracks or quickly retreated and left.

More than 30 police cruisers from six jurisdictions lined both sides of the main through-lanes, from the Cherrywood Lane entrance next to Giant to the Sears Home Store at the end of the block. On-scene law enforcement officers included Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and Prince George's County police departments, Maryland State Police, U.S. Park Police and Beltway Plaza security. Some wore what appeared to be SWAT team uniforms, although without shields

and face masks.

A throng of mostly males in their teens or 20s surrounding the outside of the mall entrance near Baskin-Robbins was alternately loud and quiet. Police officers repeatedly told the crowd to "stand back from the doors."

Despite their injunction, other people young and old, male and female, seemed to be entering and exiting the mall at will.

Retro 11s

Sneakers. Not sneaky people. Sneakers as in shoes. Those in the know knew December 23 was the release date for the second coming of Nike Corporation Michael Jordan Concord 11s, AKA Retro Jordans or Retro 11s. They

See **SNEAKERS**, page 8

What Goes On

Monday, January 2 – City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday

Wednesday, January 4

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Beltway Plaza (stakeholder) and Review of Stakeholder Meeting Schedule, Community Center

Carrier Tip Confusion

Tip envelopes for Greenbelt News Review carriers were not distributed until December 15 or later. Those envelopes had the year 2011 and Greenbelt News Review printed on them. Judging by calls received, many readers who also subscribe to another newspaper may have received carrier tip envelopes for that paper some weeks earlier and without a newspaper name on them.

Letters to the Editor

A Greenbelt 'Must Read'

I'm so excited about the new paperback book about Greenbelt that's on sale at the Co-op and the Greenbelt Museum! It's called "Images of America: Greenbelt" and was prepared by Greenbelt Museum curator Megan Searing Young and former curator Jill Parsons St. John. It's full of photographs and information about the construction of the town and how it grew over the past 75 years.

While not as formal and scholarly as other books written about Greenbelt, it's just the right size and price to send to old friends.

I'm having fun picking out faces of those I knew from the many photos.

Kathleen Scott McFarland

THANKS

Thanks to the community for supporting the Greenbelt Lions Club Toy Drive.

Your donations at the toy boxes at Beltway Plaza Mall, Greenbelt Co-op and the Community Center helped the club distribute over 600 toys to needy children in the county.



Ron Wells
Greenbelt Lions Club

THANKS

After two and a half years of fundraising and planning, renovation of the Greenbelt Arts Center restrooms has begun as of Tuesday, December 27 and will be ready in time for the resumption of the scheduled theater season.

The cost will be about \$54,000, which has been donated by very supportive organizations from all levels of government, state, county and city. The theater's most recent award came from the Prince George's County Community Foundation Grants Program. Members and friends of the theater along with other agencies and foundations have contributed nearly \$57,000. We are hopeful this additional funding will enable us to install an automatic door opener for the entrance to the theater.

Such support gives testimony to the cultural importance of the Greenbelt Arts Center in the community. All who are associated with the theater in any way give thanks to all who have contributed to the success of this Glorious Quest.

Joan Jacobs
Chair
GAC Restroom
Rescue Committee

THANKS

Dr. Neal Barnard's visit to Reel & Meal along with the screening of Forks Over Knives (FOK) broke all previous Reel & Meal attendance records. Having Barnard, president and founder of Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), lead the panel of speakers was a thrill.

His appearance was uncertain as he left later than expected from an afternoon taping of Dr. Oz in NYC. He arrived at the Greenbelt City Council Chambers just as the screening was ending. The crowd cheered, knowing the drama behind his effort to get to Greenbelt.

Dr. Barnard entertained and educated us about the virtues of a plant-based, animal-free diet in his friendly, down-home North Dakota way, staying until 10:30 p.m. graciously autographing copies of his books and DVDs of FOK. Thanks to Dr. Barnard for making such a huge effort to join us!

Joining him on the speaker panel were Susan Levin and Dr. Milton Mills. Levin, a registered dietician, introduced the audience to PCRM's 21-Day Kickstart Program designed to assist those ready to adopt a plant-based, whole foods diet. Dr. Mills, a DC-based physician, sees the ravages inflicted on his patients due to eating the standard American diet.

More thanks go to those responsible for making the event a success. Because of the unprecedented crowd, we had to secure the city council chambers. Malia Murray, executive director of Greenbelt Access Television, and Beverly Palau, Greenbelt public information and communications coordinator, provided professional audio-visual assistance. Chefs Karim and Maria provided another fabulous vegan buffet and somehow managed to make the food stretch so that more than 100 people could be fed. Terri Rutledge, general manager of the New Deal Café, helped with serving the large crowd.

Attendees generously contributed vegan food for needy residents in Greenbelt in keeping with our holiday tradition. The Co-op provided food donations as well. Distribution was arranged through the Pregnancy Aid Center and will benefit five vegetarian Greenbelt families.

Last, a big thank you to the Reel & Meal Planning Committee and the volunteers from Green Vegan Networking, the sponsoring group: Robin Walker, Mary Finelli, Donna and Brian Almquist and Jean Newcomb. Your work and help meant so much!

'Tis the season to "Go Vegan" for your health, the planet's and the animals. A healthy and happy New Year to all.

Cam MacQueen
Green Vegan Networking
Reel & Meal Planning
Committee

City Seeks Change In Redistricting Plan

On Friday, December 16, the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee (GRAC) submitted its proposed Legislative Redistricting Plan to Governor Martin O'Malley. Under the proposed plan, all of Greenbelt would be in District 22 except for the area known as the "south core," which is in District 21.

The GRAC held a public hearing on this plan on December 22 in Annapolis, for which city staff submitted written comments online stressing Greenbelt's long-standing position that the city be kept whole and requesting that the "south core" be moved from District 21 to District 22. The same comments were transmitted to the city's State Delegation.

The south core is a small area located east of the CSX railroad tracks, west of Indian Creek, north of Branchville Rd. and south of the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Under Maryland's Constitution, the governor must present a Legislative Redistricting plan to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2012 Session. By the 45th day of the session, the General Assembly must either adopt a redistricting plan or the governor's plan becomes law.

Prince George's Co. Bd. of Ed. Meets

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Sesscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

Persons may speak for three minutes by registering by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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Tuesday - Thursday

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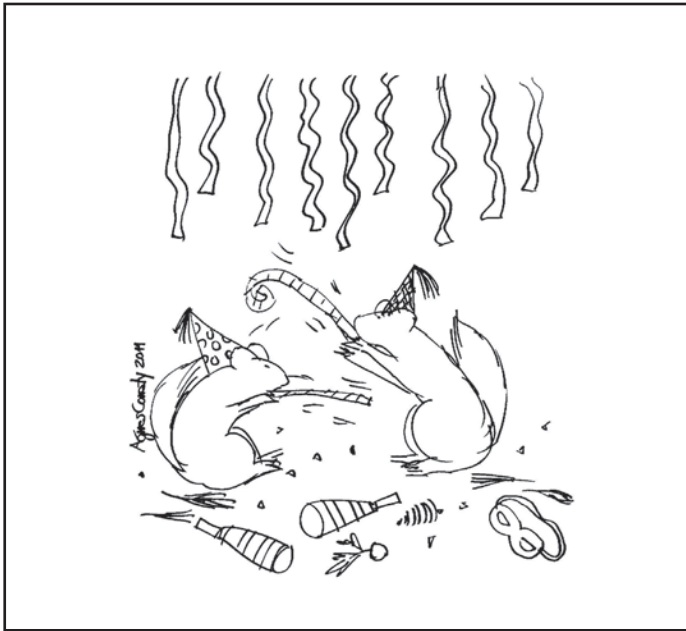
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Season's Greetings!

Windsor Green HOA

Community Events

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 30 pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes will play a mix of swing, blues and soul from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, December 31 the New Year's Eve schedule begins with Bruce Kritt's classical guitar playing from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Unruly Blues Band takes the stage from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to celebrate with eclectic fun-filled blues evoking traditional electric blues, R&B, blues-tinted rock, jazz, funk, reggae and even some blues on the "outer fringe."

The Café is closed Sunday, January 1.

Next Week

Tuesday, January 3 the Don Walters' Americana Music Night holds its second anniversary show from 7 to 9 p.m. with guest guitarist John Briley. On Wednesday, January 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Reilly & Joe Goulait sing originals and folk and rock covers. Thursday, January 5 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed by Open Microphone from 7 to 9 p.m. with Buck Stone. Friday, January 6 John Guernsey starts the night off with jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Then jazz saxophonist Buck Hill, accompanied by Not2 Cool Jazz, returns with soulful sound from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, January 7 begins with the TV John Show recording from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the Jelly Roll Mortals rock the house with semi-acoustic roots music from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, January 8 brings a mix of Slovak and Gypsy songs in the style of Eardas and Gypsy jazz with Orchester Prazevica from 5 to 8 p.m.

At the Library

The library will be closed Saturday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and on Monday, January 2 for the legal observance of the holiday.

Storytimes

Wednesday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For details call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmcls.info.

Tutoring Program

Beginning Saturday morning, January 7 a tutoring program will be offered at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, for students in grades 1 to 12. The program is free.

To sign up call Judy Hering at 301-345-6660 or email jhering@greenbeltmd.gov. The program takes place at 10 a.m.

Commemorative Tiles At Artful Afternoon

Greenbelt 75th Anniversary commemorative tiles will be displayed at the Kickoff Ceremony to be held in conjunction with Artful Afternoon on Sunday, January 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Made by Artists-in-residence Mary Gawlick and Loraine Dipietro, orders for the limited edition set of four six-inch tiles will be taken at that time by members of the anniversary committee.

The tiles show key aspects of the community's heritage as one of the first planned communities in the U.S. Each tile shows a Greenbelt scene with a slight Art Deco flavor: a stylized tree representing the one in front of the library and Community Center; the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center; the Aquatics Center entrance depicting community resources for youth and families; and the Old Greenbelt Theatre marquee showing "75th Anniversary." For more information see ad below.

GHI Notes

Monday, January 2, Office Closed – For Maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011

Friday, January 6, Office Closed – For Maintenance emergency call 301-474-6011

Saturday, January 7, 2 to 4 p.m. – Winterization Workshop – Greenbelt Community Center

Tuesday, January 10, 8:30 a.m. – Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:15 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

7:30 p.m. – Nomination & Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, January 16, Office Closed – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.



Lisa Shannon of Maestro's Tail displays the more than 340 pounds of pet food collected in the Hungry Bowl Pet Food Drive that ended December 12. About 227 pounds of dog food and 113 pounds of cat food were delivered to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on December 22, thanks to the generosity of donors. In addition some people gave cash or gift cards, which are being used to purchase other specific supplies the shelter needs. Shannon says thanks to the donations, the Hungry Bowl Pet Food Drive was able to make a real difference in the lives of local shelter pets.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is closed until Thursday, January 5th!

Happy New Year!

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Upcoming Winterization Workshop for Members of Greenbelt Homes Inc.

GHI's Buildings Committee will be holding a winterization workshop for its co-op members on **January 7, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Committee members will demonstrate measures that members could implement to stay warm and save money on heating costs during the winter season.

Members will also be provided with updates on the community-upgrade pilot program.

The workshop will be held in the multi-purpose room (#201) within the Greenbelt Community Center.



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year
From The Greenbelt Arts Center!



Coming Soon: How I Learned to Drive

Written by Paula Vogel
Directed by Patrick Miller

January 20, 21, 27, 28,
February 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8:00 PM
January 29 and February 5
at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices for each event:
\$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**
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Coming Soon:

February 17 - 19, 2012 - Truth Be Told, guest production from Alight Dance Company
March 9 - 31, 2012 - Pippin
April 7, 2012 - Celtic Concert with The Homespun Ceilidh Band

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War Horse, PG-13
11:25, 2:25, 5:25, 8:30
Dragon Tattoo, R (!)
11:40, 3, 6:40, 10
Tintin, PG, in 2D (!)
4:35

Tintin, PG, in 3D (!)
11:55, 2:20, 6:45, 8:45

Alvin & the Chipmunks, G (!)
11:55, 2:20, 4:25, 6:35, 8:40
Darkest Hour, PG-13, in 2D
3:35, 7:45

Darkest Hour, PG-13, in 3D
11:25, 1:30, 5:40, 9:50
Mission Impossible 4, PG-13 (!)
11:45, 3:45, 7, 10
Sherlock Holmes, PG-13 (!)
11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
We Bought A Zoo, PG
11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

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11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30

Order Limited Edition Greenbelt Commemorative Tiles

Sunday, January 8, 1 – 4 p.m.

at

75th Anniversary Kick Off Ceremony Community Center

Set of four 6" x 6" glazed tiles in Greenbelt green, black and white.

Art Deco depictions of:

- Stylized tree, front of library/Community Center
- Old Greenbelt Theatre with 75th Anniversary on marquee
- Mother & Child Statue
- Aquatics Center entrance.

Tiles can be purchased as a set or individually.

Single tile: \$35; Complete set: \$125

Remembering Greenbelters . . . Present and Past Who Died in 2011

- Mary Jane Craig Cook, 81, January 1
Roberta Jean Smith, 86, January 3
J. Michael Hein, Sr., 51, January 7
J. "Mickey" Hein, Jr., 6, January 7
Sharron E. Crowley, 42, January 11
Martha S. Yoho, January 14
Margaret Morin, 70, January 15
Ella Mae Gales, 81, January 16
Edward T. Coulter, 83, January 17
Maryalice Thomas, 89, January 17
Danica M. Elliott, 36, January 20
Margaret Fetsko Hromulak, 94, January 20
Claire Pilski, January 24
Hay Khun "H.K." Lee, Sr., 89, February 1
Maryam S. Firouzi, 94, February 10
William J. Goodall, 81, February 12
William J. Kellaher, Jr., 79, February 15
Ronald H. Wiseman, 64, February 19
James H. Williams, 81, February 25
Francis (Frank) Holcombe, 49, February 28
Darlene J. O'Reilly, 76, March 3
Robert W. Lauber, 85, March 4
Charles R. Backstrom, 68, March 7
Della C. Domchick, 93, March 16
Virginia Hunt, 90, March 27
Patrick J. O'Shea, 81, early 2011
Lilly Mason, 99, early 2011
Cecilia "Mama" Williams Eugene, 86, March 31
Merle E. Scheibel, 74, April 2
Beatrice H. Nee, 84, April 4
Bill Souser, 79, April 10
Joyce C. Phillips, 53, April 17
John Stringfellow, 38, April 18
Diane Coleman-Kilby, 65, April 20
Barbara E. Paulus, 68, April 22
Diane E. Coleman-Kilby, 65, April 30
John F. Unger, 74, May 5
Paul A. Snyder, 53, May 6
Mary Gardner, 86, May 12
David Anderson, 49, May 14
JoAnne Hardy Kincius, 51, May 24
Blanche T. Koning, 83, May 25
Robert F. Dredger, Sr., May 30
- John M. Taylor, 79, June 10
Dorothy P. Pyles, 93, June 17
Lee Fendlay, 86, June 20
Barbara Burgoon, 91, July 15
Richard "Bobo" Hause, July 20
Seng Hon "Donald" Law, 35, July 30
Mary Bonham England, 88, August 1
Ken Wright, August 7
Teresa D. Moore, 51, August 13
Ernestine E. Kaper, 81, August 17
Marie C. White, 77, August 19
Sara Winkler, 79, August 23
Helen Slaughter, 73, September 5
Stephen Opsasnick, 86, September 21
Helen S. Geller, 89, September 22
Alfred Wildoner, 81, September 28
Sidney Bronstein, 99, October 3
Mathew (Mat) Amberg, 93, October 5
Dorothy S. Figlia, 92, October 6
Dovie Plaster, 88, October 7
Stanley Attick, 57, October 11
Dorothy Lauber, 80, October 19
Doris M. Zeman, 85, October 23
Mabel M. Munson, 64, November 3
Jane R. Stern, 73, November 19
Benjamin Abramowitz, 94, November
Charles A. Fuchs, 84, November 26
Martha Kaufman, November 26
William F. McCloskey, 89, November 26
Sue J. Ivy Namur, 86, December 2
Br. James Sommers, 89, December 4
Virginia "Gini" Femrite, 81, December 12
Joseph "Generous Joe" Natoli, Sr., 89, Dec. 12
Allen Law, 70, December 23
Joseph G. "Jerry" O'Brien, 88, December 26

. . . And Those Who Died Before 2011
Donna Marie Pucel, October 1, 2008
Kirk Brasfield, 68, November 24, 2010
Richard R. Pilski, Jr., 56, December 19, 2010
Frances Lastner Arnold, December 22, 2010

Financial Health Aid Offered January 7

On Saturday, January 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a daylong program on financial literacy, foreclosure prevention and mortgage financing options with on-site assistance provided. Sponsored by Congresswoman Donna Edwards and titled "A Financial Fresh Start for 2012: Prepare for Your Overall Financial Health and Success," it will be held at Jericho City of Praise, 8501 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Lunch is available for those who RSVP in advance.

For more information and to RSVP call 301-562-7960 or email 4mddistrict@mail.house.gov. For more information about the program and a list of papers to bring for assistance, visit www.donnaedwards.house.gov and click the link to the event flyer.

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**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday, January 1, 2012, 10 a.m.
"Kwanzaa: Honoring Traditions: A Service and Feast" by Worship Associate Celinda Marsh, Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) and the Chalice Dancers.
Join DARTT as we share our recollections and experiences of Kwanzaa and other holiday expressions.

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available
Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"



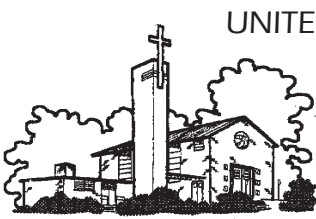
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111
www.myholycross.org email myholycross@verizon.net

Special New Year's Day Service
Sunday, January 1, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Quiet Communion Service
Come as you are!

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing,
Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!**
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

Greenbelt Community Church



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church




40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10am

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



All prejudices, whether of religion, race, politics or nation, must be renounced, for these prejudices have caused the world's sickness. Every ruinous war, with its terrible bloodshed and misery, has been caused by . . . prejudices. (Abdu'l-Baha)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

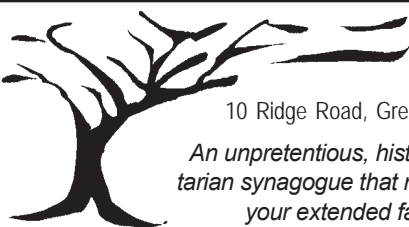

St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



Congregation Mishkan Torah

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

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

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



Condolences to the family and friends of Allen Khai-Fatt Law, who died December 23, 2011. His co-workers and customers at Co-op will miss him greatly.

We were sorry to hear of the death on December 26, 2011, of longtime Greenbelter Joseph G. (Jerry) O’Brien, 88, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, where he had lived the past year. Our sympathy to his wife Catherine and other family and friends of the O’Brien and Winker families. A funeral Mass will be offered at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Wednesday, January 11.

Happy New Year to all our Greenbelt neighbors!

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Register January 17 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its spring 10-week GED course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 17 through March 22 in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Registration will be on Tuesday, January 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first instruction class will be on Thursday, January 19.

GED I runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II goes from 1 to 3 p.m. for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

Students must show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students have to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator, which can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course and can take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland.

For information or applications contact Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or by email to jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

Rhythm & Rhyme Time for Toddlers

Rhythm & Rhyme Time is offered on Wednesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Youth Center for children from birth to four years and their caregivers. Siblings and friends are also welcome to attend.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Mamas and Papas, the program includes stories, finger plays, action rhymes and music.

Volunteer leaders are also being sought. Contact Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov.



City Information

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 & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION

Volunteers are being sought to fill three (3) positions on the newly established Greenbelt Ethics Commission.

- I. In accordance with the Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 2 “Administration, Article IV “Public Ethics”, the Ethics Commission shall consist of three (3) regular members, appointed by the Council. The Commission shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by legal counsel.
- II. The Commission shall be the advisory body responsible for interpreting this Article and advising persons subject to it as to its application.
- III. The Commission shall be responsible for hearing and deciding, on advice of legal counsel, any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of this Article by any person.

Please refer to Ordinance No. 1318 passed by the City Council on September 26, 2011 for details of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance is available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, and in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

To apply please send a letter of interest and resume to: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year’s Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 2
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 30th

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, January 2.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 2-6

Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. On the Agenda: Update on Greenbelt Metro Area / MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan Meeting # 5 on traffic and transportation conditions – 1/12/12 and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Matrix and Next Steps

Wednesday, January 4 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with Beltway Plaza (stakeholder) and Review of Stakeholder Meeting Schedule at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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



Free ZUMBA Demonstration Class!
Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101Cherrywood Lane at 6pm.
Come out and see what it is all about.
Regular class begins on January 10th.

MEMORY ACADEMY

Thursdays, January 5-February 2, 2012
1:30-3:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Enhance your brain fitness with this 5 week memory workout. for more information call 301-754-8800.
To register, call 301-397-2208.
Presented by the Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source.

www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway POLAR PLUNGE!



Sunday, January 1st, 11:45 -11:55am
Wake yourself up for the New Year with an invigorating dip in the **OUTDOOR POOL!**

RESOLUTION SWIM
New Year's Day, 2012, from 9:00am-11:30am

Start the year off right and with a little support from others as you all dive right into your resolutions! Registration Fee \$15. The indoor pool will have special early hours for lap swimming only. Set a goal and swim in the New Year!

Fee for this event is \$5.
For more information on these events call 301-397-2204 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/GAFC

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)
COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.
Congratulations to Jerry. Much happiness in his new home.

Bob is a young fellow whose owner could no longer take care of him. He is very handsome and sweet.



The shelter has many adorable cats and kittens waiting to go home with you. Please come out to see them!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter! Follow us on Facebook!

Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas up until February 10, 2012.

GHI: Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)
Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)
Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)
Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)
Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court (area between courts)

Boxwood:
Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

Lakewood:
Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North:
Property adjacent to Attic Park

University Square:
In front of swimming pool

Lakeside North: Near Swimming pool

Springhill Lake: Community Building

Greenbriar:
Greenbriar (between 708 and 7710, Hanover Pkwy)
Greenbriar (between 7728 and 7730, Hanover Parkway)
Greenbriar (between 7826 and 7828, Hanover Parkway)
Greenbriar (between 8003 and 8009, Mandan Road)

Glen Oaks:
Glen Oaks (between buildings 7903 and 7905, Mandan Rd)
Glen Oaks (between buildings 7509 and 7511, Mandan Rd)

Hunting Ridge:
Hunting Ridge (between 6936 and 6978, Hanover Parkway)

Windsor Green: Windsor Green (court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff)

Greenbrook Village and Estates:
Southeast corner of Ora Glen Dr. and Matthew Drive
Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Dr.
In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street

Greenwood Village:
Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
Opposite 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring and Greenspring II
Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

Belle Point
Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive

Greenbelt Village
Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive

Local Youth and Adults Take Honors in Festival Art Show

by Barbara Simon

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Shows had a great turnout of local artists this year. More adults and children participated than last year and more visitors viewed the shows. Thanks go to the Public Works crew who deliver and put up the pegboards each year and to the Community Center staff who are always there to offer assistance. Thanks also to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School students who volunteer each year to help set up the shows Friday night. Here are the award winners in this year's shows.

Adult Winners

In the Art Show for adult artists, open to all artists who live or work in Greenbelt and the surrounding communities, the first place award in oil/acrylic painting went to Ana Gasper for her "Oceana Calypso Dance." Clara Majors received second place with her painting "Entrapped" and Hilary Theis received third place for her large abstract "Deckee."

In the watercolor division, Lauren Denise won first place for "Toilet" and Alice Murray received second place for "Hiking in Cornwall." Erika Weaver earned the top award in the drawing category for her ink drawing "Tumbleweed," a character in her self-published book "Simple Fader." Brighid Wilson's pencil rendering of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center won second place and Wendy Hagelgans placed third for her colorful work "The Reef."

In the prints division, which includes collages and computer graphics, Lynne Slater's collage "Faith" won first place and "Great Grandma" by Anne Dunne received second place. Two artists won third-place awards for their computer graphics – Helen Rowe for "Pink Puddle" and Nikky Brown for "Girl." Brown also won second place in the sculpture division for her three-dimensional book "Our House."

First place in the sculpture division went to Ann Potter for her large ceramic work "Old.New. Icon" and Evan Michael Callison won third place for his sculpture "Tree/Hand." In the fine crafts division, David Heinzelman placed first for his stained glass work "Jack-in-the-Pulpit." Kathy Kent's quilt "Serenity" came in second and Dannielle Beitzell's needlecraft work "Sing the Joy of Christmas" placed third.

Youth Winners

In the Children's Art Show, awards are given in age groups as well as categories. In the pre-school through 6 years age group, Kai Henry Waters placed first in painting for his "Diving Dolphin and Rhinoceros." Guhnee Han's drawing "Butterfly, #1" received first place in drawings/prints. Felix Hass placed second for his print "Memory of Play" and Frankie Commins won third place for his drawing "Dinosaur World."

In the 7 to 10 years age group, Ana Fernandez-Napp won first place in painting for her colorful "Monet's Garden." Christina Beitzell placed second for her "World's Craziest Splatter Painting" and Sebastian Fernandez-Napp's "Swan" received third place. In the drawings/prints/collage division, Johnny Warner received the first-place award for his pastel drawing "Toucan Talk." Second place went to Macy Grasnow for her collage "Newspaper Bird" and third was awarded to Dinah Cohen for her print "Queen of Rabbits." In the sculpture division, first place went to Rebecca Gardner for her ceramic sculpture "Mr. Ghost." Nicholas Willson's sculpture "Queen of Naboo" received second place and Karen O'Brien won third for her sculpture "Zoo Keeper at Work."

In the 11 to 14 years age group, Mary Commins won first place in painting for her portrait "Frankie." Second place went to Katie Warner for her "Relaxation Station" and Grace Kendall's "Sunset" took third place. In the drawings/prints/collage division, Anna Brenna took the top award for her colorful collage "Pumpkins and Vase." Mira Willson placed second for her drawing "Our Western Tribe" and third place went to David Gardner for his drawing "Black Dragon." In the sculpture division, Eilean O'Brien took first place for her sculpture "River Spirit." Jonah Pitts placed second for his ceramic sculpture "Whale of a Family" and third place went to Drew Brewster-Geisz for his ceramic "The Goblet of Fortune."

In the 15-18 years age group, there were two winners, both in the drawings/prints division. Elvina Newton-Tryer placed first for her computer print "Black and White" and Jasmine Salters received second for her pastel drawing "Hope."



Winners in Pre-School to 6 Year category, left to right: Frankie Commins, Felix Hass, Kai Henry Waters and Guhnee Han.



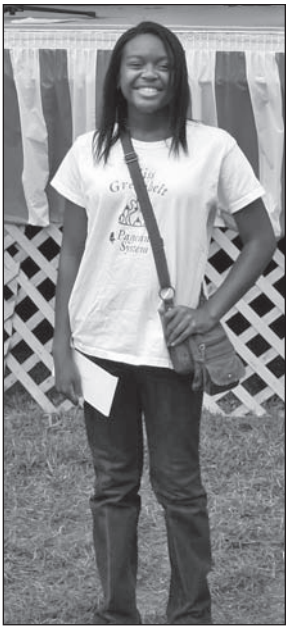
Winners in 7 to 10 Year category, left to right: Karen O'Brien, Rebecca Gardner, Johnny Warner, Sebastian Fernandez-Napp, Christina Beitzell and Ana Fernandez-Napp. Missing: Dinah Cohen, Macy Granzow and Nicholas Wilson.



Winners in 11 to 14 Year category, left to right: Jonah Pitts, Eilean O'Brien, David Gardner, Anna Brenna and Grace Kendall. Missing: Mary Commins, Katie Warner, Mira Wilson and Drew Brewster-Geisz.



Winners in the Adult Art Show, left to right: Dannielle Beitzell, Kathy Kent, David Heinzelman, Ann Potter, Helen Rowe, Anne Dunne, Ana Gasper, Hilary Theis, Alice Murray, Erika Weaver and Wendy Hagelgans. Missing: Nikky Brown, Evan Michael Callison, Clara Majors, Lauren Denise, Lynn Slater and Brighid Wilson.



Winners in the 15 to 18 Year category: Jasmine Salters. Missing: Elvina Newton-Tryer.

Happy Wanderers Mark Year's End

Local residents are invited to finish 2011 at the Freestate Happy Wanderers walk event on New Year's Eve and to begin 2012 at a New Year's Day walk celebration at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. The walk events will feature two 5-km trails and one 10-km trail for walkers to enjoy each day.

Participants will start between 9 a.m. and noon and finish by 4 p.m., enjoying the friendly walking atmosphere with fun, food and fellowship. Prizes will be given to children. Bring a can of nonperishable food for the local food pantry.

For brochure and information call 410-437-2164 or email wahassee@ix.netcom.com. There is a small fee; kids are free.

Times for Montpelier Tours Change in Jan.

Montpelier Mansion will be changing tour times starting in January. New times for Self-Guided Tours, year around, are Thursday through Tuesday, any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. New times for Guided Tours from March through November only are Sundays at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. There is a nominal fee for all tours.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel. For details call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at www.pgarks.com.

Accreditation Received For Echocardiography

The Cardiology Department at Doctors Community Hospital has received three-year accreditation for its echocardiography (heart scanning) services by the International Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL).

Echocardiography helps diagnose cardiovascular diseases, disorders of the heart and blood vessels. With cardiovascular diseases a leading cause of death in the U.S., claiming an average of one death every 38 seconds, echocardiography procedures in hospitals, outpatient centers and physician's offices allow early detection and treatment.

ICAEL accredits facilities that demonstrate patient care in compliance with national standards and analyzes the type of equipment and skills of medical professionals. Accreditation is supported by national medical societies that specialize in echocardiography. Some insurance companies require ICAEL-accredited providers for these services.

Civil Air Patrol Seeks Cadets

Youth age 12 to 18 who are interested in aviation and emergency services are invited to join the Civil Air Patrol Cadet leadership training program. Cadets learn about aviation, participate in search and rescue missions and develop leadership skills in a variety of activities including flying, camping and first aid training.

The College Park Squadron meets the first four Wednesdays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the College Park Airport Hap Arnold Center, 1909 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive.

For more information call 1-800-359-2338 or visit www.MDcap.org.

PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

Police Blotter

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

Drug Arrest

December 19, 1:37 a.m., American Legion Drive at Lakecrest Drive. A 48-year-old Lanham man was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia and multiple alcohol violations. He was released on citations pending trial.

Armed Robbery

December 16, 6:55 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man approached another man standing at the bus stop, displayed a black handgun and asked for the other man's money. The robber then fled the area on foot toward Breezewood Court. He is described as a black male, 20 to 21 years old, approximately 5'9" tall, wearing a long, black coat and blue jeans.

December 20, 6:39 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. A person in the parking lot was approached from behind by a man with a gun who asked for the person's money. He took their wallet and fled. He is described as a black male, 20 to 29 years old, wearing a long, black jacket that went to his knees.

Malicious Destruction

December 18, 1:47 a.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Graffiti was painted on the side of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

December 19, 10:13 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. Graffiti was written on the city-owned emergency call box.

December 20, 11:13 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A bedroom window was broken. Nothing was taken from the home.

Burglary

December 21, 2:26 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronic equipment and computer games were taken.

December 21, 3:56 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronic equipment and computer games were taken.

December 21, 7:44 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A bathmat and shower curtain were taken.

December 21, 8:48 a.m., 6800 block of Green Crescent Court. A snow blower was taken from a backyard shed.

Vehicle Crime

Five vehicles were stolen. Two green Honda Odysseys were taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court on December 17, one a 2006 with Md. tags 231145M5 and the other a 2001 with Md. tags 23145M5. Also on December 17 a silver 2005 Ford Taurus with D.C. tags CR3164 was taken from the Beltway Plaza parking lot. A black 1988 Honda Civic with Md. tags 7DBD31 was stolen from Research Road on December 20.

Shooting Victim Dies of Injuries

On Christmas the Greenbelt Police Department was notified of the death of shooting victim Damon Washington, 31.

Washington, of New Carrollton, was shot in the neck a year ago on December 22 while in his car in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, with the car coming to rest near the Beltway Plaza theaters entrance. He had been receiving treatment in a specialty care facility in Laurel since February. When the crime was originally reported in the December 30, 2010, issue "Man Shot December 22 In Greenbelt West," Washington was in critical condition in the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

On December 27 the police were informed by the state Medical Examiner's Office that the cause of death is to be classified as a homicide, caused by complications related to the gunshot wound.

Investigation of the crime is ongoing. Anyone with information related to the case is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133. A cash reward is being offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s).

A gray, 4-door 2003 Nissan Altima with Md. tags 2AK7826 was stolen from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane on December 22.

Two stolen cars were recovered. A 1997 Nissan Maxima stolen from the 200 block Lakeside Drive was located by Prince George's County Police on December 20 with no arrests made. A Nissan Altima reported stolen by the D.C. Metropolitan Police was recovered unoccupied in the 6200 block of Springhill Court. No arrests were made.

Four thefts from autos were received; 100 block Westway (JVC DVD player and JBL speaker box), 7900 block Mandan Road (Xbox and jewelry), 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (registration sticker), 6500 block Capitol Drive (car stereo), 7100 block Ora Glen Court (rims and tires). An attempted theft of power inverters on a Chevy truck occurred in the 9000 block Breezewood Drive.

Incidents of vandalism were reported: 200 block Lakeside Drive (hood of a vehicle was smashed), Ridge Road (graffiti was scratched onto both passenger side doors of a car), 9100 block Edmonston Court (rear window of a car was broken), 8000 block Mandan Road (a side passenger door was spray painted).

COUNCIL

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frame for the process. Finally, they settled on a Saturday afternoon in January for holding a worksession to review the city's current vision. Community involvement would be scheduled for later in the year, they agreed.

Council then debated the proposal to use an outside facilitator at the worksession. Roberts spoke against the idea and resident Bill Orleans questioned the expenditure of \$25,000 for a facilitator. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and the mayor spoke in favor of having a facilitator, however, with McLaughlin suggesting that the expense would probably fall considerably under \$25,000 and could even be negligible. He agreed with Davis that a facilitator would help keep the worksession focused.

With Councilmembers Edward Putens and Konrad Herling absent, there was general agreement among those present that a facilitator should be also used for the community-involved process to be held later in the year.

SNEAKERS

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were first offered to the public in 1995-1996. Today's cost is \$190.79, including tax, for adult sizes.

Savvy shoppers knew Foot Locker and Sports Zone had the coveted shoes, to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a.m. Mall anchor Giant Food, between both stores, unwittingly became a player in this competition for shoes.

"A crowd began to form inside the mall the night before, around 10 p.m.," said Barry Jones, non-perishables manager for Giant. When they closed at midnight, so did the mall, forcing the crowd to move outside.

The opening of Giant at 6 a.m. the next morning signaled the opening of entrances to the mall. Sneaker shoppers entered along with mall-walkers and Giant customers, congregating and jockeying for position at Foot Locker and Sports Zone doors for the two-hour wait.

According to Jones, when told to move on, they gravitated to the entrance of Giant under the guise of being patrons there in order to stay in the mall. Police were alerted when the size of the crowd blocked the Giant entrance.

Foot Locker opened for business at 8 a.m., selling out of their allotted 12 pair of Retro Jordans by 8:27 a.m.

Sports Zone manager Jason Chapman, who opened his store at 8 a.m., likewise sold out of his allotted "size run" in less than 30 minutes. (A size run consists of 12 pair of shoes in various adult sizes.)

Some lucky youngsters were not forgotten. Both Baby Foot Locker and Foot Locker sold out of their Retro 11s in sizes for babies (\$45), infants (\$55), preschoolers (\$75) and grade schoolers (\$120).



Wildlife Visitor Center Holds Youth Art Class

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge announces a youth art workshop, "Conservation on Canvas, Student Edition," to be held on Saturday, January 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. The workshop will help prepare students in grades 6 through 12 for participation in the 2012 Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest. The workshop is free but reservations are required and are requested by January 10. Call 301-497-5887 to register as space is limited.

While the focus of the workshop is wildlife art and the Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, participants will be introduced to art concepts they can apply to many types of art. Participation in the workshop is not required to participate in the Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Partici-

pants in the workshop will be encouraged, though not required, to enter the competition.

There is no cost to attend this workshop and all art materials will be supplied. Participants should bring a lunch (drinks and snacks will be provided).

The Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Rt. 197 south of Laurel. For more information or directions, visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5763.

Exhibit of Chester Dale Collection Ends Jan. 2

The National Gallery of Art is currently showing an exhibit, "From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection" through January 2 in the West Building, Ground Floor. This is the first exhibition in 45 years to explore the extraordinary legacy left to the nation by this passionate collector.

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Families Help to Clean Greenbelt Playground

by Mary Moien

In October the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) organized its 10th Men Make a Difference Day. At Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) a number of men participated.

Several of the fathers commented to the kindergarten teachers that the lower play area was not very inviting for children. They noted that because it had poison ivy growing in it, the sand area was off limits, restricting many students to one overcrowded play area.

Teachers spoke with the school’s new principal, Monica Gaines, who then contacted PGCPS. In response the school system sent out workers on Halloween weekend to spray the poison ivy. But the playground still looked overgrown and unkempt. In addition, a beautiful nature trail had become muddy, overgrown and hard to follow safely.

At a PTA meeting a teacher mentioned these concerns, and PTA president Lucy Dirkson and several parents agreed to survey the playground and develop a plan. Meanwhile Bill Novick (grandfather of GES student Leah Novick) built a simple ground-level bridge across the muddy section at the entrance to the nature trail path. His enthusiasm and effort then encouraged others.

After several emails debating dates, a mid-November work date was scheduled. Families and friends arrived with rakes, clippers and good spirits to work on the playground and in the woods. The efforts of these adults and children produced good results.

Many families and many children helped to fix the playground. Helping children included Raina, Amber, Sophie, Devin, Zane, Leah and Emily.

The playground project is a work in progress and another work day is being planned. Simple maintenance can be done by parents and children. However, mulch, sand and erosion issues will have to be handled by PGCPS or other organizations with access to materials and machinery. Anyone with access to such equipment is encouraged to contact Bill Novick at wnovick@aol.com.



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Parent and student workers try out the new wood boardwalk at the nature trail in GES lower playground.

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Those interested should contact New Deal Café Arts Coordinators Kristin Stensen (301-257-2095) or Julia Wade (301-467-2843) of email newdealcafearts@yahoo.com.

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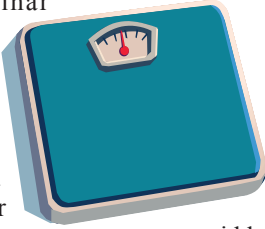
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