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## Amendments to Proposed Sector Plan by County Accepted by City

by Thomas X. White

At its worksession on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, the Prince George's County Council sitting as the District Council for zoning purposes unanimously approved an amended Preliminary Greenbelt Area and Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment (Sector Plan). The Plan was amended in response to a January 29 letter from the City of Greenbelt that outlined a number of clarifications that, if made part of the proposed Sector Plan, would satisfy Greenbelt's concerns.

The city now believes that the changes to the Sector Plan reflect substantive responses to many of the comments and concerns expressed in Greenbelt's October 12, 2012, letter to the County Council and the Planning Board.

The letter discussed five clarifications or conditions that would gain the city's support if made part of a Revised Sector Plan.

### Conceptual Site Plan

The first was a Conceptual Site Plan or equivalent review

requirement for mixed use developments. The Sector Plan had recommended that Greenbelt Station North Core, Franklin Park, Greenway Center/Maryland Trade Center and Beltway Plaza be designated for mixed use development or redevelopment. Greenbelt urged that the Sector Plan be revised to retain the requirement for a Conceptual Site Plan or similar strategy to ensure that mixed-use developments reflect a "well-planned, coordinated and balanced concept for new development/redevelopment/in-fill development."

"The flexibility afforded through the use of a mixed use zone should be balanced with a committed vision for the entire property," the Greenbelt position held. This condition was critical to Greenbelt's ultimate support of the Revised Sector Plan.

### Interchange

The second condition related to the proposed diverging diamond interchange for Md. Rt. 193 at the Kenilworth Avenue

intersection. The city requested that language in the Sector Plan be modified to recognize that while a diverging diamond may be an appropriate alternative to improve the safety and operation of the interchange, the safety, operational and connectivity functions of the intersection should first be studied to determine any necessary design modifications.

### Housing, Build-out

The third area of concern involved housing projections and a build-out analysis. The city recommended that where the Sector Plan discusses existing, base-line, high office and mixed-use/balanced growth scenarios, a breakdown of housing units or households should be provided.

### North-South Connector

The Greenbelt Station Parkway, also called the North-South Connector Road, is projected to go through the North Core of Greenbelt Station. Although various development plans for Greenbelt Station have shown the alignment of the North-South Connector Road in an easterly, westerly or a central alignment, the Sector Plan endorsed an easterly alignment.

Greenbelt believes that the ultimate alignment will most appropriately be determined during the conceptual or detailed site planning phase for the North Core and recommended that such language be included in the plan.

### Coordination

The city believes that the impact of future development on municipal services and facilities requires that planners need to coordinate with affected municipalities. City planners believe that in the past they have largely been excluded from the county's long-range planning process.

In Greenbelt's case, the city provides full-services and

See **SECTOR PLAN**, page 7

## BARC Clean-up of Low Level Radiation Is in the Works

by Thomas X. White

At the City of College Park's invitation, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) presented its plan for the clean-up of a Low-Level Radiation Burial Site (LLRBS) near Cherry Hill Road at the Four Cities Coalition meeting on January 30 in College Park. City officials from Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton attended.

BARC described its efforts to decommission the now-inactive landfill which was used from the late 1940s to the mid-1980s for disposal of low-level radioactive wastes generated by BARC laboratories. The nearly 30,000 square foot site contains 50 deep trenches, each six feet apart.

BARC's slide presentation described the site and removal plans, which have been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Environmental Protection Agency. The buried waste includes glass vials, metal and plastic objects that had been in contact with radioactive laboratory materials. The actual radioisotopes in the buried waste include Carbon-14, Hydrogen-3 (Tritium), Cesium-137 and Radium-226.

These isotopes, often used in laboratory research procedures, emit only very low-energy radiation. Other radioactive waste reported to be included in the burial site are short lived and probably no longer radioactive,

such as radioactive forms of phosphorus and polonium.

The site is located near Cherry Hill Road, just north of I-495 (westbound) and east of I-95 (northbound) and it is surrounded by a chain link fence. BARC representatives stress that the site poses no threat to the health or environment of BARC's neighbors.

### Decommissioning

The decommissioning plan for the site is planned to begin in April and continue for about six months. Elaborate safety procedures and monitoring will be applied for the site, its surroundings and site workers.

Excavated materials will be sealed in special containers and loaded onto trucks for transport to an NRC-licensed disposal facility in Utah. About six truck shipments per week are expected during normal business hours for about four months.

BARC officials indicated that the preferred route from the site goes directly to I-495 but noted trucks may sometimes be routed on Cherry Hill Road to Route 1. College Park officials requested that the city be given 24 hours' notice in those cases and BARC officials agreed.

Further information on the LLRBS site can be found at [www.ars.usda.gov/llrbs](http://www.ars.usda.gov/llrbs) or by contacting ARS Information Staffer Kim Kaplan at 301-504-1637, [Kim.Kaplan@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Kim.Kaplan@ars.usda.gov).

## Black History Month

Last Friday marked the beginning of Black History Month. The observance celebrates the achievements of African Americans and is a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of residents of African descent living in Greenbelt. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

## Haitian-born Greenbelter Loves Coaching Youths

by Jim Link

So much about Louis Saint-Felix seems exotic, yet he is thoroughly American. This French Haitian was born in Port-au-Prince in 1965, came to America in 1980, learned English, became an American citizen, graduated high school in Montgomery County, has a master's degree, is married with four children, lives in the Franklin Park section of Greenbelt and coaches the track team of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club – a virtual poster child of immigrant success.

Chatting in the Greenbelt Youth Center the day after President Obama was re-inaugurated on Martin Luther King's holiday, the smiling Saint-Felix shared his unusual life's trajectory.

After high school he attended Montgomery College in Rockville, eventually got a master's degree in technical management and business administration, a dual degree, from the University of Maryland University College and now works at Martin-Gruman Corporation as a systems



Louis Saint-Felix

analyst in Linthicum. As a kid in boarding school in Haiti, Saint-Felix had no opportunity to run track or play soccer but excelled in both at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School (BCC). "Ah! The Bethesda Barons!" he beams.

Saint-Felix ran the 400m and See **SAINT-FELIX**, page 9

## Council Considers Reports, Reports and More Reports

by Kathleen Gallagher

There's nothing like curling up on a cold winter night with a pile of good reports. Or so the members of the Greenbelt City Council, all of whom were present, must have been hoping at their meeting on January 28. Other agenda items were a briefing on the upcoming revision of the county 2002 General Plan, proposed actions on designs for new bus shelters and a contract for grounds maintenance.

Another significant action item was consideration of the recommendations of city planning staff on the terms of a letter to be sent to the Prince George's County District Council spelling out the city's remaining objections to the Draft Greenbelt Metro Area and Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment. That item, as well as council action on a report on grant recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), will be reported in separate stories.

### General Plan

Kierre McCune, project manager for Plan Prince George's 2035 for the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), discussed this planning project to replace the 2002 Prince George's County General Plan. State law requires that the county evaluate the General Plan after each decennial census. This process began in 2011.

McCune explained that the General Plan in essence is a blueprint for the physical development of the county. It looks broadly at how the county should continue to grow both as a community and as part of the greater Washington region. Unlike sector and master plans, the General Plan does not make property-specific land use designations or zoning changes. He said that staff intends to build as closely

See **COUNCIL**, page 12

## What Goes On

**Saturday, February 9**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-Off, Parking Lot between City Office and Community Center

**Monday, February 11**

**8 p.m.**, City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, February 13**  
**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Greenbelt Station South Core, Community Center

**Friday, February 15**

**1 to 4 p.m.**, Kids Fit Day, Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gym



# Letters

## KUDOS!

One of the most rewarding events I've been to in Greenbelt took place on Saturday at the Baptist Church.

An international gathering was welcomed by Rev. Mike Christ to celebrate the visit of Rev. Megumi Enomoto. He had stopped to visit our town on his way from Japan to Brazil.

Group singing of hymns in Japanese and English, accompanied by guitar and piano preceded an inspirational talk by the visiting Ashram pastor. The animated translator also secured everyone's attention. People lingered long afterward to learn more about the Ashram Center and about each other.

Congratulations to Kyoko and Ian Hillman for bringing the forum and to the church for extending its warm welcome.

Patricia Novinski

## Park Transit Plan Comments Sought

Greenbelt Park and the Federal Highway Administration have announced a Roadway and Drainage Improvements Environmental Assessment Plan for Greenbelt Park with public comments due on or before February 18. The document analyzes potential impacts of proposed transportation-related improvements in the park. The project's purpose is to improve safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians using park roads and to improve visitor experience while minimizing impacts to natural resources within the park. Existing transportation-related facilities, including roadways, parking lots and drainage structures, have deteriorated and are approaching the end of their service lives and could become unsafe.

The document examines a No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and two action alternatives: Alternatives B and C. Alternative B would include resurfacing the roadways and parking lots, replacing guardrails and replacing the dual culverts at Still Creek with new culverts. Alternative C would remove the culverts and construct a new bridge over Still Creek in addition to implementing Alternative B actions. Alternative C also would add rehabilitation of roadways, parking lots, guardrails and drainage structures along the main entrance road, Park Central, Sweetgum Picnic Loop roads, Laurel Picnic Area, as well as to the Holly Picnic parking and Dogwood Nature Trail parking lots. These would be temporary road closures and detours.

To review and comment on the document, visit the website of the National Park Service Planning and Public Comment (PEPC at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/greenbeltea>). Copies of the document are available at Greenbelt Park Headquarters, 6565 Greenbelt Road. All comments are due on or before February 18.

## Greenbelt Post 136 Holds Blood Drive

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Monday, February 18 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, a driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Mowatt Offers Pancake Supper, Film Tues.

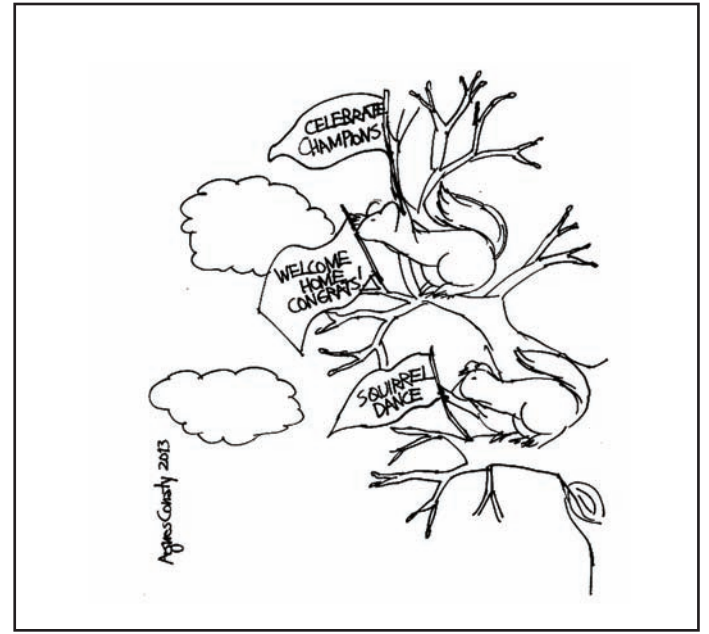
Tuesday, February 12, Shrove Tuesday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. there will be a pre-Lenten pancake supper at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, followed at 7 p.m. by a showing of the movie "The Way" starring Martin Sheen, who tries to reconnect with his son by walking the Camino Del Santiago.

The Camino Del Santiago, also known as the Path of St. James, is in Spain and has been used by millions of spiritual pilgrims. There is no admission for these events.

"The Way" is the lead-in for a six-week study on Adam Hamilton's book, "The Way, Following Jesus' Footsteps," to be held each Tuesday during Lent from 7 to 8:45 p.m. It will include a DVD viewing, book study and discussion.

The study is open to all wishing to examine the ministry of Jesus spiritually and archeologically. For more information call Doug Mangum at 301-474-7874 or the church at 301-474-9410.

## Grin Belt



"I see purple and black all over!"

## Bob Auerbach Memorial Service

Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. there will be a memorial service at Adelphi Friends Meeting, 2302 Metzert Road, Adelphi for Bob Auerbach, who died December 12, 2012.

For directions visit <http://adelphifriends.org/Directions/index.html>.

## Correction

We gave the wrong date for the Thursday, February 7 announcement of a county police talk on scams and safety for seniors in the announcement in last week's Community Events page 3 notice. To our dismay and that of Greenbelt Baptist Church, the hosting location, nearly nobody will see this correction in time for the 1 p.m. presentation. Even worse is that it is the second week in a row we've caused errors in Greenbelt Baptist Church submissions. Our deep and embarrassed apologies to them and all our readers!

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Deadline for submission Feb. 11

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### SATURDAY

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### SUNDAY

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

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

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



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# Community Events

## At the Library

### Bookids

Tuesday, February 12, 4 p.m.: The monthly Bookids program of fun with books, poetry and word games will discuss "Smile" by Raina Telgemeier. From sixth through tenth grades Raina copes with a variety of dental problems affecting her appearance and how she feels about herself. Pick up the book from the information desk.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m.: African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on the African Diaspora and the Ancient African Empires, a survey of renowned splendor of the bygone kingdoms and empires of Old Africa.

### 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, February 13, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, February 14, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## Computer Club To Meet Feb. 14

On Thursday, February 14 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 welcome.

## GHI Notes

Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board – Board Room

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

Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, February 15, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011.

Monday, February 18, Office Closed in Observance of President's Day. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open to all.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It's income tax time and the speaker on February 13 will be Tom Moran, who will inform us of major changes in the rules and answer questions.

AARP is sponsoring the free processing of returns again this year. Call GIVES here in Greenbelt at 301-507-6580 to make an appointment. Call soon, as this is a very busy time.

Those who didn't make it to the sing-along at the last club meeting missed a really great time. Many thanks to Chris Cherry and Steve Brodd for helping us celebrate 2013. We are told to make a joyous noise and music brings joy to our hearts and souls.

Cheer up and keep singing!

## Explore Hearing, Deaf Worlds on Feb. 15

On Friday, February 15 at 1 p.m., the Explorations Unlimited presentation will be by Olga Robinson on living with deafness in the deaf and hearing worlds.

Robinson has lived with deafness since birth and has been exposed to both hearing and deaf cultures. She will share her own experiences based on how she dealt with it, found her identity, has educated people about deafness and survived in both worlds. The presentation is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the role deafness can play in one's life and communication abilities.

Robinson received an AA degree from NTID in applied art and computer graphics in 1994 and graduated in 2008 with a BS degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Since 2008 she has worked part-time for the Greenbelt Recreation Department as a therapeutic recreation assistant. During summer, she provides therapeutic recreation services to city summer camps. She says she enjoys her summer job because of the challenges of working with children with disabilities.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114, the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Explore Hypnosis On Friday, Feb. 8

At 1 p.m. next Friday, February 8 Explorations Unlimited's focus will be on hypnosis, with a presentation by Erick Lundin.

The presentation will cover how the mind works, three myths about hypnosis, how making change is not a matter of willpower and four mental attitudes. Lundin, a nurse for 33 years in emergency rooms, ICUs and recovery rooms, also worked as chief nurse at a federal prison hospital. He discovered after retirement that hypnosis could accomplish remarkable things quickly and without medication, training at Omni Hypnosis Training Center to become a certified hypno-therapist, then an instructor certified by the National Guild of Hypnotists. He now practices at College Park Hypnosis Center, established in October 2011.

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For more information call 301-397-2208

### Own a Piece of Greenbelt History

Padded seat, metal folding chairs. You sat on them for Mowatt's spaghetti dinners, pancake suppers, Scouts and other events. \$5 each, \$45 for 10, \$200 for 50 or \$350 for 100 chairs. You must take away. To arrange pick-up call Betty, 301-577-4673.

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## A Valentine's Day Gift

Friday, February 15th, 7:30 pm  
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to

Two Sweethearts who have given much to Greenbelt  
Photographer Eric Zhang and  
Former Delegate Justin Ross

For more information,  
call (301) 220-1025 or (301) 552-0042

More Community Events are on pages 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12.

## Honky Tonk Dance!

Two bands: Arty Hill & the Long Gone Daddys  
Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch & Twang  
(Pat Stephens with The Hall Brothers)

Saturday, February 16 • 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

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Open to the public. \$10 admission. Food and drink available for purchase. Doors open 7:00 p.m. Free two-step dance lesson 7:30 – 8:00!




## Valentine's Day at the New Deal Cafe!

Special Valentine's Buffet (\$30) from 6-9  
(or order from the regular menu)

Pianist David Gardner from 6-7!  
Transatlantic Crossing plays fiddle tunes from 7-9!

[www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com)  
Reservations recommended @ 301.474.5642



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes, sausage, scalloped  
Apples and a good time.

A Free Will Offering will be donated to  
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## Greenbelt Arts Center



### COMING SOON SUPERIOR DONUTS

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and March 16  
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Ticket prices:  
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### WEEK OF FEB. 8

**FRI. – SAT. – TUE.**

Identity Thief, R (!)  
11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:40  
Side Effects, R (!)  
11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50  
Bullet to the Head, R (!)  
11, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05  
Warm Bodies, R (!)  
11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55  
Hansel and Gretel, in 2D, R  
11:05  
Hansel and Gretel, in 3D, R  
1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 10  
Mama, PG-13  
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45  
Haunted House, R  
11:10, 5:25, 7:35, 10  
Django, R  
11:50, 3:55, 7:25  
Rise of the Guardians, PG  
1:10, 3:20

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**EARLY RELEASE SHOWINGS:**  
WED., 10 P.M. ONLY:  
Good Day to Die Hard, R (!),  
Beautiful Creatures, PG-13 (!)  
Safe Haven, PG-13 (!)

**THURS.**

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Beautiful Creatures, PG-13 (!)  
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Warm Bodies, R (!)  
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Django, R  
11:50, 3:55, 7:25



# Obituaries

## Eleanor H. Ritchie

Former longtime resident, Cooperator editor and realtor Eleanor Harlee Ritchie, 90, died peacefully January 28, 2013, at Westford House in Westford, Mass. She was also a founder of Rapidan Camp, a Greenbelt cooperative in the Blue Ridge mountains.



She was born September 6, 1922, in Atlanta, Ga., the daughter of late Andrew Charles Harlee, Jr. and Nell (Summerall) Harlee.

Mrs. Ritchie was a career woman at a time when it was rare to be one. She graduated from Girls High School in Atlanta, Ga., and the College of Charleston, S.C. She studied at George Washington University and attended Washington College of Law before she received both a bachelor and master of arts degree from the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Ritchie worked for the Department of Justice and the Labor Press. She was a secretary to U.S. Representative Donald H. Magnuson, D-Washington. She was a writer and editor at Goddard Space Flight Center and NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., retiring in 1986. In retirement, she worked as a realtor for Greenbelt Homes.

She was an active member of the Maryland State Democrats and the Gray Panthers, as well as a longtime member at St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville.

Mrs. Ritchie was a world traveler and a voracious reader who loved to work crossword puzzles and visit with her family.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother William Charles Harlee and her former husband Thomas Boyd Ritchie.

Mrs. Ritchie is survived by two sons, III (formerly known as Thomas B. Ritchie 3rd) and his partner Ainsley Nies of Pacifica, Calif., and Donald S. Ritchie and his wife Elaine (Kokernak) of Harvard, Mass.; four grandchildren, Karyn J. Brundige and her husband Robert T. Brundige of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., Christine E. Ritchie of Baltimore, Kevin T. Ritchie and his wife Shirley of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., and Kenneth A. Ritchie and his wife Tammy of Longmeadow, Mass.; and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service is being planned by the family for a later date.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be made to Chesapeake Bay Foundation, The Philip Merrill Environmental Center, 6 Hurdon Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403, 410.268.8816, www.cbf.org, a charity of the donor's choice or by enjoying a plate of fried oysters in her memory.

## Nicholas J. Pergola

Former Greenbelter Nicholas J. Pergola, 94, died on February 3, 2013, in Fairfax Nursing Home in Fairfax, Va..

A former UPI-White House photographer, Mr. Pergola on his off hours photographed scenes of daily life in Greenbelt; many were published in this newspaper. He was interested in and photographed many seniors including those of the Golden Age Club, the Richard Castaldi campaign, the Cipriano float in the Labor Day parade and So Others May Eat (S.O.M.E.).

He was a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church where he served as an usher and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He belonged to the original Democratic Club of Greenbelt, was an honorary member of the Greenbelt Fire Department; and photographed the Greenbelt Pool and swim classes.

He won a prize for a photo of Richard Nixon in the early 70s. A number of his photos were published in the 50th anniversary Greenbelt book.

He was predeceased by his wife Vita A. (Puccio) Pergola.

His survivors include sons Robert P. (Peggy), Thomas A. (Karolyn) and Dennis (Katherine) Pergola; grandchildren Angela M. Weiland, Thomas A. Pergola II, Cynthia Jefferson and Theresa Burrage-Cobb; great grandchildren Faith D. Weiland, Aryn, Jordan, Lauren and Cameron Burrage-Cobb, Mitchel, Nicole and Amber Jefferson.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, February 7, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to S.O.M.E. Arrangements by Borgwardt Funeral Home.



PHOTO BY NICHOLAS PERGOLA

April 11, 1962, Co-op store fire. Photo appeared in the April 16, 1962 issue, reused November 15, 2012, 75th Anniversary issue.

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**Rev. Diane Teichert**  
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We, verily, have made music as a ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not, therefore, as wings to self and passion. (Baha'u'llah)

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 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)

**ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE 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**

**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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 101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 (301)474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Worship Service **February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 11:00am "How Quiet Trust Results in Bold Action"

*All Welcome* **February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 "The Former Beauty Restored"

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 "Opposition to God's Work"

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10 a.m.**

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*

Services  
 • Sundays  
 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
 10 a.m. main service  
 (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays  
 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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

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

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 Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School, Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
 Informal Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
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**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
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Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
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 Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
 Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
 Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building  
 ALL ARE WELCOME.





The News Review staff is saddened by the death of Eleanor Harlee Ritchie, an early editor of the paper (then known as the Cooperator) and friend of many of the present staff. She died in Massachusetts on January 28, 2013 at the age of 90. We offer sympathy to her family and friends.

We were sorry to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelter Nick Pergola, 94, on February 3, 2013. In the early years of Greenbelt, he took many of the photographs now so valuable in preserving the city's 75-year-old history.

Condolences to the family and friends of Catherine M. Brady, 93, of College Park, who died January 29, 2013. She and her husband Robert J. Brady moved to Greenbelt in the early 1940s and were founding members of St. Hugh's church and school.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ruth Wolfe Hebb of Beaufort, S.C. on January 18, 2013. She was the youngest sister (born 1941) of the late Greenbelt pioneer Donnie Wolfe. Sympathy to the surviving sisters, Dolores Clift and Grace Miller of Melbourne, Fla. and Esther Stepahin of Spotsylvania, Va.

Condolences also to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Stephen DeCoste of Annapolis, who died January 18, 2013. He also was born in 1941 and attended High Point High School before joining the Navy.

**Congratulations to:**

– Air Force Airman Malcolm D. Howard, who has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Howard, a 2008 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, is the son of Gregory and Karla Howard of Bowie.



– Twin brothers Matthew and James Gardiner, 2002 graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who both have been nominated for Helen Hayes awards. Matthew was nominated as "Outstanding Director, Resident Musical" for directing "Dreamgirls" at Signature Theatre. James' nomination was in the category "Outstanding Lead Actor, Resident Musical" for his performance as Seymour in Olney Theatre's production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Both young men were outstanding in earlier years in musical productions at ERHS and in the Maryland Boy Choir under the direction of Greenbelt native Joan McFarland.

The Helen Hayes Award ceremony will be held April 8 at the Warner Theatre.

– Kenneth Silberman who was appointed an assistant aerospace education officer for the Bowie Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol on January 14. He graduated January 27 from Civil Air Patrol Squadron Leadership School, which we announced but with a typo in his name in last week's paper.

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. 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



# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, February 11, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations
  - Robin Shell, Coordinator of the Office of Constituent Services - Prince George's County Public Schools
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Reorganization of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Departments
- Update on Volunteer Partnership with Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS)
- State Legislation
- Other Reports
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

**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.

**CHRONIC ILLNESS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT**

Tips and Tricks for Taking the Lead in Managing Your Chronic Illness. This education and support group will meet for 6 sessions between February 28 and April 11. The group will meet in Green Ridge House's community room on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Participation is free but space is limited, participants must call Greenbelt CARES (301) 345- 6660 to register by February 25.



**Help CIRCULATE the LOVE by GIVING BLOOD!**

Friday, February 22, 2013  
 Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201  
 12:30pm-6:00pm

Slots available: 1:30pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 2:45pm, 4:15pm, 4:30pm, 4:45pm, 5:00pm and 5:45pm

To schedule an appointment, either contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**What's new at Greenbelt CityLink?**  
**City Events, Meetings, the New Camp Brochure, contribution/recognition group information and much more!**

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and stay informed.



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**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 & Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers  
 Saturday, February 9, 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.

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11-15**

Monday, February 11 at 8:00 pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Center, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

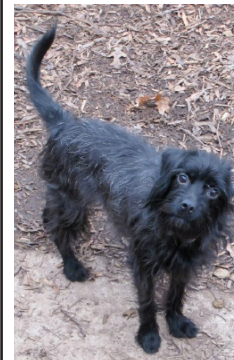
Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 pm **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114 On the Agenda: Q & A with State Highway Administration representative Shaneka Owens, Update on Bus Stop Accessibility Study: Volunteer training on Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, City Council Room, APB Report 12-07: Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.

Wednesday, February 13 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: GREENBELT STATION SOUTH CORE** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)



**Little Kim was found running at large. She is a sweet girl who loves attention. We believe she is around 2 years old.**

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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING CITY BUS STOPS**

The City, through a grant from the Council of Governments, is working with a consulting firm to evaluate the safety and accessibility of the City's bus stops. The City is looking for interested persons to assist in conducting the surveys. All volunteers will be required to attend a mandatory training session, and given the tools and knowledge necessary to complete the surveys. The number and location of bus stops assigned will be determined based on the volunteer's availability and interest. If you are interested in volunteering and/or have questions please email Terri Hruby, Assistant Planning Director at [thruby@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thruby@greenbeltmd.gov) or by phone at 301-474-0569.

**Mandatory Training Session**

Saturday, February 16th from 10am to Noon at the Greenbelt Municipal Building (25 Crescent Road) in the City Council Room on the 2nd floor

**KIDS FIT DAY**

Friday, February 15, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gym

GET ACTIVE! Join family and friends for an afternoon of fitness activities that will get you moving.

Activities include inflatable orb racing, hot shot drills, jump rope endurance, hula hoop dance challenges and much more! Greenbelt, an official Let's Move! City, developed this program to help campaign against childhood obesity.

Info: 301-397-2212

**SNEAKER BALL**

Ages 12-16

Saturday, February 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
 Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Come out and enjoy some fun, music, dancing and more with your friends at Springhill Lake's Sneaker Ball (Formal Wear with sneakers)  
 Rec Card Holders are FREE

No Rec Card & Donated Sneakers: Half off Rec Card  
 No Rec Card or Sneakers: \$10 Rec Card

\*Shoes will be donated to a local shelter in need.





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# NEWS IN REVIEW

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February 7, 2013

## GHI Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, February 23

2-4 pm

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept.

125 Crescent Road



Members are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting with GHI's Board of Directors to discuss some of the big issues and challenges ahead.

## Make a Resolution to Bring Your Talents to a New GHI Committee

By Sue Ready, President

Recently the Board of Directors re-established two GHI committees and is currently seeking members to serve on them. Both committees offer fun ways to become involved (or more involved) in the activities of your cooperative.

The **Member Outreach Committee** is responsible for fostering a cooperative spirit, encouraging member participation in GHI, and providing avenues for member input.

The **Marketing Committee's** responsibilities are to promote the cooperative, to attract new members to the cooperative and to support members who are preparing to sell their memberships.

You can also be one of the volunteers who works on a specific committee task without serving on the core committee. We're happy to accept any level of commitment that you are able to make.

If one of these committees sounds like your "cup of tea," give me a call (301-345-1612) or shoot me an e-mail ([suready@verizon.net](mailto:suready@verizon.net)). I'll be happy to tell you more about these committees and/or sign you up. And recruit a friend to join you—it's more fun that way!

## GHI ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013 7:30 pm

The annual meeting is your time to find out what's happening in GHI's big picture and meet more of your neighbors. And of course, the big event is the election of GHI officers:

- The Board of Directors makes decisions and policies for GHI. They meet twice monthly on Thursday evenings, and also participate in work sessions, special projects, member complaint panels, and serve as liaisons to GHI committees and task forces. Board members serve for a two-year term. This year, five of the nine board positions are open.
- Three Audit Committee members serve a one year term, independently overseeing all aspects of the cooperative's operations, including management of GHI and actions of the Board. The Audit Committee reports its findings each year at the annual meeting. Members do not have to be legal or financial experts; common sense and knowledge of business ethics are all that is requested.
- The Nominations & Elections (N&E) Committee members serve a one year term, and identify candidates for the Board & Audit Committee, conducting fair and expeditious elections.

Any GHI member in good standing over the age of 21 is eligible for office. The candidate packet, with all the information you need for the election and how to run for office, is available either at GHI offices or online: [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop), search "candidate packet".

For more information, please contact:

- Henry Haslinger (chair) at [hdhaslinger@comcast.net](mailto:hdhaslinger@comcast.net);
- Paula Clinedinst at [cotteyterp@comcast.net](mailto:cotteyterp@comcast.net);
- Carol Griffith at [carolagrif@msn.com](mailto:carolagrif@msn.com);
- Mara Hemminger at [bigsky\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:bigsky_3@hotmail.com); or
- Sylvia Lewis at [revs.lew@verizon.net](mailto:revs.lew@verizon.net).

## WSSC Water Bills: Are You Being Billed for "Actual" or "Estimated" Usage?

Is your water meter being read by WSSC, or are you being billed for "estimated" usage? One GHI member brought to staff's attention that his meter had not been actually read since December 2009, due to WSSC's malfunctioning equipment.

Please take a moment when your WSSC bill arrives and make sure that under the section titled "Current Charges" that it says "Meter Readings (Actual Regular)." If it says "Estimated Regular" in that area, there is likely an "Important Message" in the blue column on the left side of your bill, explaining the estimation. An occasional estimated utility bill is normal, but if you find that your bills are consistently estimated, please contact Sheri Swaim at 301-474-4161 ext.148 so that staff can address this issue with WSSC.

## GHI Members:

### Certificate of Insurance Alert

Mortgage lenders require an updated "Certificate of Insurance" (proof of structure or hazard insurance) for their files every year.

If your mortgage lender has contacted you for this information, please either bring or fax (301-474-4006) a copy of their letter to GHI, **Attn: Finance Department**, or scan & email to: [dwise@ghi.coop](mailto:dwise@ghi.coop) and we will take care of it for you!

## Interested in a GHI home?

### Attend a Pre-Purchase Orientation

Saturday, February 9, 2013,  
11:00 am

or

Tuesday, February 19, 2013,  
7:00 pm

For more information,  
contact  
**Bruce Mangum**

**301-474-4161, ext. 146**  
[contractprocessing@ghi.coop](mailto:contractprocessing@ghi.coop)



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.

February			
Fri	1	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	4	7:30 pm	Skylights Task Force
Thu	7	7:00 pm	Board Work Session: Action Plan
Sat	9	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	11	7:30 pm	Nominations & Elections Committee
Wed	13	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	14	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Fri	15	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	18	--	OFFICES CLOSED-Presidents Day
Tue	19	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Tue	19	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	19	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	20	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu	21	6:45 pm	Investment Committee
Thu	21	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
Sat	23	2-4pm	Town Hall Meeting
Mon	25	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Tue	26	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Wed	27	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
Thu	28	7:30 pm	Board Meeting

### March

Fri	1	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sat	9	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation

(Dates are subject to change)

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

## GHI Board of Directors' Corner

- **Insurance Coverage Revisions:** The Board approved revisions to the "Insurance Coverage Policy for GHI Structures and Responsibility for Payment of Deductible." The changes can be seen on the website: [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop). Search "insurance coverage policy."
- **Pit Bull Regulations:** In response to recent court decisions, the Board recently updated the rules prohibiting pit bulls in GHI. Members will receive a new page for their green Member Handbooks inserted into the spring *Communicator*. The new rule can also be viewed online: <http://ghi.coop/content/xv-companion-animals>.

Copies of these are also available at the Administration Office.



**SECTOR PLAN** continued from page 1

associated facilities for its residents and businesses. Further, it provides recreational services and park facilities independent of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commissions (MNCPPC) jurisdiction, since Greenbelt is not part of the Metropolitan District.

To address this disconnect, Dr. Piret suggested that a discussion be included in the Sector Plan that describes services and facilities provided by Greenbelt and recommended that future development give consideration to these facility and service needs. The city agreed with Piret and recommended that a similar approach be used with all cities and towns in the county.

The city's recommended wording for the Sector Plan says: "The City of Greenbelt provides the following services to its resident and business citizens: police, recreation, parks, public works, trash collection, snow removal, street maintenance and animal control. In addition, the city is not included in the Metropolitan District, which makes Greenbelt one of three municipalities within Prince George's County to provide and maintain its own parks, recreation facilities and recreation department, outside of the MNCPPC jurisdiction."

**College Park**

The city's January 29 letter also noted differences between positions of the City of Greenbelt and College Park. Col-

lege Park had recommended that parking structures at Greenbelt Station be located adjacent to the Beltway. Greenbelt prefers, however, that such parking structures as are needed to serve the planned development at Greenbelt Station should be integrated unobtrusively into the development.

Another issue of difference between Greenbelt and College Park is related to a proposed overpass from the North College Park community to provide access to College Park residents who may wish to take advantage of commercial development proposed then for the South Core.

Greenbelt now believes changes in South Core development plans may obviate commercial development, making it no longer necessary to construct an overpass to the South Core.

The Greenbelt letter expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Prince George's Planning Department and Dr. Piret. With the acceptance of the modifications outlined in its letter, the city now believes the Sector Plan will reflect a future vision which protects and supports the legacy of Greenbelt while coordinating with the long-term growth of Prince George's County.

**Next Step**

Following the February 5 decision by the District Council to modify the Sector Plan, it will likely be placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting this month or next.

**First Trinity in D.C. Valentine's Concert**

In a repeat performance of their Paint Branch recital, Greenbelters Ingrid Cowan, soprano and tenor Ole Hass accompanied by Bowie pianist Susan Ricci, will present "Saints, Sinners and Sweethearts" on Valentine's Day weekend Saturday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. at First Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Washington, D.C. Greenbelter Steve Brodd is a church musician at First Trinity. Admission is free though donations are welcome.



First Trinity Lutheran is at 309 E Street, N.W., close to the Judiciary Square Metro station. Free parking is available nearby.

**Channel 4 Interviewed Reel & Meal Speakers**

The Reel & Meal January 28 film "Living for 32" included speakers after the showing who have been touched by gun violence - the mother of a Central High School student shot to death last September on the way to school and the president of the board of CeaseFire-Maryland whose FBI-agent brother was killed at D.C. police headquarters in 1994.

They were interviewed at the Reel & Meal program as part of a gun control program by NBC Channel 4. The video is online at <http://www.nbcwashington.com/video/#/news/local/Debating-Gun-Control/188814281>.

Valentine's Specials Feb. 8-17  
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 (301) 474-6502 (301) 474-3420  
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**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**  
 PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
 Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- M&T Bank's Request to Become an Approved Lender
- Yard Line Certifications: 14Z-Z3 Laurel Hill
- Revision Regarding GHI Rules for Landscaping
- ARC Review Re: Member Feedback on Proposed Rules Revision Regarding Staff Permit Review
- Review of Minutes for 2012 Annual Meeting
- Review Attorney's Opinion on Task Force Recommendation for Non-Smoking Units
- Finalize Agenda for Town Hall Meeting on February 23, 2013
- NCBA Proposed Action to Obtain FEMA Disaster Assistance for Co-ops
- Schedule Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation
- Proposed Revision of GHI Rules for Doors
- 2013 Gutter Cleaning Contract, 1st Reading
- Purchase of Vehicles, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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# Police Blotter

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## Arrests

January 26, 4:21 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A man assaulted another man and attempted to take his property. Police officers apprehended the robber, a 34-year-old nonresident man, but because the man who was robbed declined to press charges, the robber was not charged. However, during his apprehension he was found to be in possession of drugs and was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and intent to distribute marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and intent to distribute drug paraphernalia. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 28, 10:41 a.m., Crescent Road. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with two counts of fourth degree burglary and malicious destruction of property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 28, 8:18 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 44-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with armed robbery and first and second degree assault. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## DWI/DUI

January 27, 12:10 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Edmonston Terrace. A 50-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Drug Arrest

January 30, 1:53 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A 32-year-old Greenbelt man was

arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Burglary

January 24, 5:06 p.m., Crescent Road apartments. A bicycle was taken from a storage unit.

January 25, 9:12 a.m., Crescent Road apartments. A storage unit was broken into but nothing was taken.

January 25, 11:02 a.m., Crescent Road apartments. Tools were taken from a storage unit.

January 25, 12:34 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Electronics were taken.

January 25, 7:24 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Nothing was taken.

January 30, 12:11 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Electronics were taken.

January 30, 7:49 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. An attempted burglary occurred.

January 30, 8:21 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Electronics, currency and jewelry were taken.

## Vandalism

January 25, 12:36 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

January 27, 6:39 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. An apartment door was damaged by a person known to the person living in the apartment.

January 30, 3:35 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. The glass of a fire extinguisher case was broken.

## Vehicle Crime

A blue 1997 Ford Expedition with Md. tags was stolen from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway on January 28.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 400 block Ridge Road on January 28 in which a DVD player and an in-dash TV was taken from one car and two wheels were taken from another.

## 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:

Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or by internet when not sure who is receiving the information.

Do not use credit card numbers online except on secure sites.

Shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and other financial information.

Minimize identification information and the number of credit cards carried, taking only what will actually be needed when shopping.

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.

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## Dems Club to Fete Two Greenbelt Sweethearts

Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual "Sweetheart Night" at the Greenbriar Community Building and will honor former Delegate Justin Ross and Eric Zhang, known for his wonderful camera work recording Greenbelt's 75th anniversary events.

Ross served as one of Greenbelt's three state delegates from 2003 to 2012, worked diligently on education, election law reform, taxes and transportation but might be best known for courageous, advocacy for marriage equality.

Zhang provided Greenbelters with a frame-by-frame accounting of Greenbelt traditional events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, the Green Man Festival, the Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner and the Labor Day Festival. It will be an opportunity to meet the person behind the camera who gave all a glimpse as what makes Greenbelt an exciting place to live. Those attending will also enjoy delicious food afterward.

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## Craft Beer Corner "Man's Best Friend"

By Rob Goss

The old saying is that dogs are a man's best friend. It's also been said that a beer is a man best friend. So it's only natural that many of today's craft breweries have adopted their dogs as mascots and inspiration for packaging and even their next batch of beer.

A perfect case in point is Baying Hound Aleworks a Rockville based Nano-brewery. A Nano-brewery is a brewing operation defined by a less than 4 US beer barrel (470 Liters) brewing system. The name of the brewery doesn't come from just one dog, but several. Owner and head hound Paul Rinehart loves to tell the story of the dogs that have inspired the brewery name Marmalade, a rescued bloodhound in 2007, Bernie (a bloodhound mix) and the real bass, and Wimsey the brewery mascot and resident blogger. In fact their Lord Wimsey Mild Place Ale is one of their flagship brews. It tied for first place in the July 2012 "Best Of" issue and is available in 22oz bottles at several local retailers.

A little further west in Frederick, MD is one of the state's largest breweries Flying Dog Brewery. Originally from Colorado, Flying Dog moved to Frederick when they purchased Frederick Brewing company in 2006. This is one of my favorite breweries because of the quality of their beers but also because they push the envelope in terms of styles.

Where does the name Flying Dog come from? Though they don't use specific dog names on their beers, the art of Ralph Steadman enforces the dog theme. Flying Dog beers are available throughout the states at your favorite retailer. Check out their website [flyingdogales.com](http://flyingdogales.com) and [Bayinghoundsales.com](http://Bayinghoundsales.com) for brewery tour times and other events.

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# GCAN Legislative Agenda Draws Large, Engaged Crowd

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

The screech of metal chairs on linoleum filled the room as extra seats were added to accommodate the crowd at the first Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting of the new year. More than 30 people, many of them new to GCAN, gathered at the Community Center on Tuesday, January 22 to discuss the 2013 environmental agenda for the Maryland legislature.

Slides of frogs, families and farmers flashed across the screen as Dannielle Lipinski from the Maryland League of Conservation Voters explained that protecting water quality and the Chesapeake Bay will continue to be a top priority for environmental groups. Campaigns will include keeping closer tabs on pesticides through a reporting database, placing a fee on plastic and paper bags and passing a bottle bill deposit law. The groups will also be working to ensure proper funding and implementation for water quality measures passed last year.

Prospects look good for an offshore wind power bill that passed the Maryland House but has been stalled in the Senate. According to Lipinski, the project is “the only serious manufacturing program for Maryland” and will “look like a toothpick” some 10 to 12 miles off the coast of Ocean City. Tactics for advancing a solar energy bill were also discussed.

The audience had questions, comments or strategic suggestions on every issue, so Lipinski breezed through her presentation, noting, “You people really know this stuff.”

The liveliest discussion centered around the issue of fracking, a controversial drilling method used to extract natural gas from shale rock deep underground. Mayor Judith Davis opened the conversation with a report on the challenges she faced trying to pass “even a very watered down” fracking resolution through the National League of Cities. She warned her constituents that “the going will be tough” because Maryland’s diverse geography encompasses “the same differing interests and opinions” she had confronted at the national level.

Maryland Delegate Heather Mizeur, known in the halls of the statehouse as “the fracking woman,” had people on the edge of their seats as she described the political wrangling in Annapolis surrounding a fracking morato-

rium. She explained oil and gas industry tactics to “snooker landowners” into allowing fracking on their property with no protection for health, land or water.

She condemned a 2005 Dick Cheney and Halliburton scheme that exempted fracking from federal water protection laws. “We are the only state that sits on shale gas rock that isn’t already drilling,” said Mizeur.

### Water on Fire

She described other states as experiencing well water catching fire, increased seismic activity and livestock and horses dropping dead. She promised to continue leading the fight to keep a moratorium on fracking until health and environmental studies have been completed and fully analyzed. Senator Paul Pinsky is a lead cosponsor on a bill to legislate a moratorium.

“No studies, no fracking,” Mizeur said. Lawmakers close to the oil and gas industry have blocked funding for the studies but Governor Martin O’Malley’s new budget includes more than \$1.5 million to begin studying the issue. “Your sustained engagement is what will help us succeed,” Delegate Mizeur told the group.

As the crowd broke up, people signed petitions and postcards to their lawmakers and arranged carpooling to several upcoming rallies in Annapolis and Washington.

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800m races and was one of a quartet receiving and handing off the baton in the 1,600-meter relay race.

“Were you the anchor man?” “No. I was always injured (slightly). They didn’t trust me,” he smiled.

Not all of Saint-Felix’s children have inherited his racing DNA. His two older sons, graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), attend Frostburg University but don’t play organized sports. “They are athletic enough, I suppose, but simply don’t run track or belong to any school team.”

Daughter Genelle, 16, a junior at ERHS, though, is a sprinter for her track team. Dad began coaching her at age four, through her years at St. Michael’s Elementary School in Silver Spring.

And son Jerrell, 11, won the Greenbelt Boy Player of the Year award for his dad’s track team last year.

Coaching for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBBGC) as a volunteer gives Saint-Felix a tremendous sense of achievement. Part of his joy in watching his own kids and others improve under his tutelage is “because I never had that as a kid. My parents never saw any of my games at BCC. I make sure I see Jerrell and Genelle play.”

Explaining his teaching technique, Saint-Felix continues: “It’s very satisfying to take a kid and make him understand the

mechanics of running, understand exactly what it is he actually does. Stance, posture, pacing – it’s all very important.”

An example: “I sometimes get a girl, say, who wants to run a one lap (400m) race. Typically, she will try to sprint the whole way and is winded half way – all gassed out. I show her how to just jog quickly for the first half, then sprint the second half. If she keeps steady, she can keep going fast at the end.”

The GBBGC members, age 5 to 18, practice at ERHS and participate in approximately eight county meets at the Sports Learning Complex in Landover, near Fed Ex Field where the mighty Redskins play. Saint-Felix also coaches the county boys 12-Under basketball team.

Smiling expansively, Saint-Felix says, “It’s contagious. First you coach one kid, then another . . .”

As a Caribbean American, Saint-Felix’s American experience isn’t precisely congruent with those of African Americans, of course. Asked what he thinks of Black History Month, he says tentatively, “It’s an honor for African Americans to be recognized during February.” In responding to the mentioning of African American achievers, Saint-Felix said President Obama is “very intelligent (measured)” and that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was “a Superman and a martyr for his people.” Denzel Washington, Saint-Felix deadpanned, is a

“great actor.” He said athlete Muhammad Ali was the “greatest boxer”; Usain Bolt is a “superstar and the world’s fastest human.” Jackie Robinson “set the tone for integration in professional sports.”

“Have social conditions changed substantially since you came to the USA?”

“Oh yes, definitely, for the better. But I never experienced the turmoil of the 60s . . .”

“How do you like living in Greenbelt?”

“I love it! (That smile again.) Greenbelt has so much history. And the people are so nice.”

After the interview, Saint-Felix rejoined the parents, coaches and kids in the Greenbelt Youth Center gym. The “Celtics” were practicing against the “Spurs.” Boys and girls, black and white, playing together. Integrated. Warm.

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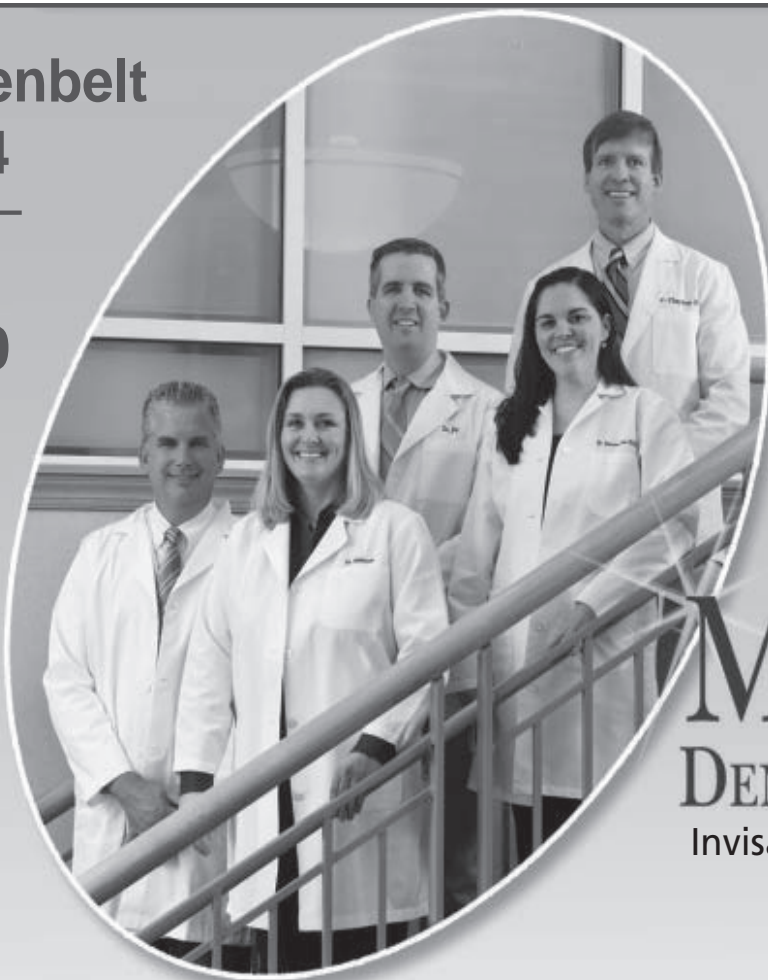
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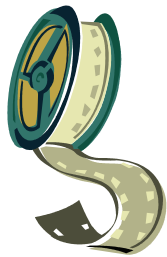



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**Busboys & Poets Hosts Plastic Bag Film Event**

On Sunday, February 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a Conversations in the Corridor program with an environmental film followed by a panel discussion at Busboys & Poets in Hyattsville.



Sponsored by Busboys & Poets, Conversations in the Corridor and The Big Bad Wolf, it is a fundraiser for Anacostia Watershed Society efforts to educate on the plastic bag issue. The program is free, but donations will be accepted.

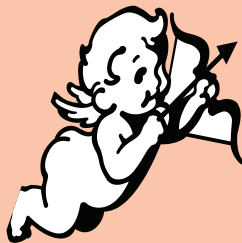
The often funny award-winning film "Bag It - Is Your Life Too Plastic?" features everyman Jeb Berrier who embarks on a global tour to unravel the complexities of the plastic world. Not an environmental radical, he's an average American looking at the cultural love affair with plastics; Americans discard 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes, many eventually reaching streams. The post-screening conversation includes state and local legislators as well as environmental group representatives.

Current legislation is pending in the county (PG 401-13) to impose fees for using disposable bags.

For more information contact event coordinator Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com.

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Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. the monthly meeting of Chapter 1122 Northern Prince George's County National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be held in the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Dr. John Kennedy, PADI, NAUI, whose presentation will be on "The Lost Pyramids of Rock Lake." The letters following his name stand for Professional Association of Diving Instructors and National Association of Underwater Instructors.

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as possible on recent county planning efforts, especially the extensive Envision Prince George's project and the more than 20 sector plans completed over the last decade, so that they will be ahead of the game in undertaking community outreach. The topics around which the plan will be organized include development patterns, infrastructures, economic development and housing, community character and quality of life.

McCune encouraged council and city residents to become involved. They will hold community meetings, stakeholder briefings and topic-specific forums. They hope to hold the first outreach meeting in April, be able to print the preliminary plan in September, hold a required joint public hearing in November and obtain final plan approval in March 2014.

Mayor Judith Davis said council would look forward to seeing the meeting schedule and Councilmember Edward Putens suggested that some of the outreach meetings be held in Greenbelt.

PlanPGC2035 is the link for the project to their website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

### Bus Shelters

In response to a request from the city council, drawings for designs for city bus shelters were prepared by staff for bus shelters of two sizes: one 10 feet wide, the other 16 feet. The wood shelters will have a pitched roof and tempered glass on three sides, be open on the front, and include a bench. The next shelter to be built will be on Crescent Road at Gardenway (Roosevelt Center) followed by Hunting Ridge on Hanover Parkway. Council unanimously approved the designs. The shelters will be custom-built by members of the Public Works Department.

### Grounds Contract

Bids ranging from \$34,560 to \$73,915 were received in response to a request for proposals for lawn mowing and landscaping services in various city locations. The city council approved on a 6 to 1 vote the second-lowest bid (\$36,252) from the incumbent vendor, Inside Out Services, LLC of Silver Spring. Unlike the low bid, Inside Out provided a one-year extension option and was also known to have provided good service for the last two years.

The dissenting vote was cast by Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who objected to outsourcing this kind of grounds work, saying it should be done by city employees. The mayor replied with a smile that she was sure no one would object to that if the council were willing to increase funding in next year's budget to hire the additional employees to do the work.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan expressed concern that the city's living wage policy does not apply to contracts under \$50,000. Other councilmembers agreed and asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to request this information from bidders regardless of the anticipated amount of the contract in order that it might be taken into account when the decision is made. The city adopted a living wage policy to cover its own employees and certain contracts in 2007. At the time, it was set up to be consistent with the policy of the State of Maryland.

### Visioning Report

On Saturday, November 17 the city held simultaneous Community Visioning Sessions at the Municipal Building, the Springhill

Lake Recreation Center and the Greenbriar Community Building to give residents of the major three parts of the city the opportunity to discuss their visions and priorities for the future of Greenbelt. An online survey was also available to residents unable to attend in person. Professional facilitators from Christine Becker Associates conducted the sessions and Christine Becker presented her report to council and reviewed the highlights.

Noting the low turnout (25 participants) and low level of survey response (15), Becker said that the responses necessarily are representative of themes and impressions rather than firm priorities or data that can be analyzed statistically. Not unexpectedly, Becker found that recurring themes on what residents value about Greenbelt involve its sense of community, walkability, accessibility and green space. There is a desire to connect the three parts of the city. The aging of Greenbelt was also found to be a growing concern: its population, infrastructure, housing stock and even its trees. Participants' identification of needs, challenges and priorities tended to revolve around these themes.

Councilmembers engaged in some brainstorming on the poor turnout. Becker's top suggestions were that people needed more lead-time and nurturing to invest them in the process.

Council will hold a worksession on Wednesday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in the Community Center to address the visioning report in greater detail.

### Anniversary Report

The 75th Anniversary Committee's final report was received at the last regular meeting and returned on tonight's agenda for formal action. The committee recommended in the report that surplus funds be distributed as grants among seven entities and that remaining merchandise be conveyed to the Greenbelt Museum for sale.

The city manager instead recommended that the funds remaining be returned to the city since, other than ticket sales for the Gala, the city was the largest source of funding and many of the suggested grantees already receive funding from the city via other mechanisms. He further recommended that, as had been done in similar situations, the surplus merchandise be conveyed to the museum with a partial credit to the city to be used for some items used by city government, such as statues. The council accepted the report with the city manager's revisions and with enthusiastic appreciation of all the committee had accomplished on a limited budget.

### Other Actions

Accepted on the council's consent agenda were two additional reports: one from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee on its annual September open forum and a final report from the Advisory Committee on Education on last year's small grants program for the public schools serving Greenbelt children.

Also on the consent agenda, the council reappointed three members of its advisory groups to new terms: Franklin Noll to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Eva Fallon to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Betty Timer to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

## Nursery School Open House Is February 23

Saturday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is this year's Greenbelt Nursery School annual Open House. It is the start of registration for the school year beginning September 2013. Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend, meet the director, teachers and parents, see the classrooms and get information about classes.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative in its 71st year of operation offering classes for children age 2, 3 and 4. Full day educational programs are available. It is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Greenbelt Nursery School is in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt public library.

For more information see the ad on page 2, visit [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org) or call 301-474-5570.

## February's Co-op Food Demos, Wine Tastings

During February the Co-op Supermarket will hold a variety of food demonstrations and wine tastings.

On Friday, February 8 and 22 there will be wine tastings from 4 to 7 p.m. and another from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27. A \$1 savings applies to wines tasted.

### Food Demos

Wednesday, February 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Co-op will share a few healthy sweet treats for participants and their Valentines from its natural foods department.

On February 27 a food demonstration featuring cruciferous vegetables will be held. Fare includes such tasty dishes as penne with cauliflower, bacon, sage and shaved brussels sprouts salad with clementines; and pomegranates, pine nuts and cheese. That is also Patron Appreciation Day with 5 percent savings for all shoppers.

## Little Red & Renegades Cajun, Zydeco, R&B

The New Deal Café 2013 Mardi Gras party Saturday, February 9 from 8 to 11 p.m. will feature the Zydeco, Cajun and New Orleans R&B of Little Red & the Renegades.

Little Red & the Renegades' music is an original, explosive mixture of zydeco and New Orleans street music, with steel pans providing an overlay of World Music. The group is popular in area club scene, arts, jazz and Louisiana expat communities and has appeared at a D.C. club with dancing hipsters, a Zydeco dance at Glen Echo Park, a Mt. Pleasant block party and the Smithsonian.



## Kids' Clean Air Poster Contest

Clean Air Partners, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, has announced a March 15 postmark deadline for its fifth annual poster contest for students in grades 4 to 8. Students are invited to submit an original creative poster that illustrates solutions to air pollution and climate change that inspires people to take action to improve our region's air quality.

Some examples of poster topics include health effects of air pollution; the air quality index as an educational tool; alternative transportation, such as biking to work and teleworking; and alternatives to fossil fuels to reduce air pollution.

Entries will be judged in two categories: grades 4 to 6 and grades 7 and 8. Home-schooled children at these grade levels are welcome to apply. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category: \$150, \$50 and \$25 gift card, respectively. The designated teacher of the first-prize winner in each group will also receive a \$100 gift card.

In addition to prizes, the winning posters will be displayed at the Clean Air Partners Annual celebration in May 2013 and featured on the Clean Air Partners website and Facebook page, as well as in local media.

For details on the contest and requirements for participating, go to [cleanairpartners.net](http://cleanairpartners.net) and click on "full contest details" or Rebecca Davis at 703-340-6875.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, February 7 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, February 8 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Wharf Rats and special guest Tom Constanten playing Grateful Dead music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, February 9 John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliners Little Red and the Renegades with Zydeco, R&B, funk, blues and Cajun from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, February 10 Jan Knutson plays jazz guitar from noon to 1 p.m. There will be an art reception for current exhibitors Ana Gasper and Clara Majors' "Color Movement Latin Art" and Kristin Stenson's photography exhibit "Near and Far" from 7 to 9 p.m. Acoustic group Ventura Highway will perform.

### Next Week

Tuesday, February 12, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras – come celebrate with traditional Cajun tunes from the Cypress Trio from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, February 13 from 7 to 9 p.m., The Brothers Strum play traditional Celtic and American folk music.



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