

## American Education Week November 12 to 16, 2012

In celebration of American education, these columns will tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy.

## New Teacher Here Chose Greenbelt, Then Applied

by Jim Link

Stephenie Brown's radiant smile and steely gaze disarmed and disturbed me (a tad) within a minute of her entering her second-grade classroom at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). Settling me in comfortably, the young first-year teacher explained that the unexpected "e" in her name is there because "my dad's name is Stephen, and I'm named after him. Mom and dad just added an 'ie.'"



Stephenie Brown

Then a dramatic pause, an icy stare . . . "But nobody's allowed to call me Stephen." Stephenie with three e's burst into laughter at her deadpan maneuver.

Though new to GES, Brown is not a rookie teacher. She taught third grade at a charter school in Washington, D.C. "near the White House" and also for a while in her native Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brown teaches "everything" to her mostly TAG (Talented and Gifted) second graders. "It's a

multi-subject curriculum – spelling, reading, writing, math, science, social studies."

Her first loves are science and nature, she says. During her childhood in Brooklyn, she developed an insatiable curiosity about them and an infectious enthusiasm for sharing what she had

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## FBI Headquarters Needs Could Bring Facility Here

by James Giese

The General Services Administration (GSA) took a first small official step to provide for a new headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) December 3 by issuing a Request for Information (RFI). The Greenbelt area has been discussed as one of a number of possible sites for the new facility.

According to the RFI, its purpose is to "obtain responses from members of the development community, local and state jurisdictions, and other parties, that are interested in providing a new headquarters facility for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with potential collocation of the Federal entities within the National Capital Region." GSA is willing to consider the exchange of the J. Edgar Hoover Building (JEH) as part of this transaction, the RFI informs potential developers. GSA wants to get this information for planning purposes and to make strategic decisions

about a new FBI headquarters. No contracts will be rendered based upon the RFI submittals and developers must prepare the proposals at their own expense.

In early January, there will be a pre-submittal briefing for interested parties. Also, interested parties may submit questions and the GSA will publicly post both the questions and staff answers.

### Facility Requirements

Although the estimated requirements are preliminary, the new facility is to consist of 2.1 million square feet of rentable space primarily for the FBI headquarters but also for some small support facilities. Security for the building is to be of the highest government classification (ISC level 5) and the size of the property site is dependent on the ability to meet these requirements. Parking to be provided is dependent upon accessibility to public

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## Visioners Want "One Greenbelt," Lighting, Programs, Walkability

by Marat Moore and Thomas X. White

About two dozen Greenbelt-ers participated in three "community visioning" sessions held throughout the city on November 17. They resisted the lure of a balmy Saturday morning to present ideas and concerns about the future of Greenbelt at sessions led by facilitators. Councilmembers and city staff looked on with interest as residents responded to a series of questions and then voted on the issues most important to them. Other Greenbelters are submitting their ideas this week to the city's website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Community ideas and comments raised at the sessions will be used by council to help set goals and work plans for the future. Participants received a copy of the goals report produced following the first round of visioning sessions in 2008 and a report on what the city has accomplished related to those goals.

The turnout for the November meetings varied by location. More than a dozen residents filled the seats at tables set up in the council chamber of the Municipal Building. The session at Springhill Lake Recreation Center drew a half dozen Greenbelters, including three residents of the Franklin Park community. The meeting held in the Greenbriar Community Building drew only one participant, who was thoroughly interviewed by the facilitator. Councilmembers rotated among the three sessions. After a warm-up question about what participants most valued about Greenbelt, the facilitator raised five visioning questions, and then participants voted on issues that were most important to them.

### Connecting Greenbelt

The overarching theme in all the discussions related to the need to connect the city as a whole. Derrick Morton, who at-

tended the session at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, says that the concept of "One Greenbelt" was the focus of his comments to the city. Morton moved to Greenbelt from Silver Spring a year and a half ago and works and studies at the University of Maryland. He also works part-time with youth at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, mentoring and helping with job and college applications.

"We need to abolish the separation between 'Old Greenbelt' and Franklin Park. There is a lingering stigma which I never liked because it gave Greenbelt a segregated persona that made me second-guess where I was living," he said. "That division can keep us stuck in an old way of thinking. I look at Greenbelt as one and as a city of growth and change. I think we need a

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## Council Approves Combining Of Two North End Playgrounds

by Kathleen Gallagher

On a 6 to 1 vote, the Greenbelt City Council at its November 26 meeting approved the combining and relocation of city-maintained playgrounds at 2 Court Laurel Hill Road and 12 Court Hillside Road, both on the property of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). All seven councilmembers were present, with Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan presiding.

Mayor Judith Davis arrived late, having been scheduled first to attend the City of College Park's legislative dinner in her role as president of the Maryland Municipal League. She was present for discussion and vote on this item. Councilmember Rodney Roberts cast the dissenting vote.

The city's Capital Projects Fund includes \$86,000 from a grant by the state's Community Parks and Playgrounds Program in support of total project costs of about \$118,000 to renovate these two small playgrounds. The playgrounds are covered by a shared responsibility agreement between the city and GHI that also requires GHI's written approval of any plan to eliminate playgrounds or equipment on GHI property. The agreement also requires GHI to provide 25 percent of the total project costs. The GHI Board of Directors had approved the plan at its October 4 meeting.

### Larger Playground

Lesley Riddle, assistant direc-

tor of Public Works for Parks, explained the staff's proposal to combine two playgrounds, which are located near one another, into one larger playground to be placed between the two. Both playgrounds have extensive tree cover, and city and GHI staff agreed that the impact of renovating the two small playgrounds separately would have a significant negative impact on the existing green infrastructure. Since there is limited access to these playgrounds, additional damage could be done to surrounding trees and green space by moving in needed heavy equipment.

According to Riddle, the new play space will be in an open area with less impact on mature trees and green infrastructure. It

will provide about 3,000 square feet with adequate play areas and equipment for children in age groups 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. The city will restore the existing playground areas back to grass cover and move existing benches to the new playground. This location would also provide better access for vehicles needed for construction and for subsequent maintenance.

Roberts said residents of this neighborhood had approached him to say there had been too little process in making this decision. He asked that instead of making a decision tonight, council should instead schedule a work session to allow for more

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### What Goes On

#### Thursday, December 6

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

#### Saturday, December 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot, between City Offices and Community Center

10 a.m. to noon, Santa's Visit to Youth Center, Ages Pre-school and Up

#### Monday, December 10

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

#### Wednesday, December 12

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

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transportation.

GSA is willing to exchange the current FBI headquarters building for the new headquarters facility, thereby offsetting some portion of the cost. The present building is held by many to be an eyesore along Pennsylvania Avenue, others object to it being named for the controversial former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, and the GSA has determined needed renovations would be too costly.

### Speculation

Officials representing jurisdictions in both Virginia and Maryland, as well as the District, are pursuing this new facility for their locale. On the day the RFI was issued, Maryland's two Senators and Representatives Steny Hoyer and Donna Edwards, both representing in part Prince George's County, issued a joint statement expressing their interest in the matter. "With a significant portion of the federal workforce living in Maryland and ample land available near Metro stations, it's clear Prince George's County is the right choice for the new headquarters. The project would bring thousands of jobs to the county, boost our local economy and generate additional revenues for our community," their press release said.

Prince George's County officials have long complained that the county has been shortchanged by the federal government in the location of area work facilities. This has resulted in more county federal employees working in other jurisdictions than here. The current administration could be more sympathetic to the county's concerns, possibly giving it an upper hand.

Currently the FBI has a major support and training facility located in Quantico, Va. It might make logistic sense to place the new facility nearby.

Any developer with a large chunk of undeveloped commercially zoned land will probably be interested in obtaining this facility. However, tying the new building to redevelopment of the old headquarters property probably calls for a well-financed multiple partnership arrangement.

The owners of the Greenbelt Station property at the Greenbelt Metro Station are reportedly interested. With a major highway adjacent as well as a Metro line and close by housing, the site may be well suited from a transit point of view but not from a consideration, perhaps, of security requirements.

Better suited may be a site that can be well-buffered from surrounding development but still close to major transportation facilities.

GSA has not ruled out use of federal property, which could be another way for lowering government costs for the new facility. Ideally an already secured facility, like a federal military installation with extra space could offer further cost savings. The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is another possibility if plans to proceed for another re-evaluation of land use needs there determines significant tracts available for other uses, an action that may be spurred if GSA and the FBI like that area for the new facility.

Whether locating the FBI facility in or near Greenbelt is good for the city requires further analysis. It would be a boon to property owners in that it would cause employees and ancillary businesses to locate here. Since this would be private construction rented to the GSA, the new construction would bring in substantial tax revenue to the jurisdiction within which it is located. However, on the negative side, there could be overloading of area transportation facilities, added demand on public services and the loss of green space.

### Next Step

Responses are required to be submitted to GSA by March 4, 2013. The responses may help GSA determine what is possible. After GSA evaluates the responses, it will need to define the criteria for the new facility and then it likely will prepare a formal RFP. However, before that time, the FBI and GSA may have considerably narrowed possible locations to specific sites, particularly government-owned sites.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, December 7 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Frenchy and the Punk fuse bohemian cabaret folk and world music with vaudeville from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, December 8 starts with acoustic Indie folk by the Nice Trys from 1 to 4 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The 8-Balls play classic rock from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, December 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It performs Americana, folk/rock and blues.

### Next Week

On Tuesday, December 11 KIVA will play acoustic world music from 7 to 9 p.m., joined by Ernesto Villarreal, lead guitarist from Djilia Phralengo. Wednesday, December 12 Sharon Raquel and Peter Reppert perform jazz standards and originals from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, December 13 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, December 14 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Joy Bodycomb Band plays blues, rock and country from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 15 starts off with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by pianist John Guernsey's up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the U-Liners celebrate Woody Guthrie's Centennial and honor Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary.

Sunday, December 16 the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the monthly kid's open microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the whole family. From 5 to 7 p.m. Darkuba Dawg Hafla provides live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.



### Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 20 issue.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF DEC 7

#### Anna Karenina (R)

#### FRIDAY

\*5, 7:30, 9:55

#### SATURDAY

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:55

#### SUNDAY

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

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\*5, 7:30

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## Africa Activities Planners to Meet at Café

On Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. the Africa Activities Planners group will meet at the New Deal Café to plan activities and assist victims of war in Sierra Leone. All interested in learning more about Africa are invited to attend.

Participants are urged to bring used clothing and shoes. Two

planning team members from Sierra Leone will ship them to disabled, vulnerable victims of the "blood diamonds war" there.

The project is sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.

For more information call Ed Fallon at 240-413-7449 or email EdFallon@gmail.com.

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## The Greenbelt Arts Center presents An Evening with Friends A Celebration of Community New Year's Eve, 730 pm – 1145 pm

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Featuring our Outstanding Citizen John Henry Jones and his wife Elaine Jones  
Mayor Pro-Tem Emmett Jordan on guitar and Council Member Konrad Herling  
on piano are among the performing artists.

Post show: Join folks attending events at the Arts Center, New Deal Café and the Movie Theater at Roosevelt Center to sing Auld Lang Syne and light up the Greenbelt Marquee Letters to bring in the New Year at Midnight

For more information, call Konrad at (301) 345-9369

# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Friday, December 7, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, December 14, Office closes at noon for employee holiday party

Monday, December 17, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m. Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

## At the Library

### Bookkids

Tuesday, December 11, 4 p.m., monthly children's book discussion of Murray Shaw's "Sherlock Holmes and a Scandal in Bohemia." In graphic novel form, Sherlock Holmes tried to retrieve a photo being used to blackmail the King of Bohemia and finds something even more valuable.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

There is no adult book discussion in December; the book for January, available now, is 1Q84 by Haruki Murakami.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info).

## NARFE 1122 Holds Luncheon Meeting

NARFE Chapter 1122 of Northern Prince George's County will hold its annual holiday luncheon meeting on Wednesday, December 12 at noon at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, 6323 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights. Reservations are required and luncheon must be prepaid. For cost and menu information call Lee Shields at 301-474-5321.

## Beltway Plaza Is Site For Charity Test Drive

On Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beltway Plaza will be the site for a day-long fundraiser for the Landover-based charity Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), the nation's leading ADHD nonprofit.

In the "Drive Smart for a Cause" program, sponsored by dealer East-West and manufacturer Lincoln Motor Company, those test-driving a new model Lincoln will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card for themselves. Lincoln will donate \$20 to CHADD for every valid test drive completed, up to a maximum of 300 test drives or \$6,000. All drivers must be 25 years of age or older, with a valid driver's license. There is a limit of one gift card per entrant.

## Mishkan Torah Holds Blood Drive

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Sunday, December 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## GIVES to Meet, Party Dec. 15

On Saturday, December 15 at 10 a.m. the annual meeting of the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center followed by a holiday party.

The agenda will include a report on the events and services for the past quarter. Newcomers are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy the social time afterward.

Members are asked to bring food or drinks to share although that is not required.

*More Community Events are throughout the paper*

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It's hard to believe this year is almost over – the Golden Age Club has had another active year and we look forward to an even better one next year.

Come to the Wednesday, December 12, meeting and have a laugh with Dave Alexander. His topic is "Revenge: Lessons from the Ancient Greeks." The Christmas luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 19, and is going to be special, with table decorations and lots of good food.

We were pleased to welcome Dorothea Leslie at the last meeting and are glad she is feeling better.

Our condolences to Dorothy Baluch and family on the death of Fred Baluch.

It's the time of year again to pay club annual dues – only cash or checks can be accepted, no credit card payment is possible. The nominating committee has been busy and there will be a slate of officers sworn in at the January meeting.

To keep the club strong we need everyone to attend meetings and be willing to help when needed.

Remember that list Santa is keeping – it really pays to be nice!

## Mariachi Band Plays At Beltway Plaza

On Sunday, December 9 Humberto Guzman and his mariachi band will perform at Beltway Plaza Center Court from 2 to 4 p.m.



## Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Logo Competition

Entry Deadline: Midnight January 31, 2013

Create the future image of the Alliance.

Go to [www.alliance.greenbelt.coop](http://www.alliance.greenbelt.coop) for more information and competition rules. A \$250 Visa card will be awarded to the winner. More questions? Call Sheri Swaim at 301-474-4161 ext 148, 8:30 am-5:00 p.m. Monday –Thursday.

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## Concert This Week At The Greenbelt Arts Center

### The Chromatics



December 8th at 8:00 PM,  
December 9th at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$17  
(\$14 for students and seniors).

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## WOODY GUTHRIE TRIBUTE

The U-Liners will close out Woody Guthrie's Centennial Year of Celebration and honor Greenbelt's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with this special show!

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**Congratulations to:**

– Elsie Forbes on her 95th birthday, December 7. Daughter Rae Brooks reports that family celebrations of the event have been going on for a week at various local restaurants.

– Master Police Officer Kelly Lawson, Greenbelt's public information officer, who has discovered her distant relative, Abraham Clark, a delegate to the second Continental Congress, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

How nice to see the photo of our own Sequoia Austin in the Washington Post with coach Brenda Frese of the University of Maryland women's basketball team, not once but twice. First, that photo accompanied former star Tom McMillen's article about the UM sports teams switch from the ACC league to the Big Ten (November 25), then was shown again in a reader's letter December 1, urging more press coverage for the Lady Terps. Sequoia was profiled by Jim Link in the News Review April 7, 2011.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

**Lions Club Toy Drive Underway**

The annual Lions Club toy drive is now in progress with collection containers at the Greenbelt Community Center lobby next to the main office inside the front doors of the building and in front of the rear doors of the Greenbelt Co-op. The boxes are clearly marked and covered with gift wrap paper.

The main collection point will be in Beltway Plaza. In the past that box was in the shopping center's center court – this year it is in an empty store. The Lions' gift wrapping location will be at the intersection of the main hall and the hall to the movie theaters, just next to Santa's stand at center court. The location, just in front of the Lincoln car display, has a glass enclosure which will act as the toy box.

**Winter Clothing**

The toy drive has been expanded by the request of the community served to include gloves, coats and hats for children of pre-school ages to young teens. Everyone's generosity is needed and will be greatly appreciated!





**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

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ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Café Photo Show Awards Made**

On Sunday, December 2 awards were presented during the reception for the New Deal Café's 75th Anniversary of Greenbelt Photography Show. The theme of the show was Greenbelt and all three winning photographs depicted scenes from Greenbelt Lake.

First place was presented to Cynthia Cummings for "Snow-pocalypse, Greenbelt Lake." The second place award went to Nora Simon for "Poppies" and third went to Rich Renomeron for

"Brothers at the Lake."

The awards were given by the 75th Anniversary Committee. The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) sponsored the exhibit and reception. The judge was Brendan Mattingly, a noted photographer from Silver Spring.


The Greg Meyer Jazz Trio entertained guests at the reception with jazz from the 1930s. The exhibit will remain on view at the New Deal Café through January 7.



PHOTO BY TOM SIMON

**Award winners at the reception December 2 New Deal Café 75th Anniversary of Greenbelt Photography Show were, left to right: FONDCA President Barbara Simon; Rich Renomeron, third place; Nora Simon, second place; Cynthia Cummings, first place; Leslie Olsen, Honorable Mention; Diana Srnka, Honorable Mention; Café Art Show Committee Chair Julia Wade; and Brendan Mattingly, judge.**

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Rev. Diane Teichert

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



Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)



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Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
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**We Still Call It Christmas!  
And You Can Too!**


We invite you to join us for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

December 24th - 12:15 p.m. Simple Communion Service  
9:00 p.m. Festive Candlelight Communion Service

December 25th - 9:30 a.m. Simple Communion Service

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**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Man's glory lieth in his knowledge, his upright conduct, his praiseworthy character, his wisdom, and not in his nationality or rank.  
(Baha'u'llah)



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

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Join us around a table where all are welcome!



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

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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301-474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Sunday, December 16th.      Worship Service 11:00am  
The Choir will present the Christmas Cantata  
5 p.m.

Monday, December 24th:      Sermon Series: The Christmas Story  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
7 p.m.



**December 9th**  
"Mary"  
Luke 1:26-56

**December 16th**  
"Angels"  
Luke 2:8-14

**December 23rd**  
"Jesus"  
Luke 2:22-51

### Cooperative Alliance Logo Competition

The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance has launched a logo design competition as its final activity of the International Year of Co-ops. The winning design will be used to depict the Alliance in future promotional materials. The Alliance comprises representatives of the city's seven cooperatives: Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; Greenbelt News Review; the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; the New Deal Café; Greenbelt Nursery School; Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; and Rapidan Camps. Individual co-ops need not be included in the design.

The winner will be awarded a \$250 Visa card from the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

All ages are eligible to enter and contestants do not have to live in Greenbelt. Entries must be original and reproducible in both color and black and white and should be sent both electronically and in 8"x11" hard copy. Submissions must be received by January 31, 2013.

Go to [www.alliance.greenbelt.coop](http://www.alliance.greenbelt.coop) for details about submitting a logo and for information about the Greenbelt cooperatives who participate in the Alliance.

### Co-op Wine Tasting, Food Demo Events

This Friday, December 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Co-op there will be a wine tasting for Boordy vineyard's wines. Other December tasting events will be held on Friday, December 14 for Shiner beers, on Wednesday, December 19 and, getting ready for the New Year, on Friday, December 28 for sparkling wines.

Next Wednesday, December 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. will be a New to Natural food demonstration and sampling of mulled organic apple cider, holiday nog from Bolthouse Farms and Mi-del Ginger and Lemon Snaps. The month's seasonal and savory food demo and sampling will be held on Wednesday, December 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. with Hoppin' John, pomegranates and spiced poached pears.

### Concert Band Holiday Concert for City's 75th

On Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band Holiday Lights Concert will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium.

In tribute to the city's 75th anniversary, the band will present a new arrangement of "The Heart of Greenbelt March" by Tom Cherrix and John Morrissey's "Music for a Ceremony." Traditional Christmas and Chanukah music will also be played. Featured selections will include Alfred Reed's "Slavonic Christmas Suite," a collection of holiday favorites from the Canadian Brass, Chanukah music and Morton Gould's "Adeste Fideles," along with many traditional holiday songs.

### Computer Club Is To Meet Dec. 13

On Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. the Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are invited.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, December 10, 2012 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

### COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations  
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
Minutes of Council Meetings

- Executive Session, November 26, 2012 – Statement for Record

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 14 "Planning and Development" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations as Mandated by the State of Maryland - 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a 2007 Ford Truck with Terex Telelect 38 Foot Aerial Unit from Utility Equipment Leasing Corporation of Waukesha, Wisconsin at a cost of \$34,595

- 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

- Council Meeting Dates for 2013

- Other Reports

\* - Letter to Congressional Delegation – Budget Control Act's Budget Sequestration

\* - Advisory Committee on Trees Report #2012-2 (Tree Trimming in Beltsville Agricultural Research Center)

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)



### TWELVE DAYS OF CAT CHRISTMAS!

Everyone that adopts a kitty this holiday season will get a free stocking filled with kitty treats and supplies!

Give the gift of life and adopt a kitty this holiday season, we will waive the adoption fee for qualified adopters looking to add to their home before 2013!



Give us a call  
301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!  
The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

See all our pets on Facebook!

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENTS

### SANTA'S VISIT

Saturday, December 8,  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway

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



### ELVES' WORKSHOP

139502-1 Ages 5-12  
Saturday, December 8 from  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
\$5 per person

Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa's elves creating holiday crafts and cookies. 301-397-2200

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**Organizational Assessment of City Operations**  
Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 2:30 p.m.

The City of Greenbelt (the "City") is seeking a provider to undertake an Organizational Assessment of City operations. To conduct a management and operations study that will identify the strengths and opportunities of the organization; assess the allocation of personnel, monetary and equipment resources; and make recommendations that will improve the organizational effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of City services.

The full RFP is available on the City's website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Proposals must be received by January 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10-14

Monday, December 10 at 8:00 pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. On the Agenda: Discussion and Feedback on Draft Bus Stop Evaluation Checklist for the City's Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study; Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Updated Draft and Next Steps

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

## LION'S CLUB TOY DRIVE

The Greenbelt Lions Club and Greenbelt Community Center have teamed up to collect new, unwrapped toys. The Lions Club will distribute the toys to local families during the holidays. Toys will be accepted at the Community Center Main Lobby, 15 Crescent Road until December 22nd. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

## DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center. Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.



Hurry, time is running out!  
**75th Anniversary**

Commemorative items can be purchased at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway throughout the week and at the Greenbelt Museum gift shop, 10-B Crescent Road on Sundays from 1-5pm. These items make great holiday gifts! Get them while you still can!

## Help Greenbelt win a FREE website make-over!

Take a short survey at <http://civicplus.checkboxonline.com/Digital-Citizen-Engagement-Survey.aspx> Links to the survey are also available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) Every Survey they receive is a vote for Greenbelt!



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# NEWS IN REVIEW

December 6, 2012



## Happy Holidays from GHI!

### Holiday Safety Tips



The holidays are here and GHI would like you to be safe, as well as happy! Here are some tips for having a safe holiday season:

- **Never leave burning candles unattended.**
- Never burn candles near evergreens. They should also be kept away from decorations, curtains, and furniture. Keep them on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. **PRACTICE THE PLAN!**
- Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes—particularly long, open sleeves—near open flames (such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table).
- Never burn evergreens in the fireplace. When dry, they burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney where they can ignite creosote deposits.
- Properly dispose of Christmas trees through the City of Greenbelt's Christmas tree disposal program. After cleaning them of all ornaments—including icicles—take them to designated areas that have a tree sign. The city will publish a list of those locations in the *News Review* and on their website. The trees are then recycled for mulch.
- Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

For more tips on holiday safety, see "Holiday Decoration Safety Tips," a reprintable publication of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

### Cold Weather Reminders

By Jo-Anne Fournier and Sheri Swaim

#### Smoke Detectors Save Lives

You remembered to set your clocks back last month, but did you remember to **change your smoke detector batteries**? Now is a good time to do so, especially before the holidays.

#### Turn Off Your Outside Faucet

Members are responsible for turning off and draining outside faucets to prevent the pipes from freezing and leaking. You can find out more on the GHI website at <http://www.ghi.coop/content/turn-your-outside-faucet>. Read the instructions carefully as the different types of units have one or two outside faucets. If you have difficulties or cannot locate valves or your hose bibs, please call the Maintenance Department for assistance at 301-474-6011.

#### When Away From Your Home

If you are away for any amount time this winter, please leave your heat on. Have a neighbor or friend check inside your home every few days to make sure all is well. If you are gone for more than a few days, letting the GHI Maintenance office know of your absence is also a good idea.



### Know Before the Snow

As members of a co-op all of us have a responsibility to make snow removal easier.

Please visit <http://ghi.coop/content/winter-storm-event-procedures> for an overview of GHI's Winter Storm Event Procedures.

### GHI Members:

#### We want to hear from you!

The 2012 Member Satisfaction Survey was delivered to each home as an insert in your *Communicator* newsletter recently, printed on yellow paper. If you have misplaced it or would prefer to fill it online, please go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) and click on "I Want to...Fill out the Member Satisfaction Survey." Responses are due by **January 11, 2013**.



### Leaf Bags Reminder

The remaining leaf bags are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the supply is exhausted. Bags may be picked up

from the GHI warehouse on Hamilton Place during normal maintenance hours.

### Can We Find You in an Emergency?



Does your home have house numbers on both the garden side and service side that are highly visible from the sidewalk or parking lot? GHI rules require members to have house numbers and letters that are a minimum of three (3) inches high on both sides of their homes. This not only assists the maintenance workers, but also assures your home can be quickly identified by police, fire, and rescue professionals in case of an emergency. The GHI warehouse

stocks self-adhesive letters and numbers for members. They are available free of charge. Stop by the warehouse or contact Melvin Williams (301-474-4161, x134) during business hours.

### GHI 2013 Operating Budget

The Board of Directors approved the 2013 Operating Budget on November 1, 2012. It is available to view online at <http://ghi.coop/content/2013-annual-operating-budget> or stop by the Administration Building and ask for a copy.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING!

#### DECEMBER

Thu	6	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Fri	7	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Wed	12	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	13	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Mon	17	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Mon	17	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	17	7:00 pm	Nominations & Elections Cmte.
Tues	18	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	19	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu	20	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Fri	21	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	25	--	OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Day
Wed	26	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee

#### JANUARY

Tue	1	--	OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Day
Fri	4	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	8	8:30 am	Yardline Committee
Tue	8	7:30 pm	Nominations & Elections Cmte.
Wed	9	7:30 am	Architectural Review Committee
Thur	10	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Sat	12	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation

(Dates are subject to change)

Maintenance service is available—for real emergencies only—outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.



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Follow us on Twitter: "GHimgmt"



### GHI E-NEWS

GHI's new E-Newsletter includes the latest updates and any emergency alerts. To subscribe, go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) and click on "I Want To...Subscribe to GHI E-News" in the center of the page.

# GreenACES Envisions a "Green" City

by Patrick Donohue

Greenbelt's GreenACES (Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability) met Tuesday, November 27 to discuss its current and future projects, intending to make the city more focused on the environment.

Committee Chair John Lippert was joined by committee members Maggie Cahalan, Eva Fallon, Michael Hartman and Aaron Marcavitch, as well as staff liaison Luisa Robles as they worked to fulfill the charge of GreenACES.

"Way before I even started here, it was called REAC (Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee)," Lippert said. "A couple of years ago Mayor Judith Davis asked if we could change the focus to make it broader and come up with a new name, so we came up with GreenACES and the scope was broadened to cover not only recycling but also all sustainability topics."

Lippert said that the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is a good example of what the group has done up to now.

"We've spent a lot of time making the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival green," Lippert said. "This is the second year we have gotten vendors not to use Styrofoam plates and cups, so they

have been banned from the festival. And not only have we been working with the vendors, but we've convinced the city's Public Works to buy 20 recycling bins and put one next to each trashcan at the festival. And we've recruited volunteers to encourage people to recycle and educate them on what can be recycled."

Two topics that were covered in this meeting were composting and renewable energy.

The idea of a compost bin project, which was adopted from a program in Cheverly, was brought up and discussed as a way to get more Greenbelt residents composting regularly.

Robles explained to the committee that the project would include selling compost bins to residents at a discount.

Marcavitch had concerns about the project's legality because money was involved.

"I want to be careful," Marcavitch said.

But after being informed that the city would be selling them and GreenACES simply promoting them, he, along with the rest of the committee, seemed to like the idea.

Fallon said that she would possibly take the lead on the project if GreenACES does not.

Then with the input of the Community Center's groundskeeper, the committee discussed

the potential of battery-powered landscaping tools.

The group felt that this could be developed as a future recommendation to the city but that more details are needed before that can take place.

A large portion of the meeting was spent reviewing progress on the committee's sustainability framework, which it began working on more than two years ago.

Lippert explained that originally the committee thought it needed to develop a sustainability master plan, but that many aspects of such a plan would need to be implemented by council. GreenACES now is trying to provide a sustainability framework to turn over to council.

The framework includes systems and goals that pertain to specific items the city should be or are already doing. The ultimate goal is to form what will be called the "Green Team," which would include representatives from all committees, schools, businesses, stakeholders, etc., with a common goal to make Greenbelt a certified green municipality.

To this end, Marcavitch will edit the document down to a more condensed, readable version with the goal of updating the framework before their meeting in late January and possible completion in early spring.

# Pinsky Holds Open House On Saturday, December 15

State Senator Paul Pinsky will hold a town meeting on Saturday, December 15 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Riverdale Elementary School, 5600 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. Pinsky will share a legislative update; his Chief Administrative Officer

Bradford Seamon will present the latest news from the Prince George's County Executive Office. Time will be set aside to hear from the public. All are welcome. For more information call 240-391-8154 or email ppin-sky@senatorpinsky.org.



## GUTTER CLEANING

Petria Inc. & Greenbelt Builders Inc. are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on all GHI Homes starting the week of November 19, 2012, weather permitting.

The project will take approximately one month to complete. During that time, workers will appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

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

Read your newspaper online at [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com)

These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!

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	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Sunday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-0522

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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400  
Closed Sunday

Greenbelt



Supermarket Pharmacy

Fresh Quality Meat	Farm Fresh Produce	Dairy	Frozen	Seafood
Fresh Grade A Split Chicken Breasts <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Crop Apples Gala/Fuji/Delicious/MacIntosh <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Minute Maid Orange Juice Assorted 59 oz. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	Banquet Assorted Entrees Select Varieties 5-10.5 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Fresh Salmon Fillets <b>\$5<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef <b>\$2<sup>88</sup></b> lb.	California Seedless 8-lb bag Navel Oranges <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	Kraft Assorted Cracker Barrel Cheese Chunks 7-8 oz. <b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b>	Green Giant Assorted Boxed Vegetables 7-10 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Fresh East Coast Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz. <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b>
Fresh Lean Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Tender Asparagus Spears <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Land-O-Lakes Margarine Quarters 16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>50</sup></b>	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	Frozen 26-30 Ct. Extra Large Raw Shrimp 2 lb. bag <b>\$9<sup>98</sup></b>
Grocery Bargains			Grocery Bargains	
Green Giant Canned Corn Peas, Green Beans Assorted 14-15.25 oz. <b>60¢</b>	Tuttorosso Asst. Family Size Tomatoes 28-29 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>		Bumble Bee Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Knorr Assorted Rice or Pasta Sidedishes 3-6 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>
Carnation Evaporated Milk Assorted 12 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b>	Nestles Assorted Chocolate Morsels 10-12 oz. <b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b>	Kraft Mayonnaise Assorted 22-32 oz. <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	Gold Medal Flour Regular/Unbleached 5 lb. <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b>	
Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine
Deli Gourmet Imported Cooked Ham <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Store Baked French Hard Rolls 6 pk. <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	Haddock House Stuffed Olives 5.75 oz. <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b>	Colgate Toothpaste Assorted 4.6-6 oz. <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	Vistana Wines 1.5 Liter <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b>
Deli Gourmet Swiss Cheese <b>\$6<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Store Baked Original 8-inch Blueberry Pie <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>	Wasa Assorted Crisp and Light Crackerbread 4.9 oz. <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	Western Family Cough Relief Syrup Assorted 4 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	National Bohemian Beer 12 pk.-12 oz. cans <b>\$7<sup>99</sup></b>

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# Police Blotter

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

## Robbery

November 24, 10:10 p.m., 8100 block Bird Lane. Two men approached another man, assaulted him and took his property. He declined medical attention. No specific description of the robbers is available.

November 28, 3:25 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two men approached some people, displayed a handgun and took their property. No specific description of the robbers is available.

## DWI/DUI

November 25, 2:08 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A 30-year-old city resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Burglary

November 21, 5:23 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Electronics, clothing and currency were taken.

November 21, 11:33 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. An attempted burglary occurred.

November 22, 8:50 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronics, clothing and currency were taken.

November 25, 12:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Jewelry was taken.

November 25, 6:48 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Nothing was taken.

November 25, 9:23 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics were taken.

November 25, 11:28 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Nothing was taken.

November 27, 4:10 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

November 27, 10:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

## Vehicle Crime

A 2004 Ford Crown Victoria stolen from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway was recovered the same day by Fairfax County Police. No arrests were made.

Two other vehicles were stolen. A blue 2003 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags was taken from the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A black 2001 Ford Crown Victoria

## Police Issue Identity Theft Reminders

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to protect themselves from identity theft, which continues as one of the fastest growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. The following advice will help:

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Pay attention to billing cycles and check statements for fraudulent charges.

Check one's credit report at least twice a year – reports should be obtained from all three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

with Md. tags was taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road, where an attempt to steal another auto also occurred.

A 2003 Ford Crown Victoria reported stolen through Fairfax County Police was recovered in the 7900 block Mandan Road with no arrests made.

Six reports of thefts from autos were received: 100 block Westway, three incidents (gasoline), 9200 block Edmonston Road (piece of a car bumper), Beltway Plaza parking lot (DVD/CD player), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (sunglasses), 7200 block Hanover Drive (purse and iPod), 7800 block Mandan Road (GPS unit). An attempted theft from an auto in the 6400 block Capitol Drive occurred.

Incidents of vandalism were reported in the 7200 block Hanover Drive (car window was broken), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (tires were flattened), Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway (car windows were broken).

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cool slogan like that to remove the stigmas of the past."

Terry Benedik, who attended the Greenbriar session, said features of Greenbelt's original "planned community" are needed in newer sections of the city. Greenbelt needs to be walkable for everyone, she said, explaining that Greenbriar residents have difficulty walking safely to the post office, doctor's offices and Greenway Center.

Lois Browne seconded this view at the Springhill Lake session. "We need a footbridge to the Greenbelt side of Franklin Park so we can walk with our kids to the library and to activities in the center of the city," she said. Last year's Labor Day Festival underscored the separation for her and her family. She and her husband have three sons in the public schools.

"There was no shuttle for us to get there. We were told to drive to Eleanor Roosevelt High School and get a shuttle there. The Festival really wasn't convenient and accessible for us," she said.

Even the labels of "Greenbelt East," "Greenbelt West," "Franklin Park" and "Old Greenbelt" keep residents separated, says Carolyn Lambright-Davis, who attended the Springhill Lake session.

"When people ask me where I live, I say 'Greenbelt' – not Franklin Park or Greenbelt West," she said. "I grew up in northwest D.C., but I always considered myself to be from D.C., not one of its parts."

Participants at the Municipal Building in the city center praised the "connectivity" of the original planned community but Barbara Simon, who was raised here before the expansion of the city said, "I'd like to see this same connectivity with the other parts of Greenbelt."

In the session across town, Browne noted the conventional mindset about the city needs to change. "If people don't change their thinking, nothing will change. It doesn't matter where you live – east, west or Old Greenbelt. We need to work together to build up this community."

"I love Old Greenbelt, but I love this area as well. I can't be in two places. Truly my heart is in Greenbelt – all of Greenbelt."

### Most Valued

Facilitators opened by asking, "What do you like best or value most about living in Greenbelt that you do not want to see change?"

At the Municipal Building, the group was large enough to form two small groups, and reported they valued the sense of community; accessibility of services, shops and local government; the community newspaper and other organizations and co-operatives; the sense of intimacy with others and the environment, arts and recreation, community gardens, library and more. Ideas popped out of this group like popcorn in a hot skillet as facilitator Christine Becker labored valiantly to scribble down all the ideas.

Small-town friendliness, green space, diversity and proximity

to major highways and public transportation were other topics mentioned at Greenbriar and Springhill Lake.

### Changes in Greenbelt

Facilitators asked the first visioning question: What is the most significant way Greenbelt is changing?

At Springhill Lake, Lambright-Davis and Browne praised the positive changes made at Franklin Park and the more open communication with Old Greenbelt and city government.

"Perspectives are changing about how we view Old Greenbelt and how they view us. Communication is much better now," said Browne.

Lambright-Davis is involved with Franklin Park's community action group, made up of tenants committed to building the community and raising awareness of residents' needs.

Peter May at the Old Greenbelt session noted that one positive change was demographic. "We've become a lot more inclusive, although that's not shown by the people around this table." All participants at that session were white.

Other changes were viewed as negative. Christopher Schuman in the center-city group noted that the city infrastructure is aging – the lake and dam, the Community Center, theater and underpasses, with no clear indication of where the money will come from to address these needs.

Back on the plus side in the center-city session, Susan Stern noted the farmers market and emphasis on sustainability.

### Short-term Issues

The second question focused on identifying the most important issues facing Greenbelt over the next three to five years. Lambright-Davis said improved lighting on the side of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center away from the street, to illuminate a footbridge that poses a risk late at night. The police have had a positive influence overall, she said.

Her other priority is "equity in arts programming," she said.

"We have sports at Springhill Lake Center but we need art classes, writing workshops, and maybe a dance workshop," she said.

The city-center group came up with a long list of short-term priorities – emergency preparedness, the need to revitalize Roosevelt Center, the future of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, greater integration with the county planning process or resolution of disputes over the sector plan; the shifting plans for Metro Station development; further city division caused by the widening of Kenilworth Avenue; need for funds for the state-mandated repairs to Greenbelt Lake and dam; crime management and the impact of development on wetlands.

Morton proposed ways of connecting Greenbelt as a whole through its different festivals, with transportation options provided or "even a concert."

Browne would like to see a vibrant community for people living in Franklin Park apartments.

"When you move into an apartment, the mindset is that you're in transition. I'd like to see that mentality change. If you live here, work here and your kids go to school here, you need to put down some roots."

She also pointed to the need to improve facilities at Springhill Lake Elementary School, with temporary buildings that have no bathrooms, a safety risk since kids have to go in and out of the main building and the public has access to those areas.

### 20-Year View

The community visioners then addressed what they'd like Greenbelt to be in 20 years – which will be the city's 95th anniversary.

Hilary Howes told her city-center neighbors, "As we approach 100 years, Greenbelt may be closer to the utopian ideal." She noted that fewer cars may be used because of the cost of fuel and added, "Technology changes and market forces will make this community extremely valuable."

Susan Stern proposed an off-the-grid vision: "Electric golf carts, food forests and more curvy lines."

Lambright-Davis and Browne stressed the importance of building townhomes and single-family homes in the western part of the city and coming together as a city. She embraces change. "In 20 years these issues of inclusion and exclusion will disappear. And we'll no longer identify ourselves by what part of the city we live in."

### Concerns

Facilitators asked the groups to identify what they were most worried about related to the future of the city. They revisited now familiar topics – public safety, lighting, shuttle transportation and improved walkability, the viability of Roosevelt Center and the need for an emergency refuge at the Community Center; and continued separation among parts of the city.

### Dreaming Big

Everybody weighed in on the last question: If you had unlimited resources to make Greenbelt a better place, what would you do?

"Build townhomes and houses so we'd have the option to buy where we live." (Carolyn Lambright-Davis)

"Build a bridge! Put up lights! And provide literacy services for parents who need those skills." (Lois Browne)

"Buy everything in Roosevelt Center! Buy BARC! Buy the schools and operate them locally." (Barbara Simon)

And then a final suggestion that perked up the staff at the Municipal Building session: "A raise for city employees!"

After a break, a general discussion focused on eight listed visioning goals that generally followed the goals that were adopted in 2008. Beyond the listed goals, participants could offer other suggested goals and the visioning sessions ended with a brief opportunity to set priorities for selected goals.

For more information visit the city's website at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

## Wallace Presbyterian Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. a Christmas concert will be performed by The Dominion Brass and Erik Apland Ensemble at Wallace Presbyterian Church, College Park.

The concert, intended as a benefit for the College Park Food Bank and World Vision, is free although canned food and monetary donations are sought and welcomed. The Dominion Brass, a group of area professional musicians and music teachers, has a long record of fundraising since its founding in 2002, having raised over \$30,000.

Apland's music ranges from classical to jazz and in 1998, joined The President's Own as one of three presidential pianists, playing at the White House to dignitaries from around the world and often televised. He has been the church musician at Wallace Presbyterian since 2004.

The Church is at 3725 Metzert Road at the intersection of University Blvd. and Adelphi Road.

For more information call the church at 301-935-5900 or visit [www.wallacepca.org](http://www.wallacepca.org).



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public discussion. Councilmember Leta Mach responded that there had been considerable opportunity for discussion, including a June meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and two meetings of the GHI board. She added that GHI had sent out a survey to nearby residents.

**Possible Postponement**

Mach asked that Riddle comment on the potential impact of postponing the decision and that GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph elaborate on the survey of residents. Riddle said the decision could be postponed for a short time but that the renovation would have to occur in the spring in order to meet requirements for use of the grant money.

Ralph explained that GHI had sent copies of the city's proposal to 126 adjacent and nearby residents, which had resulted in no written responses and the appearance of only seven members at the first meeting in July. Those who spoke had supported the project with minor modifications, he said.

Residents of one court had expressed concern that the size of the replacement playground could result in increased traffic, he said. But Ralph added that the city had provided responses that the board found satisfactory, resulting in a vote of approval at the October 4 board meeting.

Bill Jones, a GHI board member, supported Ralph's presentation and said he hoped the city council would take action to approve the plan.

Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Mach, as well as Davis, all agreed that due diligence had been performed in providing for neighbor response. Councilmember Edward Putens also pointed out that no residents of that area had come to speak at that night's council meeting.

Mach asked Riddle if it was not also the case that merging the playgrounds would reduce both the renovation and ongoing maintenance costs. Riddle said it would, noting that the cost of play structures alone would probably be 30-40 percent higher if the two small playgrounds were separately renovated.

**Smaller Playgrounds**

Roberts said that in addition to the resident requests he had received, he also objected to the idea of moving toward a larger, more central playground since it flew in the face of the city's concept of having smaller playgrounds nearer to people's

homes. In addition, he was concerned that the root system of a large tree takes up most of the open space in the new playground, which would result in its own environmental impacts.

He added that he thought the city's continued use of railroad ties in playgrounds presented a hazard and that using the ties and a deep layer of mulch was not only unattractive but also likely resulted in much higher ongoing maintenance costs than the poured-in-place surface used elsewhere.

Riddle explained that the Public Works Department uses three types of surfacing for playgrounds: recycled tires; engineered, recycled wood chips especially designed for playgrounds; and the poured-in-place surface. Of the three, she said the poured-in-place unquestionably is the most durable but also carries a much higher price tag with the result that the city does not have the funding to use it for all playgrounds.

Councilmember Silke Pope said that since the GHI board had already approved the plan after providing extensive opportunity for resident comment, she could not see any justifiable reason for the city council to second-guess GHI. Mach concurred and made the motion to approve the plan. Davis agreed, pointing out that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had also deferred to GHI. When the vote was taken, all councilmembers except Roberts voted to approve the project.



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Wikipedia says the film focuses on the issue of the commercialism of Christmas, materialism, over-consumption in American culture, globalization and big corporations' business practices as viewed by activist/performance artist Bill Talen, “Rev. Billy” and his troupe of activists. Under the name of a church choir called “The Church of Stop Shopping,” they sing anti-shopping, anti-corporate songs. There will also be an appearance by Rev. Billy Sunday at Busboys & Poets.

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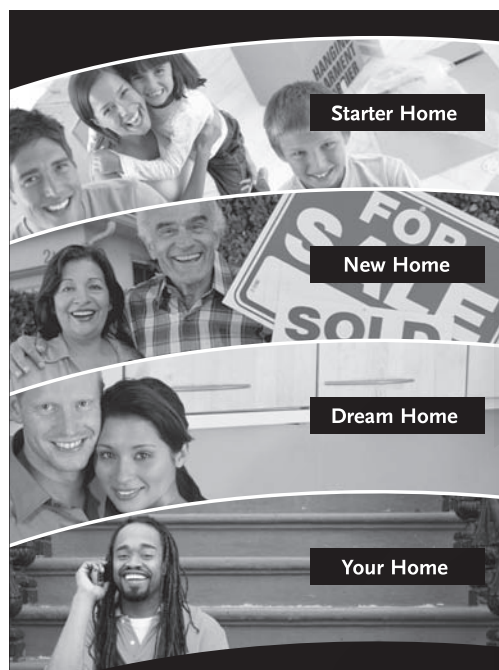
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# The Arts Advisory Board Completes Policy Plan

by Patrick Donohue

Greenbelt's Arts Advisory Board met on October 2 to take a final vote to approve the proposed Public Arts Policy for the city which it has been working on for more than two years.

"The Arts Advisory Board advocates for the arts of Greenbelt," Board Chair Tatiana Ausema said. "So it serves as a liaison between the city council and the arts groups in the city."

Board members John Drago, Gale Martineau, Tiahna Nugent and Anna Socrates joined Ausema at the Greenbelt Community Center. Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor for the Recreation Department as well as liaison between the board and the city, also was present.

The Public Arts Policy is the board's plan to bring more visual and performing arts to the city. The study designates Greenbelt sites where art would be appropriate and was forwarded to the city manager for future council consideration.

"I think we've come away with a pretty good policy for how to incorporate public art in Greenbelt," Ausema said, "and a mechanism for artists to actually display art, similar to the gallery setting at the Community Center."

The unanimous vote for the policy came as no surprise to John Drago, who has been a

board member for almost three years.

"We worked on it for a long time and got to a point where there was consensus," Drago said. "We had lots of good ideas and refined them."

### Arts Sites

Drago's role in forming this policy started in February 2011 when he visited the sites. In June 2011 the entire board went out in vehicles and visited the sites based on his reports.

"Some smaller sites were weeded out but we can come back to them if we need space," he said. "We concentrated on choice sites so the effort would not take longer." Although Drago believes the policy will be received well by the council, he admits that they are not out of the woods yet.

The board also discussed future projects, meeting ideas and goals for the advisory board in the upcoming months.

## Planetarium Program Is to Be "Rudolf Flu"

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*American Education Week*

# Teacher Andrew Karnes Wears Many Hats at GES

by Jim Link

Veteran teacher Andrew Karnes is enjoying his first year at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) in the newly created position of Instructional Lead Teacher (ILT).

"I wear many hats (as ILT)," says Karnes. In addition to teaching 5th grade Language Arts, Karnes is the Teaching Coordinator and TAG Coordinator (Talented and Gifted) at GES. He and his "excellent co-teachers" Brittany Moylan and Theresa Wehrman teach reading strategies and expository prose to the 5th graders.

Before coming to GES, Karnes taught for five years at Whitehall Elementary School in Bowie and for five years more in Anne Arundel County before coming to Prince George's.

Teaching seems to be in Karnes' DNA. Both his parents were in the military and both taught high school in the county – Matthew at Duvall High and Brenda at Surrattsville High. His mom was instrumental in starting the TAG program in 1974.

Karnes' biggest thrill in teaching is "to see kids having fun in school while they're working – they don't even realize they're learning."

This tactic is somewhat similar to the Socratic Method, in which the teacher through a series of questions leads students to correct conclusions without giving them the answers. He elicits information and teaches skills which students were unaware they already possessed. Teaching a Socratic Seminar in Anne Arundel County helped him refine this tactic.

Relaxed in manner, precise in speech, Karnes tells me he intends to become an elementary school or middle school administrator.

He likes to involve his students in "philanthropy and community activism." They have written their state senators and planted school gardens. "Once they started a school-based business to raise money to buy the microphones needed to narrate the movies they were creating."

Although he is married with two sons, 9 and 11, Karnes finds time to coach a variety of sports and take cultural trips overseas.



Andrew Karnes

He is the Lacrosse Commissioner for the Bowie Boys and Girls Club, coaches boys and girls lacrosse for 9- and 12-year-olds, coaches county baseball for 9-year-olds – "the U-10's – the under 10-year-olds." Over the years he has "taken kids from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties to Australia, Switzerland, Germany and Holland."

This busy, capable, ambitious, athletic – yes, handsome – 35ish man seems invincibly cheerful.

"Does anything about your profession annoy you?" I asked.

"Well," Karnes answers carefully, "we've had no step increase (a raise) in two or three years . . . I'm curious to see if the new money from the casino gambling will actually find its way into the classroom. We deserve it."

"You're not cynical about the educational system? Never nihilistic?" I asked, smiling.

Karnes, deadpan: "I've got an upbeat personality. I'm optimistic. I love this school. There's a great community here. The PTA is phenomenal. Karen Yoho is the president. My fellow teachers were very welcoming to me and Monica Gaines (the GES principal) is a great role model for me – somebody I can really learn from as an aspiring administrator myself."

An avid fan of Washington's Redskins and Capitals, Baltimore's Orioles and Maryland's Terrapins, this upbeat man was taking his family for the first time to one of America's most cheerful places this Thanksgiving – Disney World.



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Flanking Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles (center), this year's Recycle Right award winners, selected in honor of America Recycles Day, are (front row, from left): Suzette Agans, Nancy Sharpe, Stephen Isler and Carol Griffith (absent is Sheila Maffay-Tuthill). Back row (from left): City Councilmembers Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts and Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan. Recognized at the November 26 city council meeting, the winners received special city recycling bins and prizes from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, M.O.M.'s Organic Market and the College Park REI.

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learned. After graduating from Hunter College, she realized that "I love science and the parks in Brooklyn; I fell in love with nature and I love people. But I get bored being cooped up in a cubicle with a computer."

Brown researched Greenbelt before moving here this past summer. "I aggressively sought out Greenbelt and the school here (Greenbelt Elementary). It's a very open community, very welcoming; people say 'hi' to you – even strangers – that's so different from New York City and Washington, D.C."

"And Greenbelt is friendly to the environment, of course."

### Unorthodox

Before applying for the job at Greenbelt, she contacted the school, an unorthodox move. "I'm a go-getter," Brown explained. "I knocked on the door here, talked to (Principal) Monica Gaines. I'm really glad I did; I'm very happy here."

Brown's fiancé Jason got a job with AI Solutions (Artificial Intelligence), a contractor for NASA in Greenbelt and she and Jason moved into Boxwood Village on Lastner Lane in July. Her commute to school is an invigorating 20-minute walk.

Giving off a slight vibe of excitedness, Brown couldn't contain herself: "He popped the question two weeks ago!"

Intrepid Reporter: "On bended knee?"

Brown, ebullient: "At Lake Artemisia. Very romantic."

She waved a diamond at me, not quite as big as the Ritz but quite dazzling.

"It's a classic cut," she said simply.

Like many teachers, Brown is thrilled "when I see students progress, when they start to get it – all those rough days are worth it – it's a kind of tough love." She says her "students want to go out and pick leaves, identify them – they are genuinely curious. And bugs too! They are charmers."

Intrepid Reporter: "The students or the bugs?"

Brown: Silence. With a steely gaze, slight eyeball roll, faint smile.

### Student Contracts

Just before chatting with me Brown had had a parent-teacher-student conference.

Me: "Is he a problem student? Any friction with Mom?"

Brown: "No. He has dysgraphia and is easily distracted from classroom writing assignments." Behavior which is often called disruptive is prevented by concocting a "student contract which best serves the student," she explained.

In a nutshell, teacher and mother, who are on the same page, explain to the child what they would like to see him do, what he should change in his behavior. The child has a fair amount of control over his fate because he gets to "dream his own rewards" for his good/changed behavior.

But he also "dreams the consequences" – punishment is a distasteful word – of breaking his contract. So he writes his own script, so to speak, isn't being bossed around by two authority figures, is invested in taking responsibility for his own action

Ideally, at least . . .

Asked what frustrates her most about teaching, Brown blurted, "The pay! Or lack thereof." She dilated: "We work so hard but we don't get the status that teachers get in other countries. We don't have the clout or perhaps the respect that they get."

"Doing so much paper-correcting every day" irritates her also but "the custodians cheer me on when they see me working late. They're great! They keep me goin' . . ."

Neither complaining nor celebrating, Brown ended the interview musing philosophically. "We have the future in our hands. Teachers have the opportunity to inspire students to become the doctors, the lawyers of the future. It's a precious opportunity that we shouldn't waste."

## Woodwind Quintet Gives Free Concert

SIREN, the University of Maryland's graduate fellowship woodwind quintet, will perform a free concert of its members' favorite woodwind works on Wednesday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on campus.

Titled "Favorite Reflections," the program will include Harbison's "Quintet for Winds," Francaix's "Quintette No. 2," and a rarely-heard chamber arrangement of "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" with faculty soprano Linda Mabbs. Each work is a reflection on a critical moment in life: a young man looking ahead to the rest of his career, a man nearing the end of his life and reflecting on his past and a man contemplating a life-changing moment.

Seating will be first-come, first-served beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

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There is a nominal fee for this event. Saturday is Public Safety Employee and Active Military Night; police, EMTs, fire fighters and active military get in free.

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