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News Review's Year in Review

by Cathie Meetre



Collage of screenshots of the new website

As we enter Year 79 of publication, we've a few surprises in store for our readers. The most obvious is that we are printing in

color. Four of our pages – front, back and two in the center. A secondary benefit is that we can use more color in our online ver-

sion. In fact, the online version will have most pages in color, showcasing the many beautiful photos we receive from contributors. It's an experiment so let us know if you like it.

As a result of many months of behind the scenes work, we're also proud to announce the debut of our new GreenbeltNewsReview.com website. It is the foundation for more online services – built to be expandable as we expand our online presence. We thank the Greenbelt Community Foundation for the generous grant that helped us do this.

The year has also been successful financially. We're delighted that the News Review continues to attract traditional and new advertisers, with five of our six most successful advertising months ever occurring in 2015. Kudos to the ad desk – Jessi Britton, Sylvia Lewis, JoEllen Sarff, Joanne Tucker

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Planning Dept. Objects to Greenbelt Station Phase III Detailed Site Plan

by Kathleen Gallagher

In a worksession on November 16, staff members from the city's Planning Department presented to the city council their objections to the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) most recently submitted by the Woodlawn Development Group for Phase III of the development of Greenbelt Station's South Core. A 23-page memorandum authored by Community Planner Jessica Bellah spelled out the rationales for the positions taken by staff and recommended that the city council oppose the DSP in its current form. Woodlawn first submitted the plan to the county planning commission in February of this year and has since revised the plan twice in response to comments from the county and the city.

Many of the staff objections relate to the levels of density and open space in Phase III: too much of the former, too little of

the latter. Phases I and II are located east of Greenbelt Station Parkway, which intersects Greenbelt Road where a new traffic light is pending. Phase III is to be located to the west of the parkway, backing up to North College Park and the train tracks. About 168 building permits have been obtained for Phase I and some activity is underway on Phase II.

The developer recognizes the higher density proposed in Phase III but, as explained by Project Attorney Norman Rivera, believes the South Core residential development must be looked at as a whole. Rivera says the project is well below the density requirement for the South Core. City staff says that's well and good but amenities in one part of the project do not necessarily benefit other sections.

City council disapproval of the

plan would be no small matter in that city approval of the DSP is a requirement negotiated in the city's development agreement with Woodlawn. Without that approval, the developer should not be permitted to move forward to review by the Prince George's County Planning Board or the County District Council.

The Greenbelt City Council does not vote or take official positions on matters at worksessions. The problems identified by staff in the DSP were so many, with some being quite substantive, that council directed staff to schedule a second worksession to continue discussion before the matter is placed on the agenda of a regular city council meeting for action. Furthermore, Michael German and Justin Frye, representing Woodlawn, said they had not received the staff memorandum in

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American Education Week November 16 to 20

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

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school, and are coordinated by David Lange, who originated the series and liaises with the schools, and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Students Call Joan Hynes' GMS Classes Cool

by Kirstyn A. Flood

Tucked away in Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is Room 1168, the place Joan Hynes, family and consumer sciences teacher, calls her "palace." There, students are taught life skills regarding the home, money management and food and nutri-



Joan Hynes

tion. She received a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the American College of Education. She received a culinary certification from Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte.

After 14 years of teaching high school in Jamaica, North Carolina and Georgia, Hynes

developed an interest in teaching younger students. "I thought going to the middle school level

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Festival of Lights 2015 Juried Art and Craft Fair

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Art Program's 2015 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair promises a wide array of handmade wares by local artisans, plus a hands-on workshop, prize drawing, open studios and more. This event takes place at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Parking and admission are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Art and Craft Fair will showcase the talents of more than 60 new and returning regional artists, artisans and authors in the four rooms on the first floor of the Community Center. Visitors will find beautiful and useful gifts for all occasions, including ceramic arts by several students, open studio participants, instruc-

tors and Artists-in-residence affiliated with the Recreation Department's robust pottery program and Greenbelt Pottery Group.

Additional wares will include hats, scarves, bags, jewelry, musical instruments, toys, glassware, bath and body products, notecards and more. Greenbelt-based

chocolatier Angelina Jao and her company Brigadeiro Life will participate for the first time this year, offering handmade truffles.



PHOTO BY STACEY KRANTZ

Necklace by participating exhibitor Stacey Krantz.

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What Goes On

Monday, November 30

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Capital Office Park, Municipal Building, live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, December 1

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center;

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, December 2

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Community Center



Fall color at Greenbelt Lake

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Letters to the Editor

A Great Resource

I am a relative newcomer to the Greenbelt area, having moved here in late 2013. In the two years following, several people mentioned MakerSpace to me. I'd walk by it, glance at the front and think, "Huh, that looks kind of interesting," but never went inside. A couple of people said "You should check out MakerSpace - they do a Game Night." One day I actually went inside and had a look. I saw the stacks of laptops and the giant lego table.

"This is a place for kids making robotics, right?" I said to the volunteer who was on staff.

"It's for kids and adults," she said. "And it's not just robotics ..."

Within a couple of weeks, I found myself attending events and volunteering at the Greenbelt MakerSpace. Although the First Lego League robotics competition is a huge part of what we do, it's far from the be-all and end-all. MakerSpace hosts a weekly Knit Night, a monthly Fermentation Fan Club (where attendees can learn about everything from beer brewing to pickling to yogurt making), a twice-monthly watercolors class, and a weekly writing group for practicing and aspiring novelists, poets, memoirists and essayists.

If you're like me and didn't know that MakerSpace had so much going on, come visit our Open House on Saturday, December 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be cookies, cider, and supplies for making handcrafted Christmas ornaments. Folks who already knew that the MakerSpace has been a great community resource for the last three years are welcome too!

Hope to see you on Saturday.
Eve Brettell

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Intended?

If the reference to Greenbelt West's voter turnout being "the poorest, as usual" is snarky, so is this week's (19 November, 2015) long letter about "particular" versus "prejudice." The word "prejudice" has an especially odious connotation nowadays; perhaps "particularity" was chosen on purpose. Perhaps both words were used intentionally - for clarity of meaning, or possibly to ensure that the whole council did say all the proper words to be sworn in as intended. And maybe the council hesitated because they didn't expect the added word there, but they didn't want to embarrass Mayor Jordan over it.

Barbara Starbird

(Note: The oath is without prejudice.)

Thank You from the Pantry Staff

We thank you for your generosity and the largeness of your hearts. You have kept the pantry shelves well stocked. Of special note, we received a donation of \$500.00 worth of groceries from the Prince Georges County Alumnae chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, in Capital Heights, Maryland. And the "green bin" at the Greenbelt co-op store is always filled.

We are also very thankful for the donations from the Mishkan Torah community, the Knights of Columbus, Father Tappe and from the Catholic Community who contributed a donation of \$500 for pantry purchases and St. Hugh's Church. Also the Boy Scouts of America delivered over 65 bags of groceries November 14 and 15.

You are a generous community!

Our special thanks again to Pamela Gregory, Sharon Koehler, The Andersons and you who feed the hungry.

Happy Thanksgiving
Solange Hess
Chair of the Pantry



No Cost Spay/Neuter Program Ends Dec. 31

Spaying and neutering companion animals slows pet overpopulation and improves the quality of life for pets and owners alike. Through the Four Cities No Cost Spay/Neuter Initiative, qualified pet owners can apply for vouchers for free surgery to spay or neuter their pets. Pet owners must apply for the vouchers before the program ends on December 31.

Funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture Spay and Neuter Program, the Four Cities Initiative is jointly sponsored by the cities of Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton. Although the program is targeted at pet owners residing in these communities, any Maryland resident who meets eligibility requirements may apply for a voucher.

Pet owners may download an application form from greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter or send an email to spayneutervoucher@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-6124. Applicants must be current residents of Maryland and meet at least one of ten income eligibility requirements. The voucher may be redeemed for a free spay/neuter surgery for a dog or cat to be performed at the SpayNow veterinary clinic in Laurel.



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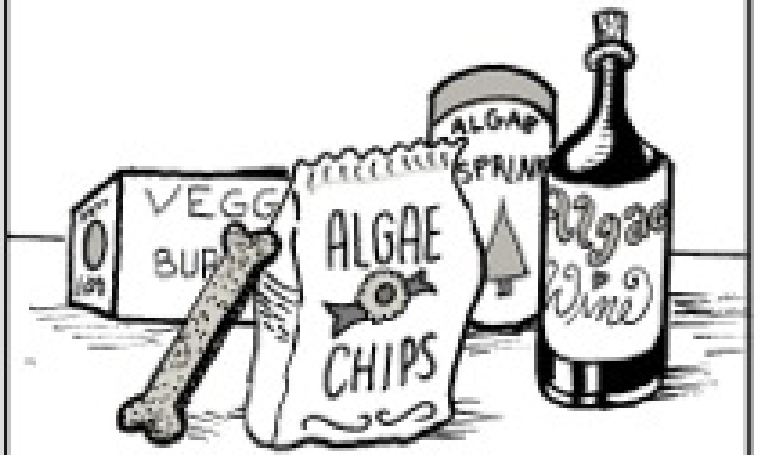
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Sat: 1:00 PM, 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM 8:00 PM
Sun: 1:00 PM (OC), 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. & Tues.: 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Weds: 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Thurs: 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Cult Classics:
CLUELESS (PG-13) (100m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:
ERNEST AND CELESTINE (PG) (81m.)
Sat: 11:00 AM

GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Harvest algae from Greenbelt Lake to make gourmet food products.

Pete Reppert

City Notes

Horticulture/Parks crews planted 20 trees throughout Greenbelt to increase the city's tree canopy, planted one Adopt-a-Tree and started preparation for the new Public Works nursery.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 29.97 tons of refuse and 12.57 tons of recyclable material.

Arts Advisory Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

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Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

This week's Swifty . . .

"I'm certain you connect the black wire to the cathode," he directed p - - - - - ly.

Answer to 11-5- 15 Swifty:
"I forget that fancy name for big angles," he admitted oBTUSEly.

Community Events

MakerSpace New Hours and Activities

MakerSpace will be changing over to winter hours starting this week. The space is still open from 3 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday but is now also open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, November 27, MakerSpace will be closed.

Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to noon is Coder Dojo for kids, and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. is First Lego League.

Sunday, November 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., Cynthia Swan will hold a workshop on making Psychodolls, a great opportunity for handmade holiday gifts. A donation is suggested to pay for supplies.

Tuesday, December 1 has Coder Dojo for kids from 7 to 8 p.m. and for adults from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 has a First Lego League meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Knitting (and other Fibery Pursuits) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, students can get to work on their final papers by bringing them to Open Tutoring from 3 to 5:30 p.m. First Lego League will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and MakeWrite – the MakerSpace writers' group – will meet from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, December 4, MakerSpace will host its monthly Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Come by to challenge your neighbors in games of strategy.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stat-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

GCAN Climate Change Lobbyist Training

Greenbelt Climate Action Network will meet on Wednesday, December 2, from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114

Greenbelt Climate Action Network will be holding hands-on lessons about how to lobby legislators to ensure that Maryland takes strong action on climate change.

This fall, activists from across the state are learning how to advocate for the renewal of Maryland's Climate Action Plan, including the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act and the Renewable Portfolio Standard. We will be calling for more conservation and more clean, renewable energy to power our homes and communities.

Our speaker, Brooke Harper, is the Maryland Outreach Coordinator at the Chesapeake Climate Action Network

The last portion of the evening is held for local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects.

For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.

Lions Club to Host Breakfast with Santa

Greenbelt Lions Club, in conjunction with American Legion Post 136, will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa! at the American Legion Post 136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive, on December 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. Children 12 years or younger will be admitted free with paying adult; all other persons pay a small fee. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages.

Donations to the American Legion's Toys for Tots and the Greenbelt Lions Club's Warm Clothes for Children in Need will be accepted. For more information call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766.

GHI Notes

Thursday, November 26, OFFICE CLOSED. Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, OFFICE CLOSED. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 30, 7 p.m., Ad Hoc Task Force on Windows and Doors, Board Room

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 4, OFFICE CLOSED. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m. Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

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 November 30 are as follows:

Monday, November 30: Apple juice, baked tilapia with Old Bay cream sauce, black-eyed peas, Harvard beets, biscuit, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 4: Menu to be determined.

Concert Band Lineup Trumpets the Holidays

The Greenbelt Brass Choir will play for the traditional holiday tree lighting on Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. The full Concert Band will play holiday programs on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. in the Community Center gym and Monday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Beltsville Community Center. Traditional holiday favorites on tap include The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire), It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, Silver Bells, A Chanukah Celebration, A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite, Winter Wonderland Overture and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The December 13 program will include the Fingal's Cave Overture by Mendelssohn.

Craft Fair Saturday At Legion Post

Looking for a unique gift item? Enjoy browsing among creative crafty items? You may very well find something at Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 28. There will be a variety of items from woodworking to fashion jewelry and gift baskets to fudge. There will be choices for holiday decorating as well as accessories to ward off winter chills. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No admission charge. Hotdogs and chili will be served.

GAVA/GATE to Have Open House at Studio

On Sunday, December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., the GAVA/GATE Animation Program will host an open house at GATE studios on the 2nd floor of the Community Center. George Kochell, animation instructor, will be on hand to introduce the program to visitors as well as students working on current animation shorts. The GAVA/GATE Animation Program holds classes for youth 10 to 18 years old in computer animation, in a homeschool session on Mondays and an afterschool session on Fridays. The new class sessions start in mid January.

Greenbelt Park Weekend Events

Saturday, November 28: Welcome to Washington - Greenbelt Park serves as a launch point for many different adventures for visitors to the Washington, D.C. area. Join a park ranger to learn about special historical and cultural points of interest in our nation's capital. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 29: Historic Greenbelt – Learn about the unique history of the City of Greenbelt and the special contributions of Eleanor Roosevelt and others that created one of the nation's first planned cities of the New Deal era. Meet at the Ranger Station at 9:30 a.m.

Contact the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station for details on these programs at 301-344-3944.

Medicare Part D Help for Seniors


The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is accepting appointments for Medicare Part D plan review through December 7. Each year Part D plans have the opportunity to change their formulary list in addition to increasing their premium. Unfortunately, the insurance companies do not inform their participants that they may be directly affected by the formulary changes. They only send out form letters that notify members of a potential premium increase. If you would like to schedule an appointment to have your Medicare Part D plan reviewed or if you are new to Medicare Part D and have some questions, contact the GAIL Program office at 301-345-6660 ext. 2012.

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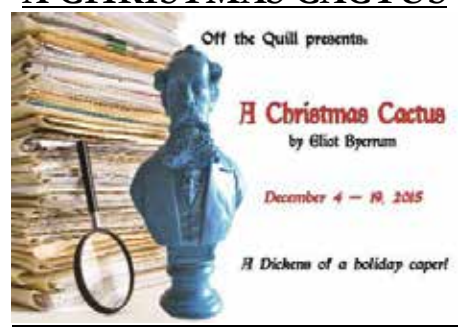
December Shows

WINNIE THE POOH




by le Clanché du Rand
directed by Jon Gardner
December 5-20
Saturday and Sunday at 2:00
Pooh ticket prices: \$15 General Admission, \$10 Youth (12 and under with adult)

A CHRISTMAS CACTUS



by Eliot Byerrum
a Guest Production from Off The Quill
Dec 4 at 8:30pm & Dec 5, 10, 11, 17, 18 & 19 at 8:00pm
Cactus ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16 Senior/Student/Military, \$12 Youth

December 12 only:
CHROMATICS CONCERT



December 12th at 8:00 PM
Chromatics Tickets are \$20,
\$16 for students/seniors/military, \$12 Youth

COMING SOON

Zombie Prom - January 22 - February 13 - Directed by Jeff Lezniak

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770** or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Nov. 29th & Wednesday, Dec. 2nd
Beginning at 8 PM

If you missed the 2015 Festival...
"One River, Many Relations", "Anxiety",
and "Brookeville"

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

In Memoriam

Irene Fulton Pavlish, 40-yr Co-op Employee and 69-year Resident

by Rick Ransom

Long-time Greenbelt resident and fixture in town, Irene Fulton Pavlish (nee Myer) died November 19, 2015 at the age of 88 after suffering several months from lung cancer. She was born in Humboldt, Kansas in 1927 and was the oldest of 12 children. Her childhood was marked by frequent relocations of her family, which like so many others, went where work was available to scratch out a living during the Depression. She met Lee Fulton and they married when she was 17. The couple moved to Laurel, Maryland in 1944 and then to Greenbelt two years later, where Irene remained the rest of her life.

Lee and Irene had four children: John (wife Becky) of Tillamook, Oregon; Linda Fulton Humphrey (husband Joe) of Leesville Lake, Virginia; Nancy Fulton O'Reilly (deceased), and Joe (wife Wendi) of Eldersberg, Virginia. Irene is also survived by ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Irene's husband Lee, who worked for GHI, died in 1977. She remarried in 1986 to Charlie Pavlish, a former police officer and bus driver. She was widowed a second time when Charlie died in 2006. Irene also lost a grown child, her daughter Nancy, in 1985.

Irene went to work at the small satellite store on Laurel Hill Road that was part of Co-op Grocery when it was owned by Scan Furniture. She continued in their employ for 40 years, moving down to the main store in Roosevelt Center until the store became an independently owned shareholder enterprise in 1985. She was the first female cashier at the Co-op and was

named Checker-of-the Year in 1965. She then went to work for the Government Printing Office for 16 years, until fully retiring at age 75.

Not long after arriving in Greenbelt, Irene became a member of the Greenbelt Community Church and attended regularly until her illness made it too difficult. With the help of Joe and Linda, she had recently come to church for Easter despite her illness, another service in the summer and a concert put on by The Relics, a band formed by musicians from the church. She had gotten to the point where she usually didn't stay long, but that night she exclaimed to Joe: "Oh, I'm staying for this!"

Like most of Greenbelt's kids (nearly all generations) I knew Irene, through her son John and by my attendance at the same church. My memories of her are of a hard-working mom who loved her kids, loved Greenbelt and was always smiling and laughing. She enjoyed reading, mostly mystery novels and history. Linda said her mom read a book a week. One of her favorite activities was water aerobics. Her experience with it came in handy as therapy when she had an accident exiting a car and broke her hip. Irene also loved to bake food and desserts, especially cakes and pies. She contributed to the bake sales held at the church and to the snacks shared by her water aerobics classmates. Joe, who with his wife moved in with Irene in March to help with her care, noted that the last thing she baked was a cherry pie for the Fourth of July.

During one of our visits, Irene explained to my wife Barbara and

me that when she was a child, she ate a lot of bread because it was the one thing her family had in abundance, growing up among Kansas wheat fields. She had no time for people who used the terms 'cannot' and 'deprived.' She had learned that if you wanted something, you had to work and get it for yourself. She noted how lucky she was to have the wonderful children she had and their husbands and wives, John remarked in my discussion with him and his sister and brother – I've known them all for years – that when he called she was always "full of the news of the city and his old friends." All three agreed with shared laughter that phone conversations were pretty one-sided, but that it kept them up-to-date on Greenbelt.

When she was diagnosed with her illness, Irene refused treatment saying that she wanted to be able to taste her food and to spend her last days "not feeling sick". She had lived a long and complete life and was at peace with her fate. The children exclaimed in agreement that she always said, "If it was worth doing, I've done it". The love they shared for their mom radiated throughout the room during our conversation. Greenbelt was fortunate to have benefited for so many years from Irene's sunny disposition and her independent spirit and determination.

A memorial service for Irene will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church, on Saturday, November 28 at 2 p.m. All are welcome. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Capital Caring Hospice, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042.

In Memoriam

Helen Rafferty Was Known For Her Work at High's

by Rick Ransom

Helen Rafferty, who was a long-time employee of the High's store that was located where the Beijing Restaurant now sits, died November 7, 2015 after suffering a hard fall in July. She would have been 89 years old in December. She is survived by her daughter Darlene Thompson (husband Steve) of Greenbelt and her son Warren Gibson (wife Linda Sweeney, from Greenbelt) who grew up in Greenbelt and currently lives in Florida. Her grandchildren include Sheli Ford, Jason Stewart, Warren Gibson and Sarah Stewart (deceased). She also had seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Helen was born in Beltsville and moved to the 57 Court of Ridge Road in 1954. She spent the last 11 years at Green Ridge House. She was well-known to most of us Greenbelt kids growing up because we saw her so much. In addition to High's, she worked at the bowling alley, which later became the post office, beneath the Co-op; in the Co-op bakery; and at the snack shed of the Greenbelt pool when it was located outside. She was the kind, motherly type, always asking how we were doing as we aged and saw her around town and in the Co-op.

Darlene recounted how Helen was always considerate of those who, like her, worked for the public. She would take baked goods down to the post office at Christmas time and she was always handy with water or beverages for the Public Works crew when they were in her neighborhood.

Darlene further noted that when a customer came to the counter at High's and was short a little cash for purchases, her Mom would dip into her own pocket to help them out. That pocket was not very full itself. Helen was friends with Irene Pavlish from their years at the Co-op and because they lived in neighboring courts for 30 years.

Many others who grew up in Greenbelt commented about Helen in Facebook postings. (Permission was granted from each to use their material.) Andy Siehl said "Greenbelt has lost another true icon. I can see her now like it was yesterday, behind the counter at High's dishing out ice cream." Mike Freeman noted, "[She] was loved by all that knew her and will be missed dearly. I too will always remember her every morning at High's while getting coffee and a newspaper." Nancy Remenick (nee Wynkoop) reminisced, "She was a special lady. I remember from childhood until I left the area a few years ago, we would always stop and chat whenever we saw each other. She will be missed tremendously by all whom she touched over the years." Many others commented on her kindness and the ever-present smile on her face, which is the image that I see when I think of her now.

Friends may pay respects at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, on December 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. A service will be held at Fort Lincoln Cemetery immediately thereafter, with a reception to follow at the Greenbelt Community Church.

The Bus
Seniors and Customers with Disabilities RIDE FREE

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
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Sunday, Nov. 29
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Saturday, Dec 5
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Bring bag lunch. Coffee provided.
ALL ARE WELCOME

In Memoriam

Willem Scheltema: The City's Lost Hidden Treasure

by Jim Link

Greenbelt lost a hidden treasure when Willem Scheltema died on November 6, 2015.

Though he lived on Southway for the last 10 years, most of us did not know this gregarious, generous, shaggy, kind-hearted man, because his semi-invalid status kept him housebound most of the time.

Willem was a warrior: A warrior against the illnesses that finally felled him at age 58, and a warrior against social and racial injustice. A tireless newspaper reporter and private detective, Willem was fiercely loyal to his many friends and was legendary for his good deeds, particularly on behalf of the weak and needy.

His good friend and fellow journalist Dr. Woody Woodruff puts it eloquently: "Willem's fierce sense of justice made him an unrelenting reporter and editor for wide-ranging stories that appeared on the United Press International wires as well as the intensely local doings covered not only in The Diamondback but also in the late lamented suburban Journal newspapers (Montgomery Journal, Prince George's Journal and three suburban Virginia editions).

In just a half hour of conversation Willem could exhume from obscurity enough closeted political skeletons as to leave the complacent listener stunned at the perfidy of the region's supposed great and good."

A journalism major at the University of Maryland, after cutting his teeth at The Diamondback student newspaper, he wrote his first assignments as an intern at the Greenbelt News Review.

Santa

Affable and burly, Willem often played Santa Claus at kids' Christmas parties. Walking home late one Christmas Eve, still dressed as Santa, he intervened heroically in the arrest of two teens being harassed by D.C.'s finest. Santa couldn't save them but he certainly joined in.

They arrested Santa with the youths: his old friend Reverend Bynum, a storefront church pastor, bailed Willem out five hours later, presumably in time for him and his elves to distribute gifts around the world.

One night on a ride-along with his buddy Lieutenant Andy Solberg of the D.C. police – one of the very good cops – Willem intervened much more successfully in a potential suicide crisis. He deftly talked a woman down from the railing of Sousa Bridge. He even offered her Lifesavers candy as an incentive.

Another time, Willem and

his fellow private detective Kelvin Walsh succeeded in getting a wrongfully convicted inmate off death row. Severely mentally handicapped, this fellow was coerced or persuaded by interrogators to sign a false confession, which he couldn't understand, in exchange for ice cream and cake.

So Willem had a definite penchant for saving lives.

New Years

His annual New Year's Day open house parties were raucous celebrations of good fellowship. Journalists, policemen, editors, schoolteachers, photographers, the homeless, bohemians of every stripe, even a few publicans and sinners, maybe a Republican or two, possibly a leper or two, all

crowded around Willem's table.

Excellent host and sole cook, for over 30 years he served up huge plates of honey-glazed ham, black-eyed peas, kale and yams, mince pie and other heart-busting comfort food.

All of us relished these liminal moments, a wondrous pause between the regrets of the past year and the hopes of the bright new one now here.

His legions of friends, including his devoted companion of many years, Susan Milius, will miss Willem deeply. Also bereft are his two cats, Hunter and Thompson.

Thanks for the memories, Willem – Ave atque vale, frater. (Hail and farewell, brother).



Sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Irene Fulton Pavlish, who died at home on November 19, 2015 at age 88. Irene made many friends in her career of almost 40 years as a checker at the Co-op Supermarket and as a longtime member of the Greenbelt Community Church and choir. She was a member of the Golden Age Club and the water aerobics classes at the Aquatic Center. A celebration of her life will be held at the church on Saturday, November 28.

We were sorry to hear of the death on October 22, 2015 of Carroll County resident Samuel J. Rolph, Jr., a pioneer Greenbelter who graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1943. He was a decorated Army veteran of World War II and a retired National Security Agency employee. Condolences to his family and friends.

Condolences to the friends and family of Helen Rafferty, who died November 7, 2015. Mrs. Rafferty had lived and worked in Greenbelt since moving here in 1954.

Willem Scheltema, crusading newspaper reporter and private detective, died on November 6, 2015.

Congratulations to Darren Stephenson, counselor at CARES, on receiving the Men of Prince George's County Public Schools Award.

To send us information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892

Kathleen McFarland



City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4

Monday, November 30 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Capital Office Park/Appointments to Boards & Committees**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, December 2 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Council Goals/Standing Rules**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Mr. Anwar Selah for consideration of a request for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards (DPLS) for premises located at 151A Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Applicant is requesting a DPLS for 13 of the required parking spaces in order to use the 1,973 square foot lower level of his building for retail use. For additional information please contact Ms. Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at (240) 542-2041.

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www.greenbeltnmd.gov/animalshelter



SEE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AD ON THE BACK PAGE! FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!

There will be no GREEN DROP Donation Drop-Off on Saturday, November 28th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a very happy and safe Thanksgiving!

CARES INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES offers Individual Adult Counseling. Individual counseling is conducted using a Cognitive Behavioral Approach. Counselors work with clients to determine the goals of therapy, and then help clients implement strategies that improve overall functioning. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has immediate openings for appointments.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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



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Show your love for Small Businesses

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Find small businesses in Greenbelt and share with the #shopsmall.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2015-2016

Make sure to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. Please do not to park in front of leaf piles.

- November 30-December 4 Lakeside, Greenspring I & II
- December 7 – 11 Boxwood
- December 14 – 18 Woodland Hills and Greenbrook Village & Estates
- December 21 – 25 Lakewood, Greenspring I & II (December 25 Holiday)
- December 28 – January 1 Lakeside and Windsor Green (January 1 Holiday)
- January 4 – 8 All areas
- January 11 – 15 All areas

For more information on City Activities, Services and Events, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov

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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer, including information about activities and organizations, where the person lived and their family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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and MaryLee Platt. Advertising revenues tie directly to the size of the paper and as a result of strong advertising sales, the majority of papers this year have been 16 pages (with a few hearty 20-pagers and one 28-page behemoth). This gives us more room to tell Greenbelt's stories and run its photographs. In prior years the paper has oscillated between eight and 12 pages and in darker times, didn't get to four without help from our printer.

Behind the scenes there have been dramatic changes for the most part invisible to our gentle readers but which have put our hard-bitten newspaper people through the wringer more than once. And there's more change planned for next year.

Preprint

One critical change provided us more layout latitude and flexibility as well as cutting costs. We brought the preprint process – which arranges text and photographs into the page layout – in house. Our team of Anne Gardner, Amy Hansen and Melinda Brady brought their energy and skills to the paper. All three were InDesign newbies at the outset and sweated bullets to climb its tough learning curve. They have succeeded in creating a paper that is consistently professional in appearance and organization.

Email

During the year the News Review went from one to four email addresses. Our domain name – that's the @Greenbeltnewsreview.com element – is now preceded by one of four individual addresses: Ads, Editor, Office and Business. Details on these addresses are on Page 2 of every issue and on our website. Now we can elect to change email providers while keeping our addresses unchanged, eliminating this source of disruption in the future. We also changed our internal email client to a more modern interface. Board Members Diane Oberg and Tom Jones were instrumental in this and many other changes.

Quality Output

Our editorial process is increasingly focused on producing high-quality material that reduces the necessity for changes during the critical last phases before publication where minor changes on Page 1 can cause big trouble on Page 6. Editor Mary Lou Williamson's evening crew and Senior Editor Judy Bell's afternoon team strive valiantly to beat every comma into submission before passing a story to layout. Woe the gerund without its possessive.

Before the computer era, type was set by a typesetter who copied the final draft, putting individual metal characters into place in a tray. Proofers traditionally looked for errors introduced during this painstaking process. Now we use computers to generate camera ready pages so we're better served by concentrating on quality during the editorial phase – when errors are easier to fix. Proofreading remains a crucial phase but has a different focus. Our new proofing process, overseen by Make-up Editor Sue Krofchik (also the doyenne of Police Blotter) concentrates on structural problems in the laid out paper – like matching photos and captions, jumps to other pages and overall continuity and completeness. A high priority is

to make sure all the right ads get into the paper correctly. Errors still creep in because, alas, Murphy has a thing about newsrooms.

Instead of keeping staff until nearly midnight every Wednesday, even our bigger papers are usually submitted to the printer by 7:30 p.m. We have thus cut hours off the production cycle with barely a quiver in quality.

Visual Appeal

GNR is planning to continue expansion of its photographic content and quality. We're working to add more photos of our neighbors – teams, festivals plays, kids, cars, artwork, gardens and homes from every area of the city. Community photographers provide many professional-quality images, plus some that tell a story but are difficult to use because they are low resolution or badly lit. Photo Editor Nell Sydavar prepares them for publication – cropping and enhancing so that even unpromising submissions acquire a little charm.

We print more photos than ever before, but lack the space to print many others that deserve to be seen. Up to now, we have converted photos to black and white for printing. No more. As well as printing as many pictures as we can in color, we're adding a photo gallery to our website, developed and curated by Outstanding Citizen and photographer Eric Zhang. This week's website is merely the taste of things to come – we anticipate the gallery developing into a unique visual history of Greenbelt over time.

Website Design

The new website has a relatively austere appearance but its expandable framework uses a modern WordPress platform – offering a wealth of possibilities for downstream expansion and enhancement. The site has no advertising banners to distract the user. It is a 100% organic and recyclable News Review. It was made so that we, a technologically challenged and mostly volunteer organization, can maintain it easily without subtracting precious effort from our primary focus of printing a weekly newspaper.

The new site retains our locally-famous online calendar of events, which debuted a year ago. This popular resource is maintained by Tom Jones – also its developer – and is yet more evidence of the beneficial effects of a Greenbelt Community Fund grant.

The new website's primary purpose is to address GNR's business needs and deliver the paper online more effectively. Priorities include addressing advertising, stories and pictures while administering effective two-way communication with advertisers and readers. A secondary aim is to provide additional services to the community: though – of course, the entire News Review is itself a service to the community, a play within a play? The photo gallery and the calendar fall into this service category – and we look forward to adding other useful capabilities. We're especially delighted



Tanya Amaya and Bethany Gresser of Diamante Designs

PHOTO BY TANYA AMAYA

to receive concrete suggestions by people with the skills and time to implement them.

Home Grown

Greenbelt has everything you need and even things you didn't know you needed. As an illustration, our new website was developed by Diamante Designs – which responded to our request for proposals earlier this year among a field that included submissions from as far afield as India and Estonia. Locally owned, Diamante had a clear advantage based on their knowledge of the community and the paper. They have collaborated with us graciously and been helpful with suggestions and wise counsel. Diamante's principals, cousins Tanya Amaya and Bethany Gresser, have their office in MakerSpace at Roosevelt Center – and are co-granddaughters of Greenbelter Eve Gresser, who was a volunteer editor at the paper. Small world.



Former volunteer editor-Eve Gresser

PHOTO COURTESY OF TANYA AMAYA

Tomorrow

Although our technology has come a long way in the last couple of years, there's still much to accomplish. Specific targets under consideration include an improved ability to receive submissions of all sorts on line and to provide quality control and validation at the point of submission. This will help us specify critical dates for publication and help keep stories, pictures and captions together – currently they're like stray cats. We are also considering increasing the ability of our advertisers to sub-

Accessibility

The new website takes into account today's standards for accessibility. On the extreme left side of the page is a vertical stack of three options. The top option gives a high contrast view, the droplet of ink option in the middle aids individuals with color blindness by rendering the page in grayscale, and the uppercase A allows visually impaired users to expand the font size. The site is also adaptable to most automated readers. To expand the site to better fit a browser window, press control and operate the wheel on your mouse to scale the whole page.

mit, manage and pay for their advertising on line. We remain focused on continuing to improve our copy-editing standards and on elevating overall quality.

It turns out that running a paper is not for the faint of heart. Keeping up with technology is no walk in the park either. The Greenbelt News Review is evolving to meet the challenges and we suggest that rumors of the death of print may have been exaggerated. We remain the little newspaper that could.

Don't forget to check out our new website – GreenbeltNewsReview.com.

Audubon Bird Walk At Fran Uhler Area

On Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 a.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will host a bird walk for migrating and resident woodland birds, field birds and waterfowl at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. There is a good chance for raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. A side trip to the freshwater wetland at the Horsepen Branch is also possible.

All are welcome and there is no fee. Meet by 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road off Rt. 197 just north of Bowie State University. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. For more information contact walk leader Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com or 240-603-5201.



Arbor Day Foundation Boosts Conservation

Celebrate this year's holiday season while supporting conservation and tree planting with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation. Give-A-Tree cards, which can be purchased individually and with customized text, offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations.

Purchasing the Arbor Day Foundation's coffee helps preserve rain forests in Central and South America. Each bag of the shade-grown coffee purchased helps preserve two square feet of rain forest.

The Foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the giver to honor loved ones while supporting crucial conservation efforts. For each dollar donated, one tree is planted in a high-need forest, and the donor is given a certificate showing where the tree was planted. Give the gift of membership in the Arbor Day Foundation and new members will be sent 10 free trees at the right time of year for planting.

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arborday.org.

Local Artist Showing At Artomatic 2015

Local artist Diane Tuckman is among the 700 artists exhibiting as part of Artomatic 2015 from October 30 to December 12. This once-a-year art exhibition on four floors of a large office building includes a wide variety of art forms, such as Tuckman's specialty of silk art and framed photography. Her space is # 2054-55 on the second floor.

The exhibit is at 8100 Corporate Drive, Hyattsville, a short walk from the New Carrollton Metro station. Hours are Wednesday and Thursdays 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sundays 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Admission and parking are free along with free hands-on painting on silk.

For details, visit the website: artomatic.org.

Genealogical Society Meets on Dec. 2

The monthly meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society will take place on December 2 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Certified genealogist Rebecca Korfod will speak about "Researching War of 1812 Ancestors." Refreshments will be served.



GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning & Gilbert Construction are performing GHI's fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning November 30th, work will be in this approximate area (weather permitting):

Gardenway Courts 1-5; Ridge Courts 17-29; Southway Courts 1, 7, 9 & 11

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

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

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women,
men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Writers Groups

Members of the Greenbelt Writers Group and Maryland Writers Group will be on hand with their diverse publications. They will be joined by additional writers, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School drama instructor Christopher Mannino with his original young adult fantasy novels and Greenbelter Lauren Silberman, whose titles include *Wild Women of Maryland: Grit and Gumption in the Free State*.

Local artists will offer an array of affordable paintings, prints, mosaics, assemblages and photography. Gift memberships will be available for Friends of Greenbelt Theatre and Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the latter also offering an array of gifts with a vintage flair. The Greenbelt Arts Center will sponsor a café during all Fair hours.



PHOTO BY RAYNA PAZMINO

Mugs by participating exhibitor Rayna Pazmino

On Saturday, December 5 enjoy a free concert with the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the gym. Also on Saturday, enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the fair by voting for your favorite artisan in each of the show's four rooms. Entry forms will be available at the Recreation Department Arts Program table in the gymnasium, in front of the stage. The winner of the drawing will be contacted on Saturday evening and will have all day on Sunday to shop.

Sunday Activities

Special activities on Sunday, December 6 will include a studio open house and sale with the Community Center's Artists-in-residence. The studios will be open to visitors from 1 to 4 p.m., with wares in several media available for purchase.

From 1 to 3 p.m., artist Janna Riley will lead a free workshop in which guests of all ages can decorate wrapping paper for any occasion. The workshop takes place in room 113. Registration is not required. Wear your painting clothes.

Other special activities happening nearby on Sunday will



PHOTO BY RUSS LITTLE

Hand-dyed scarf by participating exhibitor Russ Little

include the Greenbelt Farmers Market's outdoor Holiday Market (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and tours of the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, decorated for the holidays (1 to 5 p.m., for a fee).

The Art and Craft Fair does not currently have openings for additional exhibitors. However, local artists are welcome to apply online for the show's waitlist. Links are available at greenbeltmd.gov/arts. For additional arts program information, follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook.

County Citizens Urge Officials To Clean Up Energy Renewal

by Taylor Billings

November 17, Delegate Josefine Peña-Melnyk accepted over 1,000 petitions gathered from her constituents and community leaders of Prince George's County. The petitions gathered by residents of Prince George's County with Food and Water Watch urge Maryland legislators to remove chicken manure incineration as being classified as a renewable energy source. This was one of three events that are occurring throughout the state targeting legislators to clean up the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

In 2005, Maryland passed the first RPS. It has been altered throughout the years, and now requires 20 percent of the state's electricity to be produced by renewable sources by 2022; however, since 2011, burning chicken feces and trash are considered clean – on the same level (Tier-I) as wind and solar.

Peña-Melnyk accepted the petitions on behalf of her constituents and community this morning; the petitions urge legislators across the state to support removing chicken waste burning as an energy source from Maryland's RPS, and instead work toward incentivizing clean energies only,

such as wind and solar.

"Pollutants from poultry waste incineration are linked to cancer, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disease," said Gwen DuBois, M.D. of Physicians for Social Responsibility, "Incineration threatens the health of Maryland residents, and needs to be removed from the Renewable Portfolio Standard."

In addition to the 1,200 signatures, over fifty handwritten letters have been collected from Largo High School students and Prince George's County residents that urge their delegates to remove dirty forms of energy from the RPS.

"Protecting clean air and water, establishing truly renewable energy sources, and preserving our green spaces, these are causes I care passionately about," said Peña-Melnyk, "I've fought hard for environmental protections in the Maryland General Assembly and I thank Food and Water Watch for its efforts, through education and activism, to create a more sustainable Maryland."

Food and Water Watch champions healthy food and clean water for all. For more information see foodandwaterwatch.org.

Holiday Festivities in Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt kicks off the holiday season on Friday, December 4 with the Tree Lighting in Roosevelt Center at 7 p.m. The festivities include the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir and Santa's entrance. There also will be a free show of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 8 p.m. in the Old Greenbelt Theatre and an open house at the Greenbelt Museum.

On Saturday, December 5 the Lions Club hosts a pancake breakfast at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 from 8 to 11 a.m. and the city holds a tree lighting at the Greenbriar Community Building at 6 p.m.



Greenbelt Homeschoolers Visit Recycling Center

by Li'l Dan Celdran



Tour Guide Fran shows the students how to look for the symbols on the bottom of containers.



A conveyor belt assists in separating comingled recyclables.

Photos by L'il Dan Celdran

Five primary grade Greenbelt homeschooled students and their parents visited the very large recycling center (called a Materials Recovery Facility or MRF) in Capitol Heights yesterday. We met at Greenbelt Public Works where we loaded onto the city's bus. Our tour was about an hour long and included a kid-friendly video, a tour of the facility (via windows and going inside) and concluded with a question and

answer session. The children asked a lot of great questions and commented how stinky the sorting facility was.

Large recyclable bins with wheels are great and ensure no trash ends up inside, we were reminded. It is costly to ship it to landfills (which are almost filled up). Other counties charge their residents if trash is found inside recycle bins. We were told to rinse out recyclable food and drink containers because residue

contaminates.

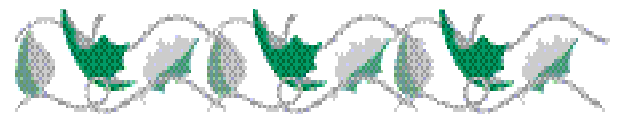
After returning to Public Works, the group ate lunch together and kids played at Buddy Attick Park. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Erin Josephitis at Greenbelt Public Works for coordinating and attending this event, and to Brian Townsend for driving the city's bus. Our next trip is planned for the landfill and water treatment facility.



PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KONANUR

Greenbelter Michael Hartman attends protest.



Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136

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

December 5, 8 to 11 a.m.

Children 12 and younger – Free, All others – \$7/person

At the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt, MD

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

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204
www.greenbeltaccessstv.org • Studio: 301-507-6581

Free and Open to the Public

Orientation

Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 PM

Find out how GATe works and what you can expect when you join as a member!

Reserve a seat at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com.

For more information, visit the GATe website.

For the Channel schedule go to www.greenbeltaccessstv.org and click on "Channel".

Farmers Market Closes For Season, Offers Holiday Market, December 6

by Cathie Meetre

The 2015 Farmers Market is now officially closed for the season but as a last hurrah before hibernation, the Holiday Market and the city's Festival of Lights Juried Arts and Crafts Show run on the same Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This gives Greenbelters an unprecedented opportunity to stock up on holiday goodies and purchase gifts without tackling the dreaded suburban mall. Many of the market's usual vendors will be in attendance and there will be a couple of new faces – the full list is available on the GFM website. Good brunch eats are an excellent complement to the attractively presented foodstuffs so perfect as bring-alongs for holiday pot lucks or as hostess gifts. A bottle of wine is always warmly welcomed.

This year's market season has been a humdinger. Whether it is the first-class range of vendors or the impact of the new signs on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road is hard to tell, but attendance has been higher in both 2014 and 2015 than previously – averaging over 900 each Sunday compared to previous season averages of approximately 800. The vendors are naturally pleased as are Greenbelters since they are increasingly likely to run into old friends and make new ones. The weather this season has also been very cooperative. Not one Sunday in the regular season has been marred by significant rain and even the wind has been mostly gentle. Our buskers (entertainers for tips) add an extra dimension to the market. This season had regular visits from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Clarinet Choir; Melissa Sites with vocals and guitar; the stiltwalking/ balloon inflating troupe of Ema Smith, Ashley Adams and Julia Sharapi and new face painter Michelle Johnson. Local artists should check with the market master next season for available timeslots – acoustic music only.

Market sponsors have been present throughout the season. Doctors Hospital, as a primary sponsor, has provided market-goers with health-related information and services and brought their health bus for additional services. The New Deal Café has promoted its programs by displaying impressively large and foaming glasses of beer. Long-time local resident Kim Kash publicized her new detective novel. In turn the market has given space to other community organizations – ranging from the Master Gardeners to the Friends



Crepes at the Market's Miguel sported a dramatic headpiece when his ears got chilly at the last farmers market of the season.

Photos by Terry Kucera

Proteus Bike Shop's Jeff Lemieux packs a mean turkey from Ferguson Family Farms.



Market veteran Pat Hochmuth brought a colorful array of big and little members of the genus Cucurbita – Latin for gourd – to the market.

of the New Carrollton Library. The Old Greenbelt Theatre and GHI have also taken advantage of this showcase.

Food choices at the market were varied and delicious. New vendors Roy and RT have successfully introduced their delicious Indonesian-inspired curries served in an attractive picnicable environment or for carryout. Miguel's Crepes at the Market remain a popular favorite – and vegan cuisine from Zoe's Vegan Delights and Tiffany's Oven has been a regular and much-appreciated feature. With a sample of a sprightly white or a robust red from our local wineries, it's a Sunday brunch fit for a king.

The Market needs volunteers. Each weekend about eight volunteers assist Market Master Nancy Solomon to set up, staff and take down booths plus run the business operations, liaise with the county and the city, recruit and organize vendors, visit vendors and seek sponsors. Additional volunteers for these activities are always welcome and it's a fine opportunity for new arrivals to ease into our community.

Mark the calendar for 2017's opening day on Mother's Day – May 14. Check out the market website at GreenbeltFarmersMarket.com – it gives contact information for vendors and for volunteering.

WABA Cider Ride

Last weekend's Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) Cider Ride brought over 500 cyclists from DC to Prince George's and featured a pit stop in Greenbelt.



PHOTO BY LAURIE LEMIEUX

Greenbelter Denna Lambert posing with friends at the College Park pit stop.



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Riders on Beaver Dam Road in Beltsville returning back from the Patuxent Research Refuge toward Greenbelt.

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Dear Friends and Relations,
Some claim that he is a bear of very little brain, but to me he is a dear friend with a giving, helping heart. Winnie-the-Pooh and friends will perform Winnie-the-Pooh at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from December 5 to 20.



Stephanie Thom as Pooh



Sophie Cooper as Piglet

appearance by a Heffalump, our wonderful tails and tales are directed by Jon Gardner.”

“There’s also this lady named Samantha Fitschen who showed us how to get around the mulberry bush” says Roo. “And Susan Neff helps us make sure we are wearing nice clothes.”

Please come bring your families to see my whole gang, which includes Stephanie Thom, Sophie Cooper, Jim Pasquale, Tiffany

Chadwick, Jenn Robinson, Alyssa Heintzelman, Bill Jones, Susan Neff and Harper Chadwick.

See you at the Hundred Acre Wood!

- Christopher Robin



Tiffany Chadwick as Rabbit

Photos by Samantha Fitschen

“This show has some beautiful songs and dances about honey,” says Pooh. Yes, there are lots of hummable tunes, perfect for young audiences, taught to them by Susan Breon.

“Roo and Kanga are new to Greenbelt, so you should especially come to welcome them,” says Rabbit, adding, “To get tickets you should go to greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770.”

Piglet says, “Despite the presence of s...s...s soap, and a brief



Harper Chadwick as Roo

December Brings Variety to GAC

For the first time, Greenbelt Arts Center will be presenting several shows at the same time. Winnie-the-Pooh, directed by Jon Gardner, will run 2pm matinees on Saturdays and Sundays from Dec. 5th to Dec. 20th. A Christmas Cactus, produced by Off the Quill, will show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings Dec. 4th through the 19th. On Dec. 12, the Chromatics will present a Christmas show at 8 p.m. Information and tickets for all shows can be found at www.greenbeltartscenter.org or by calling the box office at 301-441-8770.

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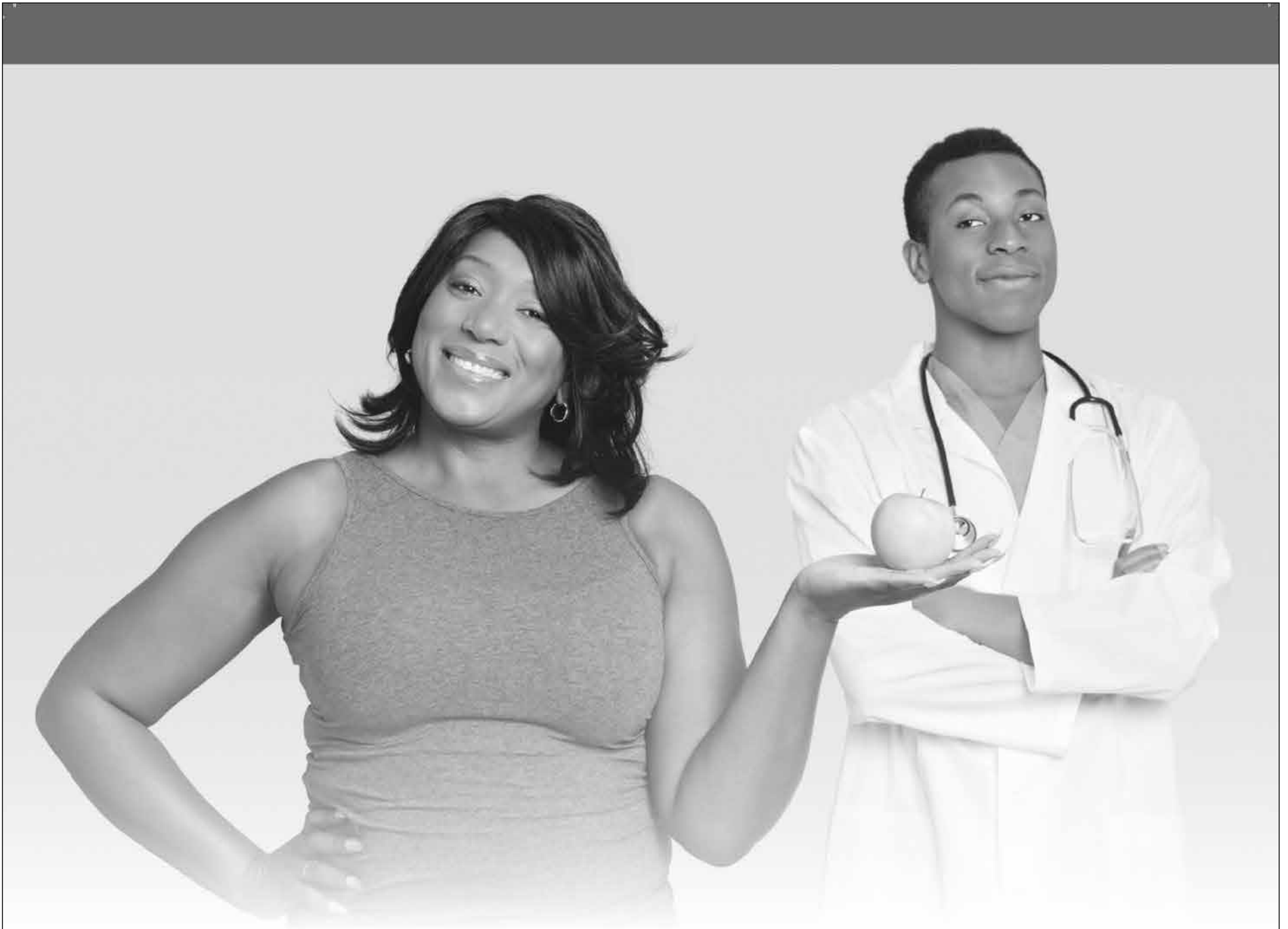


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time to prepare responses on all the issues for the meeting.

The second worksession is now set for Monday, December 7, a week before the only regular council meeting scheduled for December. What is further driving the schedule is that the County Planning Board is scheduled to hear the case on January 7, 2016 and, in forwarding the DSP to the city for its review, asked to receive the city's comments a month in advance.

When asked by Councilmember Judith Davis whether Woodlawn could not ask to reschedule, Frye replied that they had already rescheduled twice. Rivera added that they had been under the impression that they were very close to agreement with the city and were "taken aback" to receive the 23-page document from staff on Friday, November 13. He noted that none of these issues had been raised at the meeting of the Advisory Planning Board (APB) in early November where the DSP was reviewed. Had they known a week earlier, he said they could have been better prepared to address the problems at the meeting. What they hoped to get, he said, was a "hierarchy of priorities" on how the city council wants them to proceed with the 23-page memo.

Noncompliant

In reviewing the seven summary categories of problems, Bellah said city staff believe the DSP does not conform to the criteria of the prior conceptual site plan, the development agreement with the city, or the zoning requirements of the Development District Overlay Zone (DDOZ). Complicating the issue is that city and county staff do not agree whether the requirements of the DDOZ are compulsory. City staff believe they are; county staff believe they must only be taken into consideration.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze added that there is "substantive disagreement" between city and county staff regarding the requirements of the DDOZ. She described the plan as "an inadequate design project that suffers from the impacts of too great a density with too few amenities."

Rivera suggested that the current plan was not all that different from the one set forth in the 2013 conceptual site plan. Mayor Emmett Jordan responded that he thought there were some substantive differences between the 2013 plan and the DSP, in terms of housing offered and the intended mixed use. Davis added that it had never been part of the plan to put townhouses on the parcel where the commercial uses were supposed to be.

Mixed Use

A current disagreement is whether the plan meets the criteria for mixed use. Among other concerns is that eventual use of a lot designated as Lot 116 is undetermined in the plan. If it is not developed as commercial, the project is essentially single-use. Councilmember Leta Mach maintained that the placement of 10 townhouses along one edge of Lot 116 effectively makes it unsuitable for commercial development. Frye said those houses had been in the plan previously and that all they did in this plan was to rotate them.

Phase III was originally conceived as condominium develop-

ment over retail, with considerable internal amenities to the condominium development. When the shrinking economy made that plan unfeasible, this part of the project was redeveloped as townhouses, with no suitable replacement of the lost amenities.

Sound Barrier

Bellah said the wooden sound barrier that separates the back of the Phase III townhouses from the train tracks is the issue that has generated the most discussion. The development has been moved several times to increase space, but there are still townhouses where the sound barrier is only 11 feet from the property line. The noise studies required for the DSP show that the noise barrier will do its job, but staff is concerned that it is monotonous, blocks light to nearby houses and, because it is wood, will require substantial maintenance by the homeowners association.

Frye assured council that the maintenance concerns are no more than staff opinion, adding that the barrier has a 30-year warranty and holds up well.

Lot Coverage and Density

According to Bellah, planning staff had said all along that in changing to townhouses the developer needed to reduce the number of units. As it stands, staff finds there to be too much lot coverage and too little open or green space.

Street Grid

Similarly, the alleys behind the last row of townhouses in Phase III would dead end at the sound barrier and require that vehicles, including buses or emergency vehicles, as well as police patrols, back out. One suggestion that had been made was to add a road behind the last row of houses, which would further separate the houses from the sound barrier, as well as creating a street grid that would permit traffic to move through. The developer's concern with creating a road at the back is that the road itself would be very close to the houses, creating its own problems of access and noise.

Councilmember Silke Pope said the Berwyn Heights ladder truck could not get into some of the alleys. She asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to direct the Greenbelt Fire Department to look into this along with Berwyn Heights, which would usually be the first responder. Frye noted that as part of the county planning review, police and fire access are evaluated.

APB Review

The review of the plan by the APB was addressed briefly by Chair Brian Gibbons and APB member Nicole Williams. The APB generally agreed with planning staff that the project needs more common open space and that Lot 116 is not well planned. Significantly, however, the APB did not share staff's concern regarding the high density of Phase III, which members viewed as helping to assure its financial success.

Gibbons commented that many of the points raised by staff were not discussed by APB at all and were thus not considered in the APB's recommendation to approve. He suggested that those points deserve discussion. The APB did discuss the possible use of the lots occupied by proposed houses 75 to 77 for a pocket park or a dog park, should a decision

be made to repurpose those lots given their extreme proximity to the sound barrier wall.

Toward the end of the meeting, Craze speculated that the problem was that in the transition away from condominiums, the developers had moved away from a very urban product to a suburban one that did not translate well to the urban design. German replied that they already have so many "two over two" units in the development that they were wary of adding more.

Before the meeting ended, Bellah made a particular point of praising work the developers had done in adding 16-foot townhouses as an option with a lower price point and their own product options, as well as the overall integration in the project of different housing types throughout the site.

The meeting will be continued on December 7.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, November 26, the Café will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 27, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Jennifer Cooper and GroovSpan offer up an eclectic mix of covers including multiple decades and genres of popular music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 28, enjoy Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch and Twang with The Hall Brothers perform classic country, Western swing, rockabilly and plenty of Patsy Cline from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 29, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon. LuLu's Fate, an Appalachian and Southern string band, perform original tunes and covers from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, November 30, the New Deal Café board of directors meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m., members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, December 1, The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and The Wranglers perform old songs, new songs and feature special guests from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, Night Watch Paradox offer up renaissance rock with a steam punk twist from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 4, Guernsey plays American standards from 7 to 8 p.m. The GoodFellas, a Beatles tribute band, perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations are suggested for this Café favorite.

Saturday, December 5, the TV John Variety Show runs from 11 a.m. to noon. Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays jazz piano from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by City Bus, a bluesy rock group, performing original arrangements of classic covers from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



Cassels Grants for Community Projects Have Lasting Impact

by Amy Hansen

Community service has a lasting impact. That was the lesson from the 10 service projects that were started with the Jim Cassels Community Awards. The \$1,200 grant is given annually to a Greenbelt community group that has a plan to improve one piece of the community.

"Jim Cassels spent five decades of providing community service to Greenbelt," award administrator Donna Hoffmeister told the crowd gathered for the Greenbelt Co-op annual meeting on November 7. She spoke about how he worked to set up senior housing, mentored co-ops and helped to start and run the grocery store.

This year's award group plans to impact both human and four-legged residents of Greenbelt. The winner, Well-wishers for Animals of Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS), plans to use part of the money to hold workshops in all three parts of the city. As she accepted the check for WAGS, Kris White said WAGS will use these workshops to let kids and families get up close to dogs in a non-threatening environment. The workshop will then go over appropriate human and dog interaction, and what might make a dog feel threatened.

The second part of WAGS' plan is to enrich the lives of the dogs in the shelter, with more toys and more training. White said the enrichment will turn out calmer dogs who are more likely to fit into their adopted home.

WAGS work will start soon. For other recipients, the grant was a jumping off point and the projects have never stopped. Since it was the 10-year anniversary, Hoffmeister asked grant winners from earlier years to come back and give an update.

2006 – Friends of Beaver Dam Creek won and used the money to buy microscopes and other equipment necessary to check on water quality. Susan Barnett reports that they continue to check water quality four times a year. The organization also sets up a booth at the Labor Day and the GreenMan Festivals so that

everyone can look at the creek water through a microscope.

2007 – Greenbelt Climate Action Network purchased books to start a study group to discuss how to reduce their carbon footprint. The group customized their work to GHI and also is part of the more recent Zero Waste Initiative.

2008 – Greenbelt Tennis Association offered summer classes and rackets to Greenbelt children who otherwise would not have been able to participate.

2009 – Friends of the New Deal Café Arts started a summer concert series highlighting the students in Greenbelt's schools. Ray Stevens explained that the music series is named for Eileen Petersen and has continued with other grants.

2010 – Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts created an ambitious animation project to involve youth and commemorate the city's 75th anniversary. Barbara Simon told about the project and showed the animation after the meeting.

2011 – Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society used their grant to build raised gardening tables so that people who were in wheelchairs could participate. Maggie Cahalan said that the Three Sisters gardens continue and are well used.

2012 – Friends of Still Creek took the grant to the classrooms to do educational activities on watersheds and gardening. Michelle Touchet said they worked with 120 fifth graders from Greenbelt Elementary School.

2013 – MakerSpace, (at that point know as Club 125), used their money to start the Repair Cafés. The repair events are one day a quarter, Eva Fallon reported. The money went toward buying tools and publicity. "We've decided it is so much fun we will keep going indefinitely."

2014 – a light dance theater used their money to offer a free performance of "Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War." Frontline tells the stories of several Maryland and D.C. women during the War of 1812.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Repairs to Fences Around Boat Yard – 2nd Reading
- 2016 GHI Budget Expenditure Authorization, 1st Reading
- Business Owners' Insurance Policy Renewal, 1st Reading
- Review 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- Contract for Employee Life Insurance and Disability Insurance Benefits, 1st Reading
- Staff's Request for a Task Force to Review GHI's Parking Rules
- Review of P.G. County Bill CB-058-2015
- Consideration of Training Needs for the Board and Committees

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

November 14, 1:57 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. A man leaving Willy K's Restaurant was approached by two men. One punched him in the face and demanded his sneakers and cell phone. After getting them, they fled in a vehicle described as a white sedan. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

November 16, 7:20 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man walking home was assaulted by two men who repeatedly punched him and demanded his cell phone. They fled on foot after getting it. The man was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for a checkup. The two men are described as black, with one having a light complexion, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a bright-colored zipper, and the other man having a dark complexion, wearing a black sleeveless ski vest and jeans.

November 18, 7 p.m., 44 Court Crescent Road. A woman walking down the street was approached from behind, struck in the head and knocked to the ground. The person doing this then pulled her purse from her grasp and fled. The woman was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of a head laceration. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was located during the investigation of a separate assault and charges against him in this case are pending.

Assault

November 14, 2:26 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A man went to the parking lot after receiving a phone call that a man was rummaging through his belongings in his motorized wheelchair. When he got there he saw three men leaving on foot. He confronted one of them in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway, who pushed him to the ground and ran. The man was not injured but his wallet was missing from the wheelchair.

Arrest

November 16, 8:44 a.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A 22-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with theft, false statement and obstruction and hindering after being arrested for shoplifting at Target. He was transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of a medical issue and then to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Extortion

November 16, 12:30 p.m., 14 Court Hillside. A man received a phone call in which he was told his wife was being held

for ransom and money was being demanded. The man wired a portion of it to the caller and then discovered that his wife was safe at work.

Burglary

November 12, 8:21 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Money was taken. A former roommate may have used a key to enter the residence.

November 14, 2:14 p.m., 20 Court Ridge Road. A vacant residence was entered by tampering with the front door knob.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a silver 2005 Honda Odyssey with Md. tags 594M396, taken on November 13 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

A 2012 4-door Toyota Prius stolen November 15 from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road was recovered the same day by Prince George's County police in the 5300 block St. Barnabas Road in Marlow Heights. It had been abandoned after having been involved in a single car accident.

Two vehicles were recovered.

A 2007 Ford Crown Victoria stolen September 29 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane was recovered November 12 by D.C. Metropolitan police at an undisclosed location. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 4BT5539, were not recovered and are still listed as stolen. A 2013 Chrysler 300 reported stolen in March 2014 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive was recovered November 13 by Prince George's County police in the 8300 block 14th Avenue in Hyattsville. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 7BE4351, were not recovered and are still listed as stolen.

Two thefts from unlocked vehicles were reported, in the 9100 block Edmonston Court (battery charger) and 50 Court Ridge Road (books, school supplies, phone chargers and money).

An attempted theft occurred in the 6200 block Springhill Drive, where a vehicle was rummaged through.

Vandals punctured a total of 40 tires, 29 in the 9100 block Edmonston Court and 10 in the 9200 block Edmonston Terrace. One of these vehicles also had its right passenger window broken. One tire was slashed in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Two other acts of vandalism were reported. A vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive had damage to the front bumper, hood and driver-side door and at 11 Crescent Road, the Greenbelt library parking, a vehicle was spray painted.

American Education Week

English Teacher Allison Beers Kept Young By ERHS Students

by Clara L. Janzen

Upon viewing her classroom, there's obvious chemistry between English teacher Allison Beers and her students, in a way that would be expected by a teacher who "love[s] working in a high school."

A Maryland native, Beers is in her 11th year of teaching at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), with previous three years of experience teaching at Thomas Johnson Middle School in Prince George's County. Beers teaches English to a wide spectrum of students, including a double period English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class, two comprehensive English 12 classes and two AP English Language classes.

According to Beers, who majored in English at Wesleyan and received a Master's in journalism from Columbia University, one of the best aspects of teaching is the human element.

"I really just like the teenagers," Beers said. "I like watching them experience new things... Their lives are changing all the time and my life has pretty much



Allison Beers

PHOTO BY CLARA JANZEN

stopped changing, so it's exciting for me. Like when a kid gets their driver's license for the first time, and the joy that they have... that brings joy to me too."

Beers raved particularly about her ESOL students, for their emphasis on learning instead of grades. "Those kids are very self-

motivated, and very interested in learning. I mean, the questions that they ask about 'What does this word mean?' and 'Why do Americans do this?' or 'Why did this kid call me this?' – It's very interesting."

The feelings are mutual, as echoed by the statements of her students. "I like everything she does," said sophomore Yuridia Calleja, one of Beers' ESOL students. "She lets us express ourselves, more than other classes."

"Ms. Beers, she can appear severe or mean," said fellow student and senior Emmanuel Dengoue, "but once you get to know her, I think she's one of the best teachers in the whole school... She [is] able to make

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ERHS Teacher Leads Students In Hands-on Science Projects

by Noah Waldron

What does it take to be an excellent teacher? For Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Peggy Brosnan it took a degree in biochemistry, two years in the commercial marketing industry, and a love for the outdoors.

From Queens, N.Y., Brosnan had not initially planned on being a teacher; the idea came to her while she was working for Kingston Cable Vision as a marketing director. Part of her job was teaching new employees "how to deal with irate customers," Brosnan said. It was not until her colleagues commented on her abilities to explain and demonstrate that she concluded, "Hmm, I should be a teacher."

She spent two years at the University of Maine, getting her master's degree in teaching with a focus on curriculum writing in environmental science. She first started teaching in 1988 at Central High School in Grand Junction, Colo., where she taught geometry for two years. She then taught science, reading and math at West Middle School in Greenwood Village, Colo. for five years. After her seventh year of teaching, she took a job at ERHS, where she currently teaches genetics, AP biology and research practicum (RP) biology.

Within RP, she leads the forestry, salamander and butterfly programs. This was the first year for the butterfly program, and she also launched a pilot study



Peggy Brosnan

PHOTO BY NOAH WALDRON

focusing on lichen, which she said will be one of the programs next year.

"I'm always looking for new projects that we can do," Brosnan said.

"Say we're in a dark room and we're trying to get to the door," said Alfred Wal-

fall, a senior in the forestry program. "Ms. Brosnan is the person with the light." He noted that she took a personal interest in his individual project, guiding him in the direction his RP needed to go. "But what's crazy is that she does that for everybody. She's really a mentor. She taught us everything we need to know," Walfall said. "She really gave us a hands-on approach." According to Brosnan, every spring she spends around "seven to ten days of training between different people," teaching them how to make their plots and collect data. Additionally, it is not uncommon for her to spend a day out of a weekend helping students collect data.

"She makes it easy," Walfall said. Not only does Brosnan create a unique, personal experience for RP students, she also makes the academic process accessible. Jonathan Harness, a senior in Brosnan's AP biology class, said "she's definitely available" and "has lots of time for students."

To say Brosnan is "out-

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At The Library

Greenbelt Branch Library hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed on Sunday.)

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesday, December 2: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, December 3: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Folk Music: Hungrytown

Saturday, December 5, 12 p.m., all ages. Join us for a fantastic afternoon of folk music.

After more than a decade of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson – otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown – have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting: "It's great to hear an act eschew sentimentality in favor of honesty and to prove that you don't have to go raiding the memory of others to find the stuff that really good songs are made of," writes Jedd Beaudoin of Popmatters.

Pins and Needles

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. Bring the stitching projects you'd love to finish. All stitchers welcome.

Monthly Storytimes

Tuesday, December 8: Infants and Toddlers Program – Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages 0 to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. Sing-a-longs, stories, and quiet play activities will be presented to encourage engagement between caregivers and children. Focus will be on age appropriate social, emotional, communication, and literacy skills. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event.

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American Education Week

Gupta's Students Win Top Prizes in Science and Math

by Kirstyn A. Flood

Dr. Santosh Gupta, math teacher at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and co-author of Material Science for Engineers, has taught in many classrooms, visited many countries and taken many photographs – 40,000, that is.



Dr. Santosh Gupta

PHOTO BY KIRSTYN A. FLOOD

Gupta has enjoyed years of travelling the world with his wife, Dr. Aparna Gupta. Although his dream is to spend several days in one country on each continent, his true passion lies in teaching.

"If it is not correct, it is useless," is his frequent saying, words that reflect Gupta's commitment to academic excellence.

A native of northern India, Gupta received a bachelor's degree in physics from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1962, and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Calcutta in 1972. He received certifications in physics and math through the Maryland State Department of Education.

Those who have sat in his classrooms range from students at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India, to those at Waubensee Community College in Illinois and, now, a group of Talented and Gifted (TAG) seventh- and eighth-graders at GMS.

Gupta joined Prince George's County Public Schools in 2007, after completing the county's teaching fellows program. He was given the option of teaching at a high school or middle school, and chose middle school because it was more challenging.

"I want to do it as long as I can, because this is what I want to do. That's why I'm here," he told Principal George Covington Jr., when asked if he would return. Gupta enjoys developing new ways to explain the same things to students, removing their doubts and seeing the joy in their faces when they understand.

He has helped his GMS students win top prizes at the semifinals in the Prince George's County Public Schools Science Bowl and the statewide Maryland Mathalon, as well as the Maryland MathCounts competition. "I find it very interesting. I think students gain a lot from this sort of process. They gain a lot about science, about math," he said.

As a teacher, Gupta feels most fulfilled by students' improve-

ment. He values his Algebra 1 and Math 8 Honors students' ability to perform mental calculations. In fact, Gupta's lessons in mental math reach beyond the walls of GMS and into his home, where he and his wife teach 30-minute mental math workshops each Saturday.

"In mental workshop, I always tell [my students], 'If you are quick, but not correct it doesn't help you; if you are correct, but not fast enough, then you are not finishing your paper, probably. You are struggling,'" he said.

His wife, director of Gupta Learning, said, "He is one of the best and most dedicated teachers. He is very much oriented towards the achievement and overall growth of the students. Some students, he has changed their life."

Each night, Gupta spends two hours preparing 30-slide presentations for his lessons. Included are warm-up exercises, an objective and definitions of key terms.

"I really want to organize well, so that if I do that, students utilize their time in a better way," he said, referring to the 1,500 lessons that he has created during his eight years at GMS.

Gupta has adopted a practice, which most teachers have not, he shares his personal cellphone number with students, allowing them to contact him on school evenings. This gives students the opportunity to ask him homework questions, and to use him as a guide on their path to success.

Teaching has given Gupta the opportunity to do important work in students' lives. "Because of my passion, because of my dream, because of what I am very interested in doing, I'll make a difference to some people," he said. "And that's what I'm doing."

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would give me a chance to reach them before, to help mold their minds," she said.

As the 2013 Teacher of the Year at Bertie High School in Windsor, N.C., Hynes thought she had everything "down pat." However, during her first year at Greenbelt Middle, she had to develop a sense for the much younger students' emotions and an understanding of the fact that they are still growing and finding themselves.

Ultimately, Hynes had to rethink her usual teaching style. She decided to dedicate more time to the students' self-expression and class discussions and less time to lecturing and note taking.

"I'm very passionate about teaching," she said. "I take that passion into ensuring that I have planned lessons for my students. I ensure that they have interactive activities. They're not bored. I ensure that it's high quality."

Everything she does is high quality, she said. From learning how to grocery shop and budget, to cook and sew, students engage in activities that require them to apply what they have learned in math, science and English.

Although family and consumer science is considered "the cool class," Hynes maintains structure and discipline, even while students engage in fun and interactive activities. She believes that discipline combats poor classroom management and poorly planned lessons.

"I ensure that the students are reading, writing and doing all the things that they can do to ensure that they become well-rounded citizens," she said.

Because seats in Hynes' classroom are in such high demand, she started an afterschool cooking club, Creative Cuisine, for

those who could not register due to space limitations. During class, students have cooked Rice Krispie treats, cinnamon rolls and cake pops, which they can take home to enjoy.

Hynes has a love for Indian and Thai food, especially. When she tastes an international dish, she cooks the recipe herself and—if it is simple enough—shares it with her students to cook, as well.

The most fulfilling part of teaching middle school students is their energy and curiosity and the excitement on their faces when they learn something new, she said. As a transformational leader, Hynes has been able to transform the minds of her students, and communicates with all of them to this day.

Jamia Freeman, a former student of Hynes at Bertie High School, said that not only was Hynes an amazing teacher, but she was her favorite teacher. "She made sure we understood what we were talking about and made sure that everything was explained well enough for us to understand what we were supposed to be doing," Freeman said.

In Jamaica, education is the key to success, according to Hynes. That notion has inspired her passion and strengthened her work today.

"Just like you need air to breathe and water to survive, education is the same thing in my country," she said. "Because of that, it is something I can't give up on." Hynes notes that she feels compelled to prepare her students to go out there and be successful."

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herself understood, even if it is sometimes hard for us since we are foreign students."

"In her class I felt that someone was actually teaching me how to write," said Beers' previous AP Language student, senior Dianna Jimenez. "I feel like she really engaged us and pushed us to think outside the book."

Beers ended up on the road to becoming a teacher when Prince George's County experienced a teacher shortage and hosted a three-week summer teaching crash course followed by a teaching commitment, which she completed at Thomas Johnson Middle School.

Before teaching, her jobs included working with at-risk children, working on a non-profit anti-school censorship project and also as a journalist in D.C. covering the Department of Agriculture.

"Honestly, teaching and journalism are the same," Beers said. "You take something complicated, and you break it down into something really simple that people can understand. It's the exact same skill, but teenagers are just so much more interesting than some policy wonk in D.C. that doesn't give you an honest answer anyway. I mean, kids lie all the time, but really for the most part, they're the most honest people that you're ever going to meet, and I really find that refreshing. They keep me young."

The most enjoyable aspect of teaching? "Not grading papers," joked Beers. She continued, "I just really like, you know, seeing kids interact with the world," saying that she loves kids who are "really passionate about something that's happening," and "caring."

"I think there's a sense [that] struggle is bad," said Beers of some aspects of ERHS's culture, before speaking on her own philosophy. "And I don't believe that at all. If it's easy for you, then I'm not challenging you enough. You're capable of more."

Clara L. Janzen is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School writing for the News Review.



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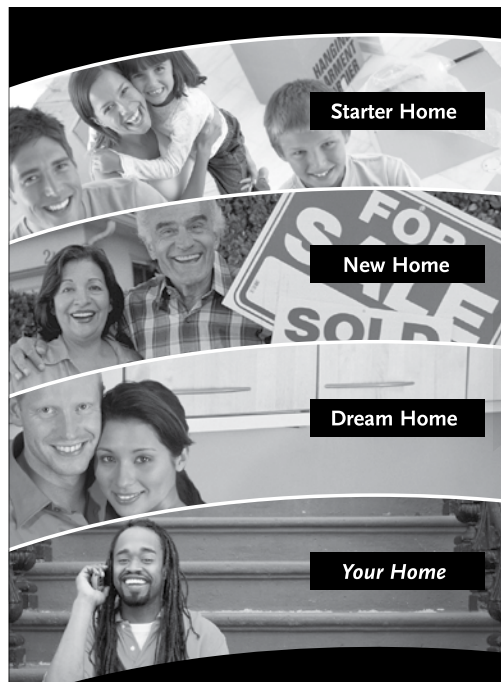
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doorsy” would be an understatement. She is the sponsor for Envirothon at ERHS, a club that participates in ecological competitions. She has been participating as an Envirothon sponsor and coach on and off for 15 years now, first starting at Douglass High School.

Yeganeh Dastani, an ERHS junior and active member of Envirothon, remarked on how passionate Brosnan is and how she is “a great coach who makes it fun to learn.” Dastani, who is also in Brosnan’s genetics class, commented on how Brosnan

“tells us stories that go along with the material that make us remember better.”

Brosnan likes to spend her vacations “far away from here,” in different biomes than the familiar deciduous forest of the northeastern U.S. She thinks it necessary to “unplug a bit,” which she finds greatly enhanced in traveling to remote locations. “They don’t have cell service where I’m going,” she said when describing her travel experiences.

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2:30 - 4:30pm: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band will perform in CC gym.

1-4pm: Artists in residence studio open house and sale.

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions! Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.

Saturday, December 5

10am-5pm: Craft Fair

Enter a drawing to win \$50 in Art Bucks to spend at the fair on Sunday.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136

Saturday, December 5, 8-11am

Children 12 and under: Free w/paying adult; All others: \$7/person

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd.

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Bring camera for picture with Santa! Info: 301-474-8964



GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 6, 6pm

Greenbriar Community Building- FREE

Open to all ages. Information: 301-441-1096

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE HOLIDAY MOVIE LINE UP

Saturday, December 12 @ 11am: *Elf*

Sunday, December 13 @ 1pm: *Shop Around the Corner*

Saturday, December 19 @ 11am: *A Christmas Story*

Sunday, December 20 @ 1pm: *It's a Wonderful Life*

All movies are \$7/Adult; \$5/12 & Under (Free for Member's Children) For information on becoming a member <http://greenbelttheatre.org>.



Greenbelt Farmers Market

HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 6

10am - 2pm

Wreaths, gift baskets and comestibles.

Outdoors behind the

Greenbelt Municipal Building

25 Crescent Road



SANTA'S VISIT

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 am-12:00pm

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

For all ages. FREE!

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All the children will receive a FREE picture with Santa.



ELVES WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 12, 1:30pm- 3:30pm

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Ages 7-12, \$5/Child

Pre-registration required/301-397-2200

Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft. Instructor: Gaye Houchens



NORTH POLE CALLING

December 15- December 17, 6-7:30pm

Ages pre-school through second grade. FREE!

Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available online www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation and throughout city recreational facilities for your child's opportunity to chat. Return flier by 12/14 to the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway.

RECREATION FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

Date	GCC	GAFC	YC & SHLRC
11/26	CLOSED	8am-4pm	12pm-4pm
11/27	9am-4pm	6am-10pm	12pm-9:45pm
12/24	9am-5pm	6am-5pm	12pm-5pm
12/25	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm
12/31	9am-5pm	6am-5pm	12pm-5pm
1/01	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm

Happy New Year to all from the Greenbelt Recreation Department!

For more information on upcoming classes, programs, and events go to www.geenbeltnmd.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200



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