

## Greenbelt's 40th City Council Holds First Regular Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

The first regular meeting of the 40th Greenbelt City Council was convened by the city's new mayor, Emmett Jordan, on November 25. All were members of the previous council but eight-term former mayor Judith Davis was now in the mayor pro tem seat in place of Jordan. Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach, Silke Pope and Edward Putens were also present.

The meeting opened with council, assisted by Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles, presenting shiny new blue recycling bins to the winners of the annual Recycle Right contest. One of several activities undertaken by the Public Works Department in recognition of America Recycles Day, the "Win with Your Bin" contest selects the best and tidiest recyclers from five city collection routes. This year's winners were Susan Breon, Greenknolls Place; Marilynne Dos Reis, Lastner Lane; Alex and Gail Chavrid, Lakeside Drive; Robert and Kim Reed, Plateau Place; and Alero Popo, Mathew Street. In addition to their new bins, the winning households receive prizes from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Mom's Organic Market and College Park REI.

### Petitions & Requests

Resident Michael Hartman made two requests during the



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**The Greenbelt City Council presents Recycle Right awards to residents in recognition of America Recycles Day. Front row, from left: Alex and Gail Chavrid, Susan Breon, Alero Popo and Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles. Back row, from left: Councilmembers Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach; Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts. Not present: Marilynne Dos Reis and Robert and Kim Reed.**

Petitions and Requests segment of the meeting. He asked council to move ahead with discussing the creation of the diversity and inclusion committee that Jordan had mentioned as a possibility at the swearing-in ceremony. He also asked council to consider meeting

with the city's recognition groups as part of its meeting schedule. Recognition groups, which provide service to the city, receive no direct funding but are eligible for some types of in-kind support. Currently there are about 20 such groups.

### Legislative Priorities

Assistant City Manager David Moran reviewed a draft list of legislative priorities council had agreed to be discussed with the city's legislators and county councilmember at its annual legislative dinner held

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## Pinsky Speaks on Kennedy And Government Shutdown

by Charis Pannell

At the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting on November 22, the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination, Maryland Senator Paul Pinsky related JFK to a nation with a "we" attitude instead of a "them and us" attitude.

Pinsky expressed his belief that the nation, especially the political aspect, currently has an "us and them" attitude and he questions if the nation can return to having a "we" focus.

As the senator continued he referenced the article "The Furies Never End" that he said could be found on his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorPinsky>. A second article described the role of legislators in October's government shutdown. Pinsky reiterated that 80 Republican congresspersons signed an August letter that threatened a government shutdown if Obamacare was not abandoned.

Though Pinsky noted that

the actions of the legislators were problematic, he said, "We can't blame the real obvious villains." The focus should be on the remaining two-thirds of the Republican members of Congress who were not pushing for the shutdown. "Moderate Republicans didn't speak up." This, Pinsky said, was the real problem, because failing to speak up enabled those more conservative Republicans to subsequently shutdown the government.

Despite the large role of Republicans in the shutdown, he said Democrats should not put themselves "on any pedestal." Pinsky said "confronting bad ideas" is important. He said everyone should speak up against "the things that move us backward instead of forward."

Following his discussion, Pinsky invited the audience to a Town Hall meeting at Lamont Elementary School on December

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### What Goes On

**Friday, December 6**  
 7 p.m., Tree Lighting, Community Center Lawn  
**Saturday, December 7**  
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through  
**Sunday, December 8**  
 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art & Craft Fair, Community Center Gym  
**Monday, December 9**  
 8 p.m., Council Meeting, Community Center  
**Wednesday, December 11**  
 7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center  
 8 p.m., Council Stakeholder Worksession with County Executive, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

## American Education Week November 18 to 22, 2013

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

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

## Jennifer Houck Enjoys Teaching Second Grade

by Jim Link

There is a conservative, comfortable side to Jennifer Rosenberg Houck and also an adventurous side laced with intellectual curiosity and the joy of learning.

First, a few facts. Houck is in her second year of teaching 2nd grade (ages 7 and 8) at Greenbelt

Elementary School (GES) after an earlier 13 years at Bladensburg Elementary School. She came to GES because "it was time for a change," she says.

Like other teachers, she



Jennifer Rosenberg Houck

teaches "everything" – English, math, reading, science, social studies. But every subject involves teaching her 22 students how to think critically.

Her classroom walls are decorated with "thinking signs" like "What is your evidence?" "Show me your evidence," "I agree with . . . because . . ." "I disagree with . . . because . . ." and the biggie for me – "I hypothesize that . . ."

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## Alena Molina Describes Special Education Role

by Jim Link

It took me a little while to get Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Special Education teacher Alena Molina to talk about herself – her classes, goals and tactics – after she opened her office door to let me in. She had been talking to George Courtney, an Itinerant Special Education teacher, one of five who comprise Molina's Special Ed team. She introduced me to Mr. Courtney, who then left us to chat.

Before I asked a single question, the first words out of her mouth were, "This is a great team. They're willing to jump in and help. We all get together and brainstorm and solve our problems. We always look out for each other. Everyone is so pleasant. Some days are frustrating – so much



Alena Molina

paperwork. But it's easier to get up in the morning when you have colleagues like this. We don't indulge in little catty things."

"Who are your colleagues?" I was tentative, afraid the enthusiastic team leader hadn't finished praising her team.

"Angela Pope, Special Ed Coordinator; Karen Lewis, Special Ed Coordinator; Deborah Simms, Itinerant Special Ed teacher, like George. Five counting me.

Molina has 13 students in four grades – kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. She visits them in their classes, teaching them with the General Ed teacher present, who witnesses the progress made by the Special Ed students. "So

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# Letters to the Editor

## Dec. 15 Concert Must

I had the real pleasure this past Sunday of sitting in on the first rehearsal for Greenbelter Richard Menis' December 15 concert at 4 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church. I think this free concert is Richard's debut concert.

He is a magnificent tenor. I even enjoyed listening to his voice coach "warming him up." His crescendos are absolutely spine-tingling.

Menis will be joined on some pieces by Greenbelter Rachel Alexander on the viola. Their rendition of Silent Night is not to be missed. Alexander will play two pieces without Richard. She commented to me that it's good for her to be practicing these pieces, as they are much more than her usual work as a K-8 public school strings instructor.

I enthusiastically recommend that everyone add this concert to their December calendar.

Marsha Voigt

## THANKS!

Thanks to all who responded with condolences to the death of my brother Leo Denny Slaughter. A special thanks for the cards, Mass cards and emails from the Greenbelt High School class of 1948.

Denny had a life well-lived – filled with the love of family and surrounded by the beauty of nature and wildlife.

Greenbelt is great!

Joanne Slaughter Kellaheer

## About Those Pesky Beavers . . .

"The Saga of the Beaver Wars" [Nov. 21] article set me to thinking about how hard it is for wildlife to coexist with humans – and vice versa. While I would like to think that it will be possible to maintain a healthy equilibrium between beaver and tree populations in and around Greenbelt Lake, it's not very likely unless the beavers' reproduction can be suppressed. And even if that could be achieved, there's a finite amount of food nearby that beavers like to eat – some of it in people's yards. Could all the vulnerable trees and shrubs be wire-cage-protected and replaced by beaver-favored food cut elsewhere and delivered to the lake? If so, would the beavers accept such already-harvested food?

Personally, I'm pro-beaver – largely because of the improved water quality that generally results from their skillful dam-building. When beavers went to work on the "dry pond" catchment basin across from the Greenbelt-East Post Office, the rising pond level gave migrating birds – plus local redwing blackbirds, swallows, orioles, kingfishers, herons, geese and various ducks – plenty of clean, fresh water and greater protection from predators. Unfortunately, someone authorized bulldozing of the beaver lodge and removal of the low dam that

had ensured a constant trickle of outflow but never caused a flooding problem, not even during heavy rains.

Now, geese and gulls stroll around shallow water surrounded by mudflats. My hope is that bird droppings and aquatic scat don't lead to an outbreak of Clostridium botulinum such as occurred years ago in the mud surrounding and beneath the shallow duck pond on Greenbelt Road near Lewisdale. That contamination required costly draining and treatment of the whole area.

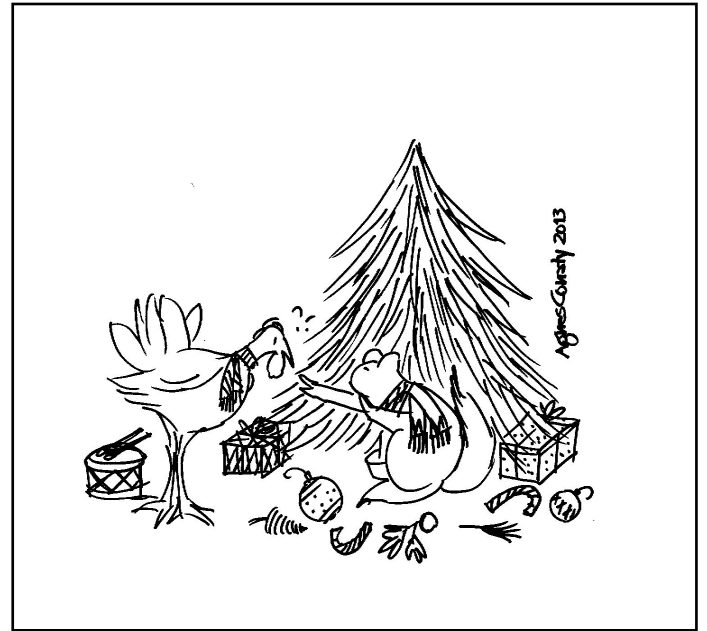
So I hope that the beaver dam that has deepened the upper basin of Greenbelt Lake continues to be maintained, to help protect the quality of all the lake water. By pooling up incoming rainwater, it provides healthier habitat for turtles, muskrats and other woodlands animals and reduces conveyance of eroded soil into the main part of the lake.

But as for moving the beavers to a more secluded area where they won't be noshing on folks' prized plantings, that isn't likely to happen. Some time ago, I spoke at length with a Maryland wildlife manager who told me that trapping and relocation isn't an option anymore because of concerns that diseases might be carried along with the animals from one pond to another. Plus, beavers' inbuilt territorial nature would make the peaceful relocation of "outsiders" to already inhabited areas difficult to achieve. Instead, lethal "suitcase traps" are placed at the underwater entrance of the lodge to crush the heads of resident beavers as they swim in. However, before trapping beavers or destroying their lodge, state permits must be obtained and they are issued only under certain circumstances and as a last resort.

If only there were an easy, humane solution to this distressing problem!

L.R. Tokarz

## Grin Belt



"Before you raise your plumes, Turk, you could pose as our partridge in a pear tree . . . ."

## Food Pantry Pick-up to Be Held Dec. 15

On Sunday, December 15 starting at 9 a.m. a volunteer group will hold a food drive in Old Greenbelt to increase the supply of nonperishable food for the St. Hugh's Church Food Pantry larder which serves all of Greenbelt. Generous support will help keep the Food Pantry supplied for the winter season.

Donors are asked to leave donated items at the ends of driveways in Boxwood Village, Lakewood, Woodland Hills and Lakeside. In Greenbelt Homes and Charlestowne Village townhomes, donated items

can be left at the ends of court walkways. Charlestown North residents are requested to leave donated items just outside their building front door.

The Food Pantry is most in need of nonperishable food items like boxed cereal, jelly or jam, canned soup, baked beans, vegetables and fruit, rice, macaroni and cheese, jars/cans of spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, crackers, tuna fish, spaghetti/pasta and coffee or tea.

Leaders for this volunteer effort are Steve Marques and family.

## Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Last Issue before Christmas – Dated Thursday, December 19  
Regular Advertising and Copy Deadline: Tuesday, December 17

Christmas Week Issue – Dated Thursday, December 26  
Advertising and Copy Deadline:  
SUNDAY 12/22

New Year's Week Issue – Dated Thursday, January 2  
Advertising and Copy Deadline:  
SUNDAY 12/29

Holiday Office Hours:

Sunday 12/22 – 2 to 4 p.m.; 8 to 10 p.m.  
(Monday 12/23 – Saturday 12/28 – CLOSED)  
Sunday 12/29 – 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.  
(Monday 12/30 – Sunday 1/5 – CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Sunday at 10 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Please call us at 301-474-4131 if there are any questions. Happy Holidays to All!



## GUTTER CLEANING

Gilbert General Contractor, Inc. and Petria, Inc. have begun fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week of December 9-13, work will be in this approximate area:

**43-47 Courts Ridge, 1-2 Courts Northway,  
2-8 Courts Hillside, 1-2 Courts &  
135 Woodland Way**

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

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

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC 6

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(PG-13)

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\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

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\*5:30, 7:30

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



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m., two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 9 through 13 are as follows:

Monday – Grape juice, cranberry Dijon chicken, wild rice, broccoli, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, beef stroganoff, green peas, mixed green salad, hot glazed peaches.

Wednesday – Apple juice, sliced turkey, ham and Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Orange juice, tomato and rice soup, chicken salad, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Cranberry juice, breaded pollock fillet, macaroni and cheese, braised kale, diced pears.

## At the Library

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk in advance.

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities, including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are also welcome.

For more details call 301-345-5800, visit the library or log onto pgcmls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Friday, December 6, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, December 9, 7:30 p.m. Marketing Committee – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, December 10, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Committee – GHI Library

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

Thursday, December 12, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

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

## Farmers Market Holds Holiday Market Sun.

On Sunday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Farmers Market will hold its third annual Holiday Market in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center and the Municipal Building. There will be a final opportunity to shop for locally sourced items for holiday meals and gift giving. After that the market will close for the winter season, reopening in spring.

For more information, directions or to participate over the fallow season as a volunteer, visit [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org).

## Computer Club Meets Next on Dec. 12

The next monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Computer Club will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.



## Star Party Planned At Northway Fields

Weather permitting, on Saturday, December 7 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6 p.m. although telescopes may be set up earlier. Several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Come enjoy a view of Earth's waxing crescent moon through the 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Several star clusters and nebulae also may be seen. Those who stay late may catch a glimpse of Jupiter with its four Galilean moons, which should clear the treeline a little after 8 p.m. ASG members will be available to give advice and answer questions.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is too cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

## Greenbelt Recreation To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, December 13 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

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

## Comm. Foundation Now on Facebook

The Greenbelt Community Foundation now has a page on Facebook.

Photos of Foundation grantee activities will be there to "like" and coming activities announced.

Information about the Foundation, the grant award cycle and application forms are still available at the Foundation website at <http://greenbeltfoundation.net/>.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

Coming Soon  
Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean Auditions – Dec 5, 7 & 8  
A (Comic) Christmas Carol – December 13 -22  
Greenbelt New Year's Eve – December 31 (TBD)  
Poe's Birthday Bash – January 17-19, 2014

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## Chicago Dance Has Open House, Classes

Saturday, December 7 is Open House for New Chicago Dance Studio, Suite 003 at 7505 Greenway Center Drive and will include free classes with a chance to meet studio staff, sample a class and save on classes or dance attire during the event.

From 2:15 to 3 p.m., there will be a free youth ballet/tap class for those over age 3. From 3:15 to 4 p.m. there will be a free fitness class for all ages. All should wear comfortable clothing; no special shoes are necessary.

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Black Nativity, PG (!)  
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Frozen, in 3D, PG (!)  
Frozen, in 2D, PG (!)  
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Homefront, R (!)  
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Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13 (!)  
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Best Man Holiday, R  
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12 Years a Slave, R  
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12 Years a Slave, R  
11:55, 3:50, 7:10  
Tyler Perry's: Madea's Family Christmas, PG-13 (!)  
8, 9  
Anchorman 2, R (!)  
9

## Utopia Film Festival Presents

**Sun., Dec. 8 & Wed., Dec. 11**  
**8PM "Wheelchair Diaries"**  
**8:29 "Fairwell to Factory Town"**  
**9:30 "Strong Enough to Fight"**

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# Obituaries

## Thomas H. Eargle

Former resident Thomas Howard Eargle, 29, of Silver Spring, died November 26, 2013.



He was born on April 6, 1984, in Baltimore to Curtis H. Eargle and Beverly Rexon Dziduch.

He graduated from Perry Hall High School in 2002 where he was the captain of the football team. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry Division for three years.

Mr. Eargle lived in the apartments on Crescent Road across from Roosevelt Center and was a regular, along with his wife and children, at Generous Joe's and other Roosevelt Center businesses where they were well known.

He is survived by his wife of three years, Jacqueline Karen Eargle; daughters Alina, 2, and Ayla, 1; mother Beverly Rexon Dziduch; father Curtis H. and stepmother Diana Eargle; sisters Sarah and Vivian Eargle; and stepbrother Daniel O'Madigan, as well as other family and friends.

His wife will remember him as a great husband and father, his parents will remember him as a loyal and supportive son; and his sisters will remember him as their leader and protector. He loved being around his family and people in general.

A celebration of Mr. Eargle's life will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m. at the Maryland Club, 1 East Eager Street, Baltimore. Services are being handled by Donaldson's Funeral Home in Laurel. Online condolences may be made at [www.donaldsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.donaldsonfuneralhome.com).

A fund for the Eargle children has been established at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Alina and Ayla Eargle, c/o Jacqueline Eargle, 407 East Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD., 20901.

## Janet Fredin Davis

Former resident Janet Fredin Davis died in Amarillo, Texas, on October 30, 2013.



Mrs. Davis was born on September 3, 1937, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to Elsie and Bob Fredin.

Her family moved to Greenbelt when she was 4 years old. They were the first residents of their "defense home" in 34 Court of Ridge Road. Jan attended Greenbelt schools, including Greenbelt High School in 7th and 8th grades before the school became a junior high after the opening of Northwestern High School in Hyattsville. She graduated from Northwestern in 1955 and married classmate

Robert "Blackie" Davis. She was very popular among all her classmates and a frequent participant at the "Dew Drop Inn" in Greenbelt.

When the federal government sold Greenbelt in 1952, Jan's family moved to Berwyn (as did several other Greenbelters including Lee Shields and his family). Her Greenbelt home was occupied later by two other close friends of the Shields family - Sharon "Petey" Taylor Allemann and Lannay and Doug Tull.

After their marriage, Jan and Blackie lived on the East Coast for several years before relocating to Amarillo.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her husband Robert Davis and her sister Carol Cragin.

Survivors include three children: Jon Davis of Denver, Kristin Mullen of Dallas and Karin Brown of San Francisco; and eight grandchildren. Her sister, Dorothy Jelinek of Bluemont, Va., also survives her.

Mrs. Davis' many Washington area friends enjoyed seeing her at the 50th anniversary banquet in Greenbelt in 1987 with one of her daughters, as well as at several Northwestern High School reunions.

- Lee and Bonnie Shields

## Ruth Reed Miller

Ruth Miller, 83, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Greenbelt, died November 24, 2013.

Mrs. Miller and her husband Hugh moved to 1 Southway in 1957 when their daughter Dawn was small. After her husband died, Mrs. Miller moved to Florida to be close to her two youngest daughters and their families.

During her time in Greenbelt, Mrs. Miller was a close neighbor and friend of the Baileys and other Southway families; many of the neighbors had children the same age as the three Miller girls and were their classmates at Greenbelt schools.

Mrs. Miller and I had a lot of good times and laughs during our friendship.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her husband Hugh M. Miller Jr.; her parents, William and Edna (Scaggs) Rawlings; and brothers Maurice and Lee Rawlings.

She is survived by three daughters: Linda Dredger, Jo Anne (James) Streitmatter and Dawn (Stephen) Tate; five granddaughters; one grandson and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 30 in Clearwater.

- Shirley Bailey



When you love a member of your family or a compatriot, let it be with a ray of the Infinite Love! Let it be in God, and for God! Wherever you find the attributes of God love that person, whether he be of your family or of another. (Abdu'l-Baha)

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

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)  
Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"

## 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 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



## 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)

## "To Live Is Christ, And To Die Is Gain"

Come join us in exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians.  
Sunday Mornings at 11:00am

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

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



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



Sunday, December 8 at 10 a.m.

O Great Mystery: Annual Holiday Choir Service

PBUUC Choir with David Chapman, Music Director and Pianist

Rev. Diane Teichert and Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

Let the choir enchant you with its diverse Christmas treats!

Today is Signing Sunday - those who wish to sign the PBUUC Membership Book, please meet at the Chalice after the service.

Celebrate the Birth of Your Lord

At Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Festive Advent Service - Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

12:15 p.m. Simple Service of Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day - Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6905 Greenbelt, RD 301-345-5111

[www.Myholycross.org](http://www.Myholycross.org) (Join us on Facebook)



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.



# Obituaries

## Ann Sutherland

Ann Victoria Berk Sutherland of Lakeside died on November 30, 2013.



She was born the daughter of John and Vera Berk.

She graduated from the University of Delaware and taught elementary school, which she enjoyed. She was married to Douglas William Scott Sutherland for 54 years. A devoted wife and mother, after taking time off to raise their four children, she worked for NIH and National Science Foundation as an administrative secretary.

She donated time and effort to The League of Women Voters and volunteered with the Prince-Mont Swim League and high school swimming programs. She enjoyed folk dancing, genealogy, Gilbert and Sullivan plays, camping, hiking, art, the outdoors and activities of the Red Hat Society Bats in the Belfry chapter. She was a member of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sutherland is survived by children Laura and Gary Huebner, Dan and Lisa Sutherland, Karen and John Donovan and Gail Sutherland; grandchildren Heather, Brendan, Berk, Adie, Caellan and Toren; brother Richard Brandon Berk, his wife Beverly and nieces Marimo and Izumi.

## Community Church Holiday Concert

A concert of traditional and sacred Christmas music will be held at Greenbelt Community Church Sunday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

Greenbelt resident Richard Menis will be the vocalist, accompanied by Brad Clark. Also a resident, Rachel Alexander will perform two violin solos and accompany Menis. In addition to familiar Christmas carols, Menis will sing selections from Handel's Messiah and others by Schubert, Franck, Bizet, Tosti and Yon.

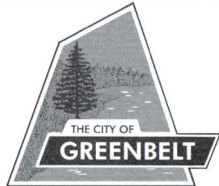
Menis studied voice extensively at Catholic University and has performed as soloist with several opera groups and music festivals, including some in Italy.

Clark has been accompanying singers and instrumentalists locally for nearly 40 years. He is on staff at Catholic University as a vocal accompanist. Clark is the executive director of the Maryland Lyric Opera, whose mission includes highlighting opera and preparing the next generation of opera singers.

Alexander is a violinist with degrees in musical performance and has studied at the Eastman School of Music. She teaches instrumental music in Prince George's County schools.

Greenbelt Community Church is at the intersection of Crescent and Hillside Roads.

A free-will offering will be accepted.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, December 9, 2013 - 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

#### Administrative Reports

#### Council Reports

#### Committee Reports

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Report #2013-02 (Ancestral Knowledge Proposal)
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Report #2013-03 (Maintenance Buffer @ Gardenway Community Gardens)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 706 to Update the Charter of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
  - 1st Reading
- An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to Borrow \$2,932,305 Upon Its Full Faith and Credit and to Issue and Sell its Taxable General Obligation Bond to Sun-trust Bank to (A) Refinance and Prepay (I) the Balance of the Deficit Liability Assigned to the City's Participation in the State of Maryland's Employees' Combined System, (II) The Balance of the New Entrant Liability Assigned to the City's Participation in the State of Maryland's Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, and (III) Interest on Such Balances, and (B) Pay Costs of Issuance of Such Bond; Prescribing the Details of Such Bond; Providing for the Levy and Collection of Sufficient Taxes to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Such Bond; and Providing For and Determining Various Matters in Connection Therewith. 1st Reading. Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Station/Metroland North Core – Revised Development Agreement
- Preliminary Prince George's County General Plan 2035
- Appointment of Councilmembers to City Boards and Committees
- Appointment of Councilmembers to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Policy Boards and Committees
- Other Reports

### MEETINGS

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

## JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

**FREE admission and hands-on crafts!**

**More Information: 240.542.2057**

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions!

**Saturday, December 7 from 10am-5pm**

**Sunday, December 8 from 11am-4pm**

**Make paper ornaments.** Saturday, 1 - 3pm. All ages. Free.

**Make a re-usable fabric gift bag.** Saturday, 10am - 12pm. Ages 10-adult. BYO sewing machine. Materials provided. \$10. Advance registration required.

**Make cards with simple printmaking techniques.** Sunday, 2-4pm. All ages. Free.

**Artist in Residence studios open.** Saturday, 12 - 5pm. Su 11am - 4pm. Mary Wang (Saturday/ Sunday, commissioned pet portraits and painted furniture). Nora Simon and Kathy Karlson (Sunday, screen prints and cards, paintings including small works on paper).

**Enter to win \$25 in Art Bucks** good for any art and craft vendor or any winter arts recreation class. [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Rd

**Saturday, December 7, 8am-11 a.m.**

**Children 12 and younger – Free**

**All others – \$7/person**

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. Information: 301-474-8964.

**Sponsored by Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136**

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

for city information.

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-13

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

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114.

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Priorities from Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan to include in the FY15 capital projects budget.

Wednesday, December 11 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/County Executive (stakeholder)**, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

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

## UPCOMING LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

December 9 – 13: Boxwood

December 16 – 20: Woodland Hills and Greenbrook Village & Estates

Program will continue into January. Full schedule available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). **Leaf bags are no longer available at the City Office, but can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores.**



## HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

**550-A Crescent Road**  
(behind Police Station)

**301-474-6124**

**Come out and visit all of our available pets!**

The shelter is open on  
Wednesdays 4-7pm and on Saturdays 9am-12pm

## THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER IS GREATLY IN NEED OF YOUR DONATIONS!

**The shelter is looking for bedding, wet cat food, dry dog food, dish soap, detergent, paper plates, bleach and more. Donations can be dropped off in front of the shelter or call the number listed above.**

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 6th, Begins at 7:00pm

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Dept.

## DECO THE HALLS!

December 6th, 7pm-9pm at 10-B Crescent Road in conjunction with the city's Tree Lighting. Free admission. See the Greenbelt Museum's historic house, decorated for the holidays in vintage style. Gift shop open.

## SANTA'S VISIT

**Saturday, December 7 from 10am-12pm**

**Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway**

**For all ages. FREE!**

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



## ELVES WORKSHOP

**Saturday, December 7 from 1pm – 3pm**

**Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway**

**Ages 5-12, \$5/Child. Pre-registration required.**

Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft. Info: 301-397-2200

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

**For information call 301-474-8000.**



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"Do they really know what 'hypothesize' means?"

"They're getting there. They know it's a fancy word for 'guess'."

Getting her students to govern themselves – to behave well – is important to Houck. One bulletin board displays prominently a list of "Rules – Consequences – Rewards" concocted by the students after a discussion early in the semester. "They came up with it and signed it," Houck says. "For example the rule 'I will keep my hands and my feet to myself,' if broken, has the consequence of a '5-Minute Time Out' for the perpetrator. The reward for obeying (their own) rule is something nice from the Treat Jar. Not candy, but a tiny action figure or some beads, perhaps."

Another wall, labeled "All About Me," has pictures of students with personal information about them – their hobbies, pets, siblings, fun activities they like – displayed by the students themselves.

"Each student presents himself/herself to the class and stays on the 'All About Me' board for a week; we get to know each other that way."

To model the technique, Houck had presented herself first in the first week of the semester.

"What did they learn about you?"

Herewith Houck retrieved from a classroom closet a stash of pictures and captions, unveiling to me her adventurous spirit.

Spreading out this treasure on the thick carpet (depicting a map of the USA), she regaled me with stories of her visit to China in 1999 with a grad school professor and fellow students – Beijing, The Great Wall, the Terra Cotta soldiers of Xian

- all were there. Her odysseys have included four trips to London, one to Stratford-on-Avon, where she saw a replica of Shakespeare's "second-best bed" that he bequeathed to Anne Hathaway Shakespeare; one trip to Belize, formerly British Honduras in Central America; and one to Macchu Picchu in Peru. She and her husband John have surfed at Sunset Beach, Calif., and reveled in Times Square on New Year's Eve.

Houck's adventurous spirit was born, at least partially, of a conservative education. After a public elementary school stint in Pittsburgh, she attended North Hills Catholic High School, then La Roche College, a small Catholic liberal arts college also in Pittsburgh. So small, she says that the number of her fellow graduates (250) was smaller than in her high school (385).

At La Roche she was lucky to come under the tutelage for four years of Sister Rita, the English Department chair. "I had two majors at La Roche – writing and literature – I loved them both. Sister Rita taught me writing and she also subtly taught me to want to teach. She was a great role model without knowing it."

After getting a master's degree in elementary education from Duquesne University, another bastion of Catholic rectitude, Houck spent a year working in public relations,

where she learned "it wasn't for me."

As I glanced at one of her reading texts packed with pictures and stories of Columbus, Alice in Wonderland, park rangers, pigs, geckos, hippos, Inuit and African-American characters, some Native Americans and a few Palefaces, I asked Houck about the sophisticated sentence structures in the text.

"Yes. Recent texts have increased information incorporated into the reading selections."

"I don't see any Dick and Jane repetitions. No 'See Spot run' and so forth."

"Oh, no! That's long gone."

"But your kids learn sentence structure" (a statement, not a question).

"Oh yes! They do. We know our subjects and verbs."

It comforted me somehow to learn that Houck had learned to diagram sentences in elementary school, though not from nuns, as I had.

Like other teachers, Houck is thrilled to see her students grow wide-eyed with understanding. "The light bulb goes on – they get it!"

What advice would she give a rookie teacher?

"We have to remember that we are teaching children and they should be our first priority. My second-grade teacher actually frightened me. It's important to remember that our students will remember only a fraction of the content we teach, but they will certainly remember how they felt in your classroom. We need to create a nurturing, caring, warm environment for our kids, one where they can't be scared. They need to learn to take risks and feel comfortable doing that. It's OK to make mistakes, but it's not OK to not learn from your mistakes. They need to take that lesson with them through life."

I asked Houck what her preferred honorific is. "Ms.? Miss? Mrs.?" She flashed her wedding ring at me, along with a big smile. "Oh, 'Mrs.', definitely!" said Mrs. Jennifer Rosenberg Houck, compassionate conservative, adventurous world traveler, dedicated teacher.

### Forest Preserve Walk On Saturday

Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. there will be a winter woods walk the whole length of the Forest Preserve as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the preserve. Participants will meet on Research Road near the BARC gate at 10 a.m. for the longest part of the walk that includes some strenuous walking and climbing over logs.

Those interested in the shorter, less strenuous half of the walk should meet the group at Northway near the Forest Preserve sign between 11 and 11:30 a.m. for the second half of the walk and should advise organizers in advance they will join the group there.

Dress for the elements. Afterward there will be S'mores and a light lunch.

For details contact Susan Barnett at greenbelt-forestpreserve@gmail.com or call 301-474-7465 or 443-388-2961.

## Catholic Community Social Justice Talks

On Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Catholic Community of Greenbelt will hold a special Social Justice Saturday program at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The program will feature two speakers and discussions on contemporary social issues. Marcel Garcon, Outreach Coordinator for the Quixote Center Haiti Reborn program, will speak on sustainable agriculture, reforestation and community development in Haiti. Candace Wheeler, founder and executive director of Washington, D.C. Restoration Ministries, will talk about helping and healing victims of sex trafficking.

For details call Frank DeBernardo at 240-432-2489 or email FDeBernardo@aol.com.

## Writers Group Sets Potluck for Dec. 20

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its annual holiday party potluck on Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The originally date was rescheduled because a location was unavailable.

Matt Arbach will coordinate food and other arrangements for the party. Members are asked to RSVP Arbach at mparbach@verizon.net.

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in December before the opening session of the Maryland General Assembly. State issues listed include a request for additional funding of \$200,000 to complete Phase II of the renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre (primarily HVAC); repeal of the June 30, 2014, sunset date for the Shuttle UM program, which makes an annual pass available for community residents to use the bus; and modification of state policies as needed to permit funding and implementation of noise barriers along the Capital Beltway for communities meeting specific noise levels. Resident Frank Gervasi said there should be many other priorities for the theater ahead of the HVAC.

Priorities at the county level include protection and potential enhancement of such key municipal funding sources as Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Youth Service Bureau grants, funding for school resource officers and landfill disposal rebates. An additional priority is to collaborate with municipalities to implement storm water remediation projects under the county's new Watershed Protection and Restoration

Program.

From a list of "other issues" Davis urged council to elevate to the level of a county priority the revision of county requirements for commercial kitchen usage in order that Greenbelt will be able to generate revenue and provide a service by renting the Community Center kitchen. Councilmembers Mach, Putens and Pope strongly supported that suggestion as being an "easy fix" for the county to make. Putens also suggested giving the information to County Executive Rushern Baker at a stakeholder meeting he will attend on December 11.

### New Mower

The city's Fiscal Year 2014 Replacement Fund includes \$20,000 for replacing a 17-year-old Kubota front-mount mower for the Public Works Department. Since Public Works has been pleased with the performance of Kubota mowers, staff recommended and the city council approved the purchase of a Kubota Model ZD331 at a cost of \$13,409 on a General Services Administration bid awarded to Gaithersburg Equipment Company.

Other council actions at this meeting are reported separately.



## Celebrate the Holidays at Beltway Plaza!

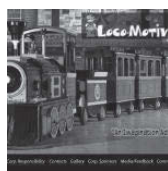


### Santa Comes to Beltway Plaza Mall

He's fat, he's jolly and he's ready to listen to every child's gift request for Christmas. Have your child's photo taken with Santa as a lifelong memory. Visit [www.BeltwayPlazaMall.com](http://www.BeltwayPlazaMall.com) for Santa's schedule.

### Meet Our New Plaza Woman and Try to Open Our Prize-Filled Treasure Chest

Lara Aribisala of the D.C. Divas Football Team is our new super heroine. She'll be at the Mall Saturdays from Thanksgiving weekend thru Christmas from 2-4pm handing out keys that may open our Prize-Filled Treasure Chest.



### Train Rides for Kids of All Ages

You and your children will enjoy the newest attraction at Beltway Plaza Mall...Train Rides!! Beginning Nov. 22nd thru Christmas, Loco-Motives, a local company, offers a magical and memorable experience to train riders young and old.

### Mariachi Performance

Humberto Guzman and his Mariachi Band strolls the Mall playing their special blend of Latin tunes. **Sun, Dec 1, 2-4 pm, Sun, Dec 22, 2-4pm**



### And Lots More Holiday Activities!!

**Shop with a Cop:** Sat, Dec 21, 9 am-noon

**Caricature Sketches:** Starts 11/21

**Gift Wrap:** Dec 13 to Dec 24

**Lions Club Toy & Coat Drive:** 11/28-12/24

**Greenbelt Rotary Bell Ringers:** Sat, Dec 14

**Pangea Performs:** 11/30, 1-3pm; 12/14, 2-4pm

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4 Piece Luggage  
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The "Big One" \$19.99  
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my kids are seen twice," Molina emphasizes, radiating positivity.

### Special Ed Teacher

For nine years she has been a Special Ed teacher – five in Prince George's County, then two in her hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y., where she returned to help her family. Subsequently she taught in Virginia, then in Bowie and in 2011 came to GES.

Since teaching Special Ed students is perceived as particularly challenging, I asked Molina why she chose this difficult work.

The kids are so susceptible. If you catch them early – if they learn to love school – "I want them to always love coming to this place." They then carry the love of knowledge, love of learning with them forever.

Molina became more personal about her motivation in entering teaching.

"In 4th grade I had a lousy teacher. Unfortunately she was biased and crude."

"How was she biased?"

"It's complicated," Molina beamed paradoxically. "I'm from Honduras and my Panamanian teacher was a dark-skinned woman, just like me.

"But she treated the light-skinned students favorably. I promised myself I would never treat my students – never treat anybody – the way she treated me. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect, with kindness. The way she was," said Molina, gesticulating dismissively with a wide sweep

of her arm, "actually taught me how I want to treat people!"

Years later Molina had the courage to revisit her old school and that same teacher in Brooklyn. "I wanted her to know how I felt. I wanted her to be aware of what she did."

"How did she react?"

"She denied it. I don't think she was ready to hear what I had to say. But my visit was good for me, whether or not it helped her."

### Common Core

I asked Molina how she felt about the new Common Core State Standards and the testing it requires. "It involves a lot of paperwork," she said. I understand why they have them; it standardizes the states . . . but I worry . . . I hope critical thinking skills aren't lost by implementing these tests. Monica Gaines, principal at GES, has helped prepare the faculty to teach this material. But Special Ed is different; it's real work to do it and I feel they're my kids," says Molina with a big smile.

Special Ed students need different teaching techniques, she said. To teach them to write a story, Molina encourages them to take a breath, to take a break after the first paragraph. Then for the second paragraph, she says, "I get on the floor with them – I bring work clothes to school with me – and suggest tactics to them. It does bring out their creativity."

When I ask Molina what she

would like to change about the system, she emits a big sigh. "Salary. I'm a single mom. My son Christopher Donald is 10 . . ."

Her advice to rookie teachers: "Take workshops, learn your content, seek out vets, ask questions. You have to love children. You can't do this for a paycheck. You want to see growth."

"When do you eat lunch?"

"Lunch? What's lunch? Well, according to this piece of paper (her schedule), it's from 12:35 to 1 p.m.," she laughs out loud.

"What is your preferred honorific? Ms.?"

"Yes, Ms. is fine."

Since Molina exudes such a cheerful, solid presence, I ask her if she'd prefer "Lady Alena – you are quite regal."

She laughs heartily again.

"No, Ms. is fine."

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

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

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

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14 at 9:30 a.m.

Maryland Delegate Alonzo Washington, also present, said he would run for the District 22 delegate seat. Washington asked that audience members share what issues were most important to them by taking a constituent survey at [alonzowashington.com/survey](http://alonzowashington.com/survey).

During the November meeting, the club elected a new board, discussed changes to the club constitution and raising membership dues.

# Holiday Shopping Bike Ride to DC

Greenbelt cyclists are welcome to join this year's Holiday Shopping bike ride to Washington, D.C., a free 32-mile ride over easy terrain.

The ride starts at Proteus Bike Shop in north College Park at 10 a.m. Participants will get lunch and shop at DC's Eastern Market, then go to the Downtown Holiday Market near Gallery Place. Riders should bring water, lock, backpack or pannier for goodies and a fare card in case they choose to take the Metro back. Visit [www.proteusbicycles.com](http://www.proteusbicycles.com).

## Glenn Dale Fire Association will hold its Annual Fruit Sale

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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.

## DWI/DUI

November 23, 24. Two men and one woman, all nonresidents, were arrested in separate incidents and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after traffic stops within city limits. All were released on citations pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

November 21, 11:42 p.m., Crescent Road near Ridge. A 27-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after officers responded to a report of a man shouting obscenities. He was advised to go home but he refused and continued shouting obscenities. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

November 22, 11:05 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Unknown person(s) took a person's unattended duffel bag and contents, including two cell phones, from an apartment building hallway.

November 24, 11 p.m., 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. An unattended cell phone was taken from a restroom.

November 26, 1:10 p.m., 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive. Unknown person(s) took a laptop computer from an office.

## Multiple Charges

November 21, 2:51 p.m., Greenway Center. A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with theft and trespassing after he allegedly took a portable media player from Radio Shack. He was found in the area of Southway and Crescent Road and ran from officers. He was apprehended after a short foot chase and the property was recovered. He was released on citation pending trial. The next day, November 22, he was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was again found inside the Radio Shack after he was banned from the store. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Trespassing

November 21, 9:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found inside Beltway Plaza after he was banned from the mall. He was released on citation pending trial.

November 23, 4:24 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 29-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after he was banned from the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

November 23, 6:08 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. A 23-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after he was banned from the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

November 21, 8:29 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A laptop computer and a television were taken. Unknown person(s) entered the residence, possibly by forcing open a sliding glass door.

November 22, 8:44 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Unknown person(s) removed a Christmas tree and decorations from a patio.

November 23, 9:40 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A laptop, boots and a credit card were taken from a residence.

## Vandalism

November 22, 8 a.m., 2 Court Hillside. Unknown person(s)

vandalized two city-owned park benches.

## Vehicle Crime

Between November 21 and 26 there were seven reports of thefts from vehicles after car windows were broken to gain access. In four of these incidents only handicap placards were taken. In one incident a handicap placard, laptop computer and briefcase were taken. The other two thefts included a portable GPS unit and a cell phone. The thefts involving broken windows occurred on Edmonston Road, Breezewood Terrace, Cherrywood Terrace, Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. Five incidents occurred on November 21, one occurred on November 25 and one took place on November 26.

Vandalism was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where a rear windshield was broken on November 26.

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Sympathy to former News Review editor Harry Zubkoff and his family on the death of his wife Jeanette on November 30, 2013.

Condolences to Beverly Dzdulich and other family members on the death of her son Thomas Howard Eargle.

Our sympathy to News Review staffer Jessi Britton on the death of her brother, WWII/Korea Veteran Edmund Taylor, 87, of Kingston, North Carolina.

Old Greenbelt neighbors were sorry to hear of the death of Ruth Reed Miller, 83, on November 24, 2013. She and her late husband Hugh were longtime Southway residents and raised their three daughters here.

We were sorry to learn of the death of early Greenbelter Janet Fredin Davis, 76, of Amarillo, Texas, on October 30, 2013. She was a 1955 graduate of Northwestern High School. Her older sister Carol Cragin, also deceased, was a member of the Greenbelt High School class of 1947. The Fredin family was one of the first to move into the frame "Defense Homes," built in the early 1940s to house military and defense workers.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from 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.

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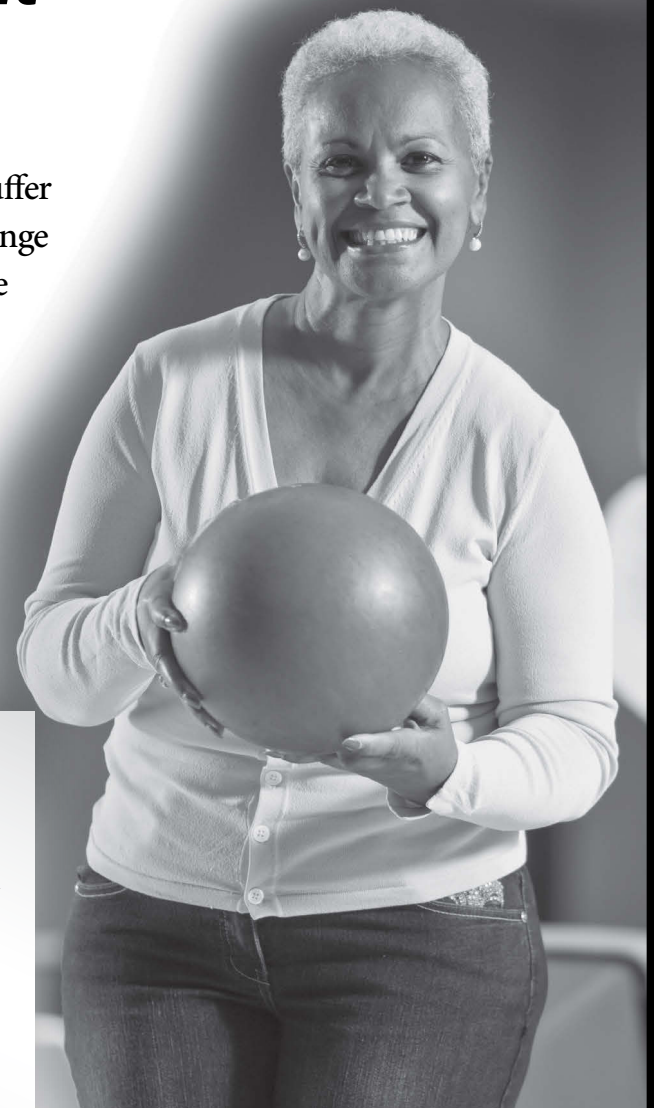
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## Forest Preserve Worksession Becomes Very Contentious

by Yevgeniy Trapeznikov

“The problem of the board is that it treats kids as trees and trees as kids,” said Willis Witter.

During its November session, the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) discussed whether a couple of individual trees should be spared from being chopped down as part of the city’s efforts to provide appropriate sunlight for the city’s community gardens.

At the same meeting FPBA reaffirmed its majority decision to forbid the group Ancestral Knowledge from using the forest preserve.

In October the board voted to ban Ancestral Knowledge (AK) from holding activities in the forest preserve. In its decision FPAB cited two sections of the city code according to which Ancestral Knowledge was defined as an organization of “principally commercial nature” and, therefore, “inconsistent and prohibited.”

AK is the first organization in the D.C. Metro Area to use earth-based living skills, nature awareness, primitive technology and wilderness survival, according to the official description on the AK website. The organization’s curricula cater to children as well as older students and adults.

Homeschool Naturalist Program AK operated in the Greenbelt forest, teaching kids between the age of 7 and 15 basic survival skills.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, AK is identified as public charitable organization engaging in youth development activities.

“Calling a nonprofit commercial is a slippery ground and the city can get sued for discrimination for not applying the same standard to other groups,” said Willis Witter who voted against the ban in the October meeting.

Earlier this year City Solicitor Robert Manzi offered his opinion that AK “would be considered commercial” as it charged a fee for its classes.

### CHEARS, Kim Walsh Receive Project Grant

Greenbelter Kimberly Walsh and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) have received a fellowship grant and national award from the National Audubon Society and Toyota for a stormwater mitigation project. A national competition resulted in 40 conservation leaders annually receiving a \$10,000 Toyota Together Green Fellowship.

The project, to protect the Chesapeake Bay by reduction of stormwater pollution and runoffs, involved partnering with Greenbelt commercial businesses, religious organizations and residents to proactively manage stormwater. Workshops will be organized with the Public Works Department featuring rain-harvesting techniques, how to increase the urban tree canopy and installing rain gardens, rain barrels, cisterns and permeable pavements.

More information about the 2013 fellowship recipients and their projects is at [www.togethergreen.org/fellows](http://www.togethergreen.org/fellows).

Despite concerns raised by a few board members whether the board’s decision laid precedent to consider any fee or dues based activity in the forest area inconsistent with the current city code provisions, the ban was voted into force by a vote of 5 to 3.

Joseph Murray, co-founder of AK, was earlier recognized by city council and FPAB as having a conflict of interest and could not either speak or vote on the issue.

Murray is also one of the AK instructors teaching children ancient living skills.

Donna Almquist, a FPAB member who initially proposed a motion to ban AK, said that the very instructional fee that AK charged for its activities in the preserve was what precluded the organization from using the forest.

However, when two board members, Damien Ossi and Witter, suggested FPAB help AK revise its program’s fee structure to enable forest use by the organization, their motions failed.

Susan Gregersen, FPAB vice chair, who voted against the motion, said that she did not believe that the board should comment on the business operation.

## The Greenbelt Time Bank Is Ticking

by Kelsey Sutton

Residents of Greenbelt can use hours instead of dollars to buy services from their neighbors, friends or even strangers.

The Greenbelt Time Bank, which launched in September and has so far attracted 41 members, offers volunteer work to and from community members using hours as currency.

Participants who have skills to offer volunteer their time to another community member, who pays them in hours. In turn, participants can use those earned hours for volunteer service from another member.

“For me, the Time Bank represents the epitome of being neighborly,” said Time Bank committee member Michael Hartman.

The bank intends to allow people to exchange favors with friends, neighbors and community members, said committee member Mary Ernsberger.

So far the bank has recorded an exchange 115 hours of volunteer service amongst its members.

All services cost the same at the Time Bank, said committee member Lore Rosenthal. For

instance, one hour for babysitting is equal to one hour of legal services.

“The system equalizes people’s gifts to society,” she said. “Everyone has the same 24 hours in a day to offer.”

Tim Cohen-Mitchell, a time bank organizer who has set up two other banks in rural Massachusetts, anticipates membership and service exchanges will quadruple within a year.

“If we get even one percent of Greenbelters involved, that’s our goal,” he said.

Rosenthal, Cohen-Mitchell and seven others conceptualized the time bank in June 2012 but committee members experienced software problems and organizational challenges before they were finally able to open the group to the public.

“Now our biggest challenge is getting the word out,” Rosenthal said.

To join participants must complete an online application. They must also submit references and pass an informal background check unless they know a committee member.

“We want to make sure they are reasonable people who want to join,” Ernsberger said.

Many senior citizens who wanted to join found it hard to manage the unfamiliar software so organizers hosted two software tutorials. They plan to host more in the upcoming months, she said.

Time Bank organizers must pay to rent community spaces, which can further complicate hosting software tutorials.

Luisa Robles, who is on the Time Bank committee, owes two hours to the bank. One volunteer helped her with yard work and another assisted with filing, she said.

“It was really very nice,” she said. “Sometimes I just need someone to be my cheerleader and make sure I’m getting done what I need to.”

Robles plans to teach a community member how to cook traditional Mexican rice and beans so she can earn hours.

For more information on the Greenbelt Time Bank, visit [www.greenbelttimebank.org](http://www.greenbelttimebank.org).

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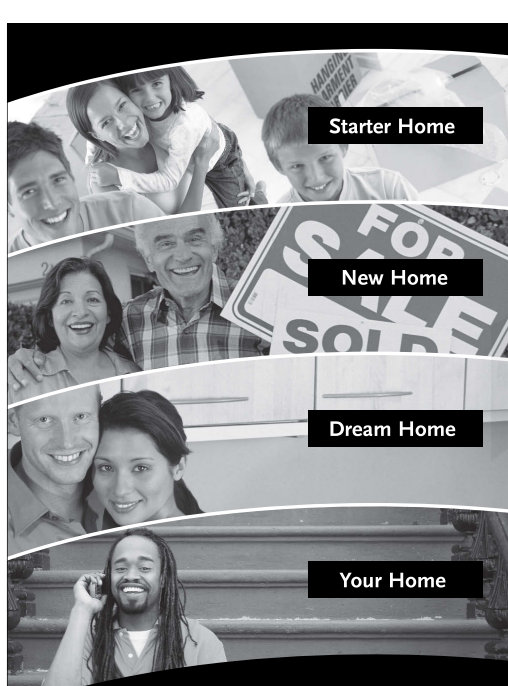
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### Club 125 Holds Craft, Cookie Exchanges

The next two Mondays, December 9 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a craft exchange designed to help like-minded crafters share their projects as a way to economize in the holiday season. Participants should bring a craft project to share and materials for 10. The club will help set each craft project table up in a circuit of projects that will include the club's paper snowflakes and pinecone birdfeeder projects.

#### Cookie Exchange

For those who would prefer to eat what they make, on Sunday, December 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and other community families will have a holiday cookie exchange at the club. Participants should bake a big batch of their family's favorite holiday treat to exchange baked goods in a cheery, festive environment. Participants will leave with a variety of goodies to stash for holiday entertaining and perhaps a new recipe or two.

Those who are interested in either exchange are asked to RSVP in person at the club, on Facebook (at facebook.com/Club125) or at www.club125.com. Club 125 is at Roosevelt Center next to the Old Greenbelt Theatre.



## December Artful Afternoon Features Holiday Arts

Sunday, December 8, the second day of the Festival of Lights juried art and craft fair will also include usual monthly Artful Afternoon activities at the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most activities are free, family-friendly and do not require registration – exceptions are noted.

At noon there will be a drawing to choose two winners of two tickets each to the Greenbelt Arts Center performance of the winners' choice and \$25 in Art Bucks accepted by all Festival of Lights vendors or that can be applied to any city arts class during the 2014 winter season. To participate, complete the entry form online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3CBS9S7> or at the Community Center Art Gallery before 11:30 a.m. Sunday, December 8.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Recreation Department Instructor Trish Consoli will teach those age 10 and up to make reusable fabric gift bags. Advance registration is required and there is a nominal fee. Participants should have a basic knowledge of sewing machines and are encouraged to bring their own. Materials will be provided. To register email Kelly Wargo at [kwargo@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kwargo@greenbeltmd.gov).

From 2 to 4 p.m. Recreation Department Instructor Matt McLaughlin and Artist-in-residence Nora Simon will lead a workshop for all ages on simple printmaking techniques to make cards for any occasion.

Gallery visitors can see the new exhibition of vibrant, bold watercolor paintings by Valerie Watson that opens on December 7.

The Greenbelt Museum exhibit is displaying the 75th anniversary exhibit "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years" that shows the city's history with an interactive timeline. More local history can be seen at the museum's historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road, which has tours for a nominal fee from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Farmers Market Closes the Year with a Brrr

by Cathie Meetre

Brrrrr was the name of the game at the last regular Greenbelt Farmers Market of the 2013 season on November 24 – though the Holiday Market on December 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be the last opportunity until Mothers' Day 2014 to stock up on locally-sourced items. With sub-freezing temperatures and wind chills hitting the teens, vendors and volunteers were challenged to make change and keep tents and signs lashed down in wind gusting to 15 and 20 mph.

The cold postponed the generosity of Miguel and his "Crepes at the Market" team. Miguel was to have donated a 50 percent share in the proceeds of crepe sales for the day to the Greenbelt Community Foundation but the frigid temperatures and biting wind compromised his crepe-making equipment. Miguel will attend the Holiday Market (weather permitting), donating then instead. All are invited to attend the December 8 market to "Eat a Crepe for Greenbelt."

Ferguson Farms' Lynne Ferguson and her team froze their fingers as they gamely handed out hundreds of previously-ordered fresh turkeys to a line that stayed ten deep all day. Cold customers and chilled vendors alike took comfort in fresh hot coffee from Zeke's. The Arlington Morris Dancers' multi-colored skirts swirled above toasty tights and below parkas and woolly hats as they clicked, clacked and stomped their way to warmth.

### New Initiatives

When the market started in 2009 as the newest Greenbelt community endeavor, a small handful of volunteers in their 30s were the visionaries. They overcame all the many barriers to create an occasion in the best tradition of Greenbelt life. Today the market continues with some of the founders and some newcomers working constantly behind the scenes to make it happen. The market has contributed to the health of Roosevelt Center merchants. Stores, restaurants and the movie theater see an uptick in their attendance on market days as the extra foot traffic spills from the market into the Center. Drawn by the market, visitors stay to shop and come back

for movies and dinner. Rather than siphoning trade away from the center, the farmers market has increased revenues and helped enhance the viability of Greenbelt's core.

Market attendance varies weekend to weekend based on weather but this fifth season's average attendance stayed true to a gradually climbing trend. Every market hour at the ¾ hour, volunteers go out with bright yellow clickers to count visitors and the farmers market tracks vendor revenues to gauge overall market success. Market expenses are defrayed partly by vendor fees and partly by donations and sales of T-shirts and magnets – the market makes ends meet but only just. In 2012, they received a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation to underwrite part of the cost of permanent signage at the major access points to Old Greenbelt. The signs are to avoid volunteers risking life and limb placing heavy wooden signs on the median strips of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. Recent word from the State Highway Administration indicates the signs should finally be in place in the next several weeks.

A key player in the market's success is the city government, which is supportive in essential, practical ways – making sure the parking lot is clear of cars, providing striped barrels to block off the market, setting out trash barrels, helping with equipment storage and signing off on permits. It is a valued relationship without which the market could not exist.

Freshness is a recurring theme of the market. Fresh produce and crisp juicy fruits – made on the spot shrimp Po Boys from DC Puddin' – and flowers, meat products, eggs, herbs, shiny vegetables and delicious mushrooms and cider from Pleititz, Shlagel, Three Springs and Pat Hochmuth. Add warm-from-the-oven fresh bread from the bakery and fresh-roasted coffee from Zeke's and it's a little bit of heaven in a parking lot.

### Vendor Selection

The quality and variety of this cornucopia isn't an accident. Vendors must grow or make the products they sell within 100 miles of Greenbelt or within the State of Maryland. Board members make farm visits to validate that vendors have

the capability to produce the items they bring to market. In addition, all primary products must be consumed by eating, drinking or application to the skin – so it doesn't accept most crafts.

The board evaluates applicants and creates a balance between raw produce and prepared foods – due diligence includes checking health department permits and requiring kitchens at commercial standards. This year the market added wine sampling to the repertoire, donated space and facilities for sponsored booths for a variety of Greenbelt organizations and provided musical entertainment at most markets. Chef demonstrations and community booths add to the diversity and appeal of the market.

It takes a village to put on a market! The market is almost entirely volunteer-driven – each week it takes a dozen volunteers to staff the market and assist the Market Master set up and run a safe and disciplined market. Over the season, that's well over 300 volunteer shifts. In addition, volunteers keep the books, write and publish newsletters, develop advertising, evaluate vendor applications, deal with regulators and permit authorities, populate the website, coordinate with the city and schlep tents, tables, chalkboards, signs and boxes of literature and T-shirts to and from the market.

### Community Support

The Greenbelt Farmers Market encourages Greenbelters to participate in this new and true child of Greenbelt by purchasing from the market, meeting friends there and welcoming newcomers and by volunteering and contributing. Information on the market, contact information and volunteer registration can be found at [www.GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org](http://www.GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org). The Information Booth in the center of every market accepts donations and welcomes new volunteers.

*Cathie Meetre is GFM treasurer and a board member.*

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## Reel-to-Reel Fundraiser To Support Renovation

by Caitlin McGrath

The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and Greenbelt Access Television will hold a free holiday film series in December. The event is a part of the Reel-to-Reel fundraiser – all donations received during the four Saturday morning screenings will go toward purchasing a 35mm reel-to-reel projection system for the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The theater renovations slated to take place in 2014 include a digital projector that will ensure new films can be shown in old Greenbelt but the reel-to-reel system will allow for non-digital archival films to be shown as well.

To feature the films that could be shown with the equipment and to celebrate the holiday season, the following four free films will be screened during December at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

December 7: White Christmas; December 14: How the Grinch Stole Christmas (two screenings, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.); December 21: It's a Wonderful Life; December 28: Meet John Doe.

Bringing these films to Greenbelt has been a community-wide effort. With help from a generous anonymous donor and support from GATE, which is providing the projection equipment, they will be shown at no cost to allow all donations from the community to go toward the purchase of the reel-to-reel system.

"GATE recognizes the importance of a more community-accessible cinema center that will help make Greenbelt a cinema mecca for not only Prince George's County but the Washington region," said Susan Gervasi, GATE secretary and vice-president of its Friends group.

In addition to GATE's equipment donation, Zeke's Coffee is offering free coffee at the screenings.

The Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre will also gauge community interest at the fundraiser for creation of a workers' cooperative to run the theater after it is renovated.

This new venture would be called the Greenbelt Cinema Cooperative. The cooperative would aim to create a more extensive and diverse program of theater including independent, art-house, repertory and educational content. The purpose of the Greenbelt Cinema Co-op would be to revitalize the theater and strengthen its position as a cultural and social hub.

Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre invites community members to take a short online survey found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/X9G566V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X9G566V). Questions and comments can be posted at the group's Facebook page or emailed to [caitlinmcgrath02@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinmcgrath02@gmail.com).

*Caitlin McGrath is president of the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.*



## THANKS!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to make sure that I express my thanks to all those who helped me with the recently concluded election campaign. While I knocked on many doors during our recent city council election campaign, I must give credit to friends who delivered flyers throughout the community, helped me pay for the printing of flyers and advertise in the News Review, gave me good insights and held informal house parties to discuss the issues in an intelligent and thoughtful manner.

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What all of these good folks share, despite holding varying viewpoints from time to time, is a love of Greenbelt. We are a caring community and for that I am most grateful.

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