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French Immersion School Expands With Move to Former Middle School

by Kathleen Gallagher

On Monday, February 2 the Greenbelt City Council met with Principal Nasser Abi and Instructional Program Coordinator Martha Kristy of the Robert Goddard French Immersion School, which at the start of this academic year moved into the recently renovated building that had been vacated by Greenbelt Middle School. Although signage at the school has not quite caught up with last fall's changes, that hardly matters as on July 1 still another change becomes effective when the school adopts its new name of Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

On January 8, the Prince George's County Board of Education voted to approve the new name for the school. A supporter of total language immersion for all elementary and secondary students, Dora Kennedy, the first foreign language supervisor for the Prince George's County Public Schools, introduced the school

system's first immersion language program.

Fortunately, all these changes in name and place are not likely to faze the leadership, staff or students of French Immersion, who have a strong sense of its identity and mission. Besides its innovative academic programs and status as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, both Abi and Kristy said the school has few behavioral problems, in part because of the presence of siblings in the school. They have a solid character education program and benefit as well from strong parental involvement and support.

The Immersion School, actively interested in its new Greenbelt heritage, is already pursuing the history of its school building. The 2015 to 2016 school year will be the 30th anniversary of academic immersion programs in Prince George's County. During its celebration in early fall, the school plans to weave in

that anniversary by recognizing the history of the school and the building.

Demolition

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan commented on all the activity involved in moving the school in the middle of completing the final tasks of building renovation. He asked if the plan to demolish the 1969 administrative wing was still on the to do list. Abi confirmed its status was still to do.

Asbestos abatement was completed over Christmas vacation and the city now waits for Comcast to complete its work. Since cable wiring in some areas is shared among Franklin Park, the new Greenbelt Middle School, the Immersion School and even the bus lot, sorting it out is still a Comcast work-in-progress.

Because of the hazardous nature of demolition, the old building wing will have to be taken

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New Parks Superintendent Likes Education and People

by Alexi Worley

Inside his office in the Greenbelt Public Works building, tucked away beside Buddy Attick Lake Park, Richard Fink leaned back in his swivel chair as he described his unbridled passion for maps.

It is a passion sparked at an early age thanks to a map puzzle given to him by his father, and he was both introspective and boyishly excited as he told the story of how this interest came to be.

"I loved playing with the thing, I don't know why. And ever since then I've viewed the world through maps. I see myself as part of the map," Fink said with an easy laugh. On his computer, a Google Maps image of Colorado covered the screen.

"So when I drive over to, say, Schrom Park in Greenbelt I'm not necessarily seeing the buildings and the trees but I'm seeing



Richard Fink

myself on the road from a top down perspective," he said. "Most of the time when I'm at a new place I already know my way around because I just love maps."

It is a fitting interest for the man named Greenbelt's new superintendent of parks and grounds, a position

Fink, who lives in Silver Spring with his girlfriend, has held since December.

The position requires him to not only oversee the planning and design of the city's parks and green areas, but also to develop related programs that will both compliment the city's layout and benefit Greenbelt residents.

It is this interaction between nature and people that interests the Chestertown, Pa., native and led him to get involved with parks in

See **FINK**, page 5

Council Highlights Parking Regs; Solar Parking Lot Canopy Grants

by Kathleen Gallagher

The regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, February 9 had a fairly brief and workaday agenda. One highlight was an appearance by Greenbelt's new county councilmember, Todd Turner, to introduce himself formally and to invite council and residents to attend one or more Thursday "listening sessions" he is hosting through early March to talk about District 4 priorities and the county's Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

Greenbelt was the site of the first session on February 12. The last two will be held at 7 p.m. at the Glenn Dale Fire Station and the Bowie City Hall on February 19 and March 5 respectively.

Theater Update

City Manager Michael McLaughlin announced that a progress meeting on the Greenbelt theater renovation was held on February 6, at which time the project's general contractor said

he expected the renovation work to be substantially complete by mid-March. Given the expectation that the contract with the new operator will come before council at the February 23 regular meeting, McLaughlin suggested thinking in terms of a soft opening of the theater by the end of March and, in consultation with the operator, perhaps a grand reopening around the end of April.

The city manager also announced that the large number of orange stakes along the lake path between the dam and the end of Lakecrest Drive are a function of WSSC survey activity. He said the city is not anticipating any work to be done in that location in the near future but that the surveying is likely related to other sewer-line work being done in various places in the city by WSSC.

Changes to Parking Code

The Department of Planning and Community Development has reviewed Chapter 11 of the City Code (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) in response to a request from council to look particularly at regulations on parking restrictions based on vehicle size, weight and class. An ordinance was introduced for first reading that would amend Articles II (Operation

See **COUNCIL**, page 7

City, Prince George's County Anticipate Financial Burdens

by Devin Dae Tucker

State cuts to Prince George's County's funding could triple the county deficit by June 2016 but County Councilmember Todd Turner said bringing the FBI to Greenbelt could offset those cuts.

Turner and special assistant to the county executive, Amber Hendricks, were forthcoming about the types of cuts the county expects to see, and how that will affect community services.

"We are going to be honest with you about what's happening in the county," Turner said. "I know it (budget overview) sounds very somber . . . it's easy to point fingers, but that is not what you hired me to do, you hired me to fix these problems."

However, Turner said the financial dilemma that the county faces can be significantly reduced. One of his key goals for the next year is bringing the FBI's new headquarters to Greenbelt. General Services has narrowed the possible locations of the FBI's new home to three locations, two of which are in Prince George's County.

Turner said he "has 4,000 reasons why the FBI coming to Greenbelt is a good idea," including the number of jobs this project can bring.

Turner does not think the projected deficits will hurt Greenbelt's chances in claiming the FBI, although he did acknowl-

edge that there might be a drawback if the county has to provide funds for the project.

The District 4 budget listening session was held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building Thursday, February 12. The listening session outlined the budget for Prince George's County through Fiscal Year 2016 that ends in June 2016. The meeting also referenced the county priorities that need to be taken care of in order to further the progress within Greenbelt, and within the county as a whole.

Despite the challenging economic time period, the county still holds 8.3 percent of its annual revenue in reserves. However, the county will need to cut funding in order to get through this year, and may also have to use reserves in order to cover any unexpected costs.

This year county officials expect to spend 4.8 percent more than budgeted or nearly \$136 million. The county also projects a \$117.4 million shortfall to cover needed expenses in 2016.

Budget Cuts

This proposes a major problem, as the county is confronted with the annual growth rate in expenses that are far exceeding income.

Many of these impending budget cuts are due to Governor Larry Hogan's proposed budget plan

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What Goes On

Monday, February 23

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 24

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, February 25

7 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Briefing on Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail from Greenbelt Station/Update on South Core Apartments, Community Center

Thursday, February 26

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, 3 p.m. Secret Circus Youth Musical, Community Center (see city ad on page 5 for details)

Letters to the Editor

For the Record

Reporter Thomas X. White omitted some things in his accounting of my report as Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) chair at the February 4 worksession with city council. In serving as FPAB chair for almost two years, I stated at the worksession that I accomplished three initiatives that I noticed needing attention:

1.) The FPAB meetings had been held for years in a small conference room within the office of Planning & Community Development. This room (about 10 ft. by 12 ft.) had space for the nine-member board to hold its meetings and only a few guests. Starting in October of 2013 FPAB began holding its monthly board meetings in Room 114 of the Community Center, where the larger space would accommodate more of the public. This room, where we continue to meet, is much more public-accessible and can accommodate up to 30 guests.

2.) Several members of the public correctly pointed out that the four previous years' FPAB monthly meeting minutes were incomplete on the city's website, with some months entirely missing, others posted under the incorrect year and several posted twice. These have since been corrected as I had reminded the city staff several times to look into these.

3.) Prior to becoming chair it became obvious to me that previous board meetings were less formal with implementing Roberts Rules of Order (RROs) in conducting the meetings, and some members who were less inclined to speak out were being left out of the discussions. Some members were speaking a second and third time before others were called upon to speak their first time. As chair I implemented a more formal adherence to RROs to level the playing field and allow for more fair and equitable discussions and business at the meetings.

The reporter referenced FPAB's need in using RROs but he did not mention the other two accomplishments I implemented as chair, giving the impression that all that I focused on was RROs.

In addition, I mentioned that of the eight reports FPAB submitted, three dealt with the adjacent community gardens; however, the reporter wrongly stated that the remaining reports "related to the Forest Preserve (FP) assessment."

Not true. The most recent FPAB report (submitted November 2014) dealt with the FP assessment. The other four did not.

These reports (Greenbriar Park, animal trapping language, Area D and Ancestral Knowledge) were related to our city's FP and the FP Management & Maintenance Guidelines.

The reporter did correctly report on the Code of Conduct being updated (strengthened).

Bob Snyder
FPAB chair

Editor's Note: To include everything said at the meeting would have filled the entire paper.

Join Our Class

An African American literature class is being offered through the SAGE program in Greenbelt. This is a wonderful opportunity for those in book clubs and for those truly interested in literature to become acquainted with diverse authors. This class is being taught by our own Altoria Ross. I enrolled in the last class. It was engaging and intellectually stimulating. I was surprised that the class was not filled. This class is held on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Hope we see more Greenbelters in attendance.

Lois Rosado

GATe Holds Comic Book, Manga Classes

George Kochell, GAVA/GATe's animation instructor, will be leading children 9 to 12 years old in a new comic book and manga class as they create their own original books. Manga are classic Japanese comic books that conform to a style developed in Japan in the late 19th century. They cover a wide range of topics and are designed to appeal to all age groups.

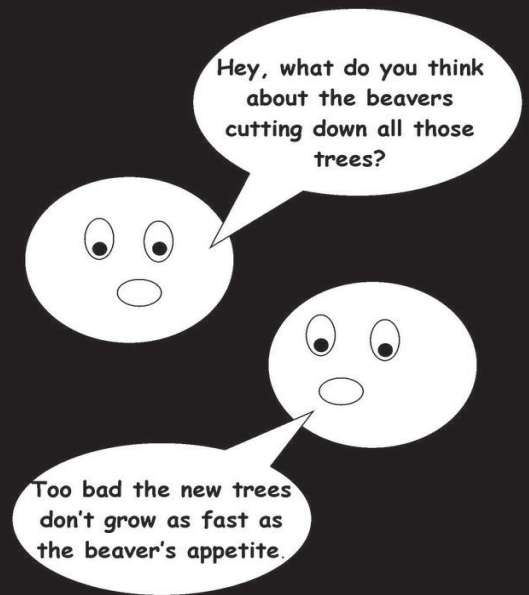
Classes will run on Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., February 25 to April 1 (six weeks). There is a fee. Classes will meet at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road. All supplies will be provided, just bring imagination. Comic books will be printed and swapped at the last class.

For more information, contact Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com or 301-474-2192.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Saturday

Kids three and up can celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Saturday, February 28 at 10 a.m. at the College Park Community Library. Celebrate his amazing stories with books read aloud, puppets, art projects and treats. College Park Community Library is located in the Nazarene Church, 9704 Rhode Island Ave.

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This week's Swifty . . .

"We're from Chicago. It's a sacrilege to eat a thin crust pizza," he objected p _ _ _ _ ly."



Last Week's Swifty: "I'm beat, we must have done emission tests on every single bus in the city," he said EXHAUSTEDLY."

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Thursday, February 26, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Review 4th Quarter 2014 Financial Statements

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Review Companion Animal Committee Report
- Review 4th Quarter 2014 Financial Statements
- Proposed Revisions to Rules for Privacy Screens
- Member Outreach Committee's Report: How to Increase Member Involvement
- Proposal to Reinstate Policy of Collecting Working Capital Contributions from New Members
- Proposal to Hire Manager for the Homes Improvement Program
- Review Questions and Answers from the Jan. 25th Town Hall Meeting
- Contract for Repairs to 60K Crescent Road, 1st Reading
- Spring and Fall Gutter Cleaning – 2nd Reading
- Masonry Crack Repair Contract – 2nd Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 8G Research Rd – 2nd Reading
- Contract for Preparing Specifications for Crawlspace Improvements Project – 2nd Reading

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Community Events

New Puppet Show At New Deal Café

On Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m., The Hollow Stump, the new puppet show by Beech Tree Puppeteers Ole and Ingrid Hass, will be presented in a free performance at the New Deal Café. Adapted from a Russian folk tale, the play depicts seven animals who seek shelter from the winter cold and snow. The tale celebrates community as the animals learn to share one space, and is suitable for children in pre-kindergarten through third grade.

The animal puppets are rod puppets, all crafted by the Hasses. These Greenbelters also wrote the script and most of the music, which they sing as well. The stump itself was found in the yard waste dump at Northway Fields and was carved and sanded by Ole Hass.

Beech Tree Puppets was founded by the Hasses last year, with their first performance at Greenbelt Elementary School. This is the second puppet production they have performed at the New Deal Café. The Hollow Stump is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and supported by a grant from the City of Greenbelt.

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stock, is seeking new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Next meeting is Monday, March 9. For more information email goddard@bivio.com



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At the Library

Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. White Slaves in Africa: The Untold Story will be the final session of the winter season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, historian of the African diaspora. Other sessions will be presented in the spring on Tuesday evenings.

Storytimes

Tuesday, February 24, Toddler Storytime, 2 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people. Thursday, February 26, Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Baby Storytime, 12:15 p.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people. Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Writers Group Meets February 20

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will hold a meeting on Friday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Greenbelt author Randi Anderson will make a brief presentation on her new novel and unique method of publication. Plans for the group for 2015 will be finalized. Come prepared to discuss the future of GWG. The meeting will conclude with short readings, as time allows. To get on the new GWG email list, contact Mary Moien at 301-474-4713 or mmoien@aol.com.



PHOTO BY ZACH FERRIS

Every other week, the Li'l Makers allows families to do art, spend time together and meet other parents and kids. Pictured clockwise: Heather Saida, Rowan Ferris, Michael Cohen, Roman Hurwitz, George Boyce, Li'l Dan Celdran, Eva Fallon, Tanja Owe, Corita Waters, Maeve Waters and River Ferris.

Li'l Makers Meets Twice a Month

Greenbelt MakerSpace, formerly known as Club125, has begun a new program for families with young children entitled “Li'l Makers” where children and their adult caregivers create art together. Organizers Heather Saida and her husband Zach Ferris spearheaded this new program. “We’ve had a great time,” says President Corita Waters. “We like MakerSpace because it gives me a chance to spend time being creative with my kids. Most parent-child events are during the day when I am at work, so this offers a nice evening alternative. The MakerSpace offers a warm comfy place to be creative and connect with other area parents.”

Li'l Makers meets on the second and fourth Fridays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and is open to everyone. Greenbelt MakerSpace is located at 125 Centerway.

– Li'l Dan Celdran

Jupiter and Uranus Observations

Weather permitting, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be observing Jupiter and Uranus at maximum magnification at its star party on Saturday evening, February 21 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, Northway Field. Venus, Mars, comet C/2014 Q2 (Lovejoy), some double and multiple star systems and some deep sky objects may also be observed.

Observing will begin at around 7 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope.

The event will be cancelled if the weather is hopelessly cloudy.



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Kingsman, R (!!) *

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Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, in 3D,
PG (!)

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Fifty Shades of Grey, R (!) *

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Hot Tub Time Machine, PG-13 (!) *

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Jupiter Ascending, PG-13 (!)

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Black or White, PG-13

4:15, 9:50

McFarland, PG (!) *

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Pre-Show,

Focus, PG-13 (!)

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A Look at Maryland's Dependence on Coal

by Sara Henry



Do you ever think of where the electricity comes from when you flip the light switch or plug in your laptop? In Maryland, like most of the U.S., 40 percent of our electricity comes from coal-fired power plants. Coal used in Maryland comes mostly from West Virginia, where mining is associated with black lung disease, mining disasters and mountaintop removal.

This heavy reliance on coal has a direct impact on the lives of Marylanders. Maryland has the worst smog pollution on the East Coast (remember those summer Orange Alert days?). Smog happens when nitrogen oxides emitted from burning coal and other sources react with other pollutants to form ground-level ozone. Smog offers a host of adverse health effects, including triggering asthma attacks, especially in vulnerable populations, such as children. Five million Marylanders or 86 percent of us live in areas classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as unsafe to breathe because of smog.

Clean Energy Act

The Maryland Sierra Club and others have been working to pass the Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act which would set a goal for 40 percent of the state's energy to come from clean, renewable sources by 2025.

Then in January the incoming Hogan administration used a heretofore unknown legal gambit

to stop the regulations from being issued pending more study. Apparently coal giant NRG Energy had objected to installing modern controls at their plants at Chalk Point (Upper Marlboro) and Dickerson (Montgomery County).

Coal is replaceable. In Iowa, from 2006 to 2012, for example, the generation of electricity by wind grew to 25 percent of the state's total, while the use of coal fell to 12 percent.

National Level

The EPA through the Clean Air Act has proposed regulating coal-fired power plants. But this process will take time and may run into roadblocks in the current deadlocked Congress.

What can Marylanders and Greenbelters do? Come, learn more (snacks provided) and get action tips at Beyond Coal: Cleaner Energy, Cleaner Air for Maryland sponsored by the Roosevelt Democratic Club, the Maryland Sierra Club, GCAN and Reel & Meal on Sunday, February 22, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Seth Bush of the Maryland Sierra Club will offer an update on the current situation for cleaner energy in the Maryland legislative session and lead discussion on the documentary Coal Country.

Sources for statistics: *Baltimore Sun*, *The Nation* and the *Maryland Sierra Club*.

(See ad on page 3.)

Co-op Nursery School Gives Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning September 2015.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent co-operative in its 73rd year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The school offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend and meet the director, teachers and parents, view the classrooms and get information about the classes.

The school is located in the Community Center. Parking is available in the lot behind the Library. For details, visit www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call 301-474-5570.

Family Event Studies Orchids

This Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the free annual OrKID Family Festival will be held in the Evans Gallery at the National Museum of Natural History. Visitors of all ages are invited. The event is a collaboration between Smithsonian Gardens, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the National Museum of Natural History and the North American Orchid Conservation Center. Activities include constructing a field journal, an orchid corsage and an orchid puzzle.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, February 19, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, February 20, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. One Tribe, a "Reggaedelic" group ripe with percussion and vocal harmonies, performs from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by Guernsey playing piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. WAMMIE-award-winning roots rock and power pop group, Billy Coulter Band, will perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Deaf Brunch meets Sunday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. In the evening, Dave Kline Band will bring rock, blues, funk and folk music to the cafe from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Monday, February 23, the New Deal Café board of directors meeting will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, February 24, CLaw Comedy Productions presents the New Deal Laugh-in Showcase from 7 to 9 p.m. This show is recommended for an adult audience.

On Wednesday, February 25, the monthly Cajun Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in the fun.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Windsor Green resident Eileen Campbell, 79, who died February 12, 2015. Mrs. Campbell worked at the Greenbelt Library, retiring in 2010. A memorial service will be held at the Advent Funeral Home in Lanham at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 20.

Sympathy to Katrina Boverman on the death of her aunt Sue Boverman, who died at the age of 84 in Portland, Oregon, on February 4, 2015. Mrs. Boverman and her late husband Harold, Katrina's uncle, had visited here and were very fond of Greenbelt.

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— Kathleen McFarland

Astronomical Society Features Telescopes

The February meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will feature a presentation by Dr.



Peter C. Chen on A New Way to Make Telescopes. He will report on the development and current status of a new way of making mirrors and telescopes. The primary application is for future missions in space and on the Moon but the technology also has unique capabilities for use in large ground-based observatories and for amateur astronomy.

This technology has all the right buzzwords, including nanotechnology, active optics, adaptive optics, 3D printing, smart materials, smart structures, low cost rapid fabrication, large and extremely large apertures, low areal density and super-smooth surfaces, etc. Despite the fancy terms, however, Chen maintains this is basically a simple process that does not require exotic materials or equipment. He will explain how it is done, what is being done and what kinds of exciting things can be done with it in the future.

Chen is an astrophysicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center and an adjunct research professor in the Department of Physics at the Catholic University of America. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. in astronomy from Case Western Reserve University.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no charge. The meeting will be cancelled without notice if county schools are closed.



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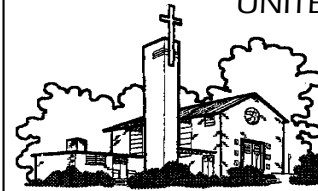
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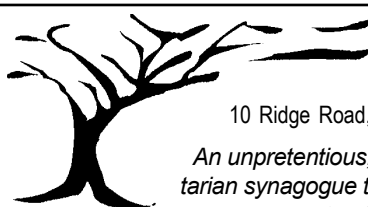
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the first place.

"I'm interested in learning what drives people to go to parks, what they use parks for," Fink explained.

After earning his bachelors from Susquehanna University and his masters degree from Temple University, Fink delved into the world of historic sites.

He started working as the education director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation at a property in Northwest Philadelphia that contained a museum, battle-grounds and more than five acres of green space.

"While working there I became really interested in how to engage people with the outdoors," Fink said. "I wanted to learn how to bring together outdoors and education."

He also worked for the Central Park Conservancy in Manhattan and the Parks and People Foundation in Baltimore, Fink said.

"I think this position is sort of a natural progression for me. I started out at Central Park, which is one park but probably the most famous in the world, and now I have the opportunity to manage multiple parks in a small town," Fink said.

Working for a municipal government is new for Fink, who said he sees the position as an opportunity to revamp how Greenbelt promotes its parks.

"We've got a lot of great resources here that people need to know about," Fink said. "For example when you walk into Buddy Attick Park you should know that there are areas for fishing, that there are trails, picnic areas, and baseball fields."

Fink's plan to target new programs towards Greenbelt's growing population of young professionals is just one of his ideas on how to improve park use.

"Mr. Fink brings a youthful enthusiasm to his new position," said Jim Sterling, Greenbelt's acting director of Public Works. "His past experience and insight from managing and maintaining parks in New York and Baltimore will be very beneficial to the city. The department is excited to have a

young professional with different views and ideas in helping to create educational outdoor opportunities in the parks."

Also on the top of Fink's list is increasing green education in local schools and boosting park safety.

"I think one area that we're lacking is environmental education, it's something I'd like to

work on," Fink said.

Fink praised Greenbelt for the job it has done managing its grounds in the past. This past success, however, he called the position's biggest challenge.

"We've historically given this level of service and the expectation placed on our public works department is extremely high," he said.

"Trying to deliver on that level of performance on a daily basis is very challenging. It can be difficult to go out and deal with the beaver issue and the trash issue and the potholes and the litter all in 24 hours."

So far Fink has been enjoying his experience working with the Greenbelt government.

"It is exactly like Parks and Recreation," he laughed. "If you watch that show, it is identical. But in all seriousness, government work? It's great. Greenbelt? It's even better."

Alexi Worley is a student in journalism at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, February 23, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Oath of Office – New Police Officers
- 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
- *Committee Reports

Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2015-1 (Sidewalk Request)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article II "Operation of Vehicles" and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking" of the Greenbelt City Code - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Approval of Contract for Operation of Greenbelt Theater
- Award of Purchase – Public Works Pickup Truck
- State Legislation
- Council 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 to reach the City Clerk.

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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 23-27

Monday, February 23 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 24 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN TEAM** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, February 25 at 7pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Wednesday, February 25 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION – Briefing on Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail from Greenbelt Station/Update on South Core Apartments** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 26 at 7pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the agenda: Report on City Council and advisory board chairs worksession; Any additional code of conduct signatories; Report on Feb. 7 forest preserve walk; Update on forest preserve assessment/RFP process; Introduction to review of the Management and Maintenance Guidelines; Area D and Pumpkin Walk and Elections

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down while the students are not in school. The plan is to do it on April 1 or April 2 during spring break if Comcast's work is complete by that time. Jordan asked that the city be notified so that the staff at Franklin Park could be alerted.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested they look into recycling the bricks from the building wing when it comes down. Kristy thanked her for the idea, saying it would fit nicely into the school's green program. She said since they are a designated Green School, environmental studies are part of the curriculum.

Enrollments

The mayor asked about enrollments at the school, which is a combined elementary and middle school. Abi said the total is 612, with almost 200 in the middle school (grades 6-8) and the rest in K-5. Kristy estimated that about 80 students are Greenbelt residents. She explained that the school's enrollments are heaviest at the youngest levels since students do not usually have the language background to enter later.

Abi added that another reason is that immersion schools often see a drop in enrollment after the first few grades, as students sort out whether they really want to be in an immersion curriculum

and as some families move internationally. He added that the children can return to the school only if they have been in a Francophone country.

Jordan asked about their target for eventual enrollment. Abi said about 800. They were able to add one kindergarten this year, which adds 25 students, he said, so as the additional class moves through, that will eventually add about 200. Currently they have classroom space to allow expansion to an extra class up through the 5th grade.

"That was the goal," Abi said. "We wanted to move so we could grow."

Councilmember Rodney Roberts commented on how good it is to see the building occupied. He asked if their intention is to stay in that location indefinitely or whether they wished to grow beyond the capacity of that space.

Abi said they were planning to stay. Getting the space was difficult, he said, since a proposed charter school was also interested in the space and the county had originally intended to use a substantial part of the building for administrative office space. Abi said it was through the efforts of Dr. Kevin Maxwell, when he arrived as chief executive officer of the school system, that they

had been able to have the space they needed.

According to Abi, Maxwell, a strong proponent of immersion education, recognized immediately that the school needed more space and moved to eliminate the administrative programs.

"We greatly benefited from his leadership," Abi said. He added that they had even encouraged the county to fix up the space allotted to the city if the city decided it no longer wants it.

Those Five Rooms

Regarding the five rooms reserved for city use in the building, Jordan said the discussions had been a "frustrating experience." City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he had not yet met with the school system's chief operating officer since one scheduled date had fallen through and a second one has not been set.

Jordan said the city has felt very strongly about having additional space for outreach to residents of Greenbelt West, especially in social services, tutoring and literacy. For that reason, a task force had put in a great deal of work to study needs and to make suggestions. Jordan said although the city is still considering the need for programs there, it has been confronted with the

fiscal reality that the school system now expects the city to undertake an expensive renovation of the space with no guaranty of how long the city could use it.

Bus Lot

Abi further commented on plans to move the bus lot, which so far had not been worked out. He said relocation of the bus lot was of interest to them primarily because parents would like to see the school expand through the 12th grade, which would clearly require additional space.

Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that another purpose of moving the bus lot was supposed to be for upgrading the playing fields, which was important because the Immersion School is sharing fields with Greenbelt Middle School and because the city has also been interested in using more athletic field space in Greenbelt West.

Davis added that the school is already working with some of the city's organizations, such as the Advisory Committee on Education. She noted that the school was not previously located in a municipality and that the city has been pleased to see their interest and willingness to become part of the community. She said she hoped they would take advantage of other city opportunities.

Explore Daily Effects Of Hearing Loss

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Dr. Julia Vadakkumpadan on Friday, February 27. She will discuss the daily effects that hearing loss has on an individual's life. The presentation will review how one hears, the causes of hearing loss and information to know before investing in hearing aids, particularly since the senior population is vulnerable to gimmicks that can actually cause further damage to the hearing system.

Vadakkumpadan received her education from the University of Georgia and the University of Maryland, where she received her doctorate in Audiology in 2007.

While attending Maryland, Vadakkumpadan participated in translational research conducting electrophysiologic assessments of hearing on birds. She also completed and published research on the use of closed captioning by older adults who utilize hearing aids.

Vadakkumpadan is a licensed audiologist in Maryland and in the District of Columbia.

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of Vehicles) and III (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of the Code, clarifying those regulations.

The ordinance would also increase fines and strengthen enforcement of regulations on unregistered, disabled and out-of-state vehicles and vehicles with multiple violations. New language is also included to regulate parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones and the operation of curbstoning (i.e., vehicle sales from residential locations).

Council will discuss the proposed changes in greater detail when the ordinance is introduced for second reading and adoption at the February 23 regular meeting. Several councilmembers indicated concern regarding a situation they said had raised questions in the first place: namely, the inadvertent violation and incurring of fines by individuals moving in or out of town and not aware of parking laws regarding vehicles temporarily parked.

Solar Canopy Grants

John Lippert, chair of the city's Green Team, and Luisa Robles, the city's sustainability coordinator, presented information on a grant program to fund commercial applicants' efforts to install solar parking canopies over large areas of parking lots where electric vehicle charging stations would be placed at no cost to the property owner.

Steven Skolnik, a member of the Green Team and president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), had identified this program at the Maryland Energy Administration.

According to Skolnik, the grant would pay for a solar vendor to install the canopies. The property owner would then be able to purchase the cheaper canopy-generated electricity for use at the business, as well as benefiting from having shaded parking and a feature to attract potential customers. Interest in electric cars is growing faster in GHI and elsewhere in the city than are locations for charging stations.

The Green Team asked the city's help in identifying possible sites and introducing the program to potential businesses, with the idea that Green Team members would then follow up and assist with the grant application. Because the deadline is short for this program (March 2 for this round) it is possible that companies identified this spring would actually begin discussions now with the goal of applying at the next deadline. Council agreed it was a win-win proposition for all concerned and agreed to help. Several locations suggested as possibilities were the parking lots at Beltway Plaza, Capital Office Park and the Maryland Trade Center.

New Ambulance

Council voted to release \$187,000 from the city's Apparatus Replacement Fund to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to put toward its purchase of a 2015 Road Rescue ambulance. The City of Greenbelt budgets funding annually to assist the department with purchase of equipment,

which then becomes the property of the department, not the county. Chief Thomas Ray explained that a benefit of this purchase is that the old ambulance will continue to be used as a backup, permitting the squad to have two vehicles out at once.

Strathcona Sale

Council also endorsed an application for issuance of a certificate of nonconforming use submitted by the new owners of the Strathcona Apartments located on Crescent Road opposite Centerway. The apartment complex will be renamed Greenbelt Park Apartments. This approval is a formality since the property, which conformed to zoning regulations when it was built, has been in consistent use since before zoning regulations were later changed. The interiors of the apartments will be upgraded but no external changes are anticipated.

Comcast Agreement

Council also voted to approve a settlement agreement with Comcast addressing certain non-compliance issues in return for the city's consent to the acquisition of Time Warner Cable by Comcast. All franchise members of the Countywide Franchise Negotiating Team have negotiated similar agreements with Comcast.

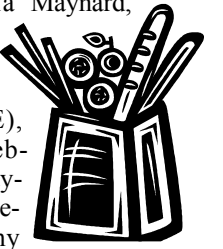
The renegotiation of the franchise agreements had been delayed, with the time frame extended, while Comcast has been engaged with pursuing this acquisition.

By approving the settlement agreement, the city will gain specific benefits now, rather than attempt to gain them later. They include provision of two Public, Education and Government (PEG) High Definition channels, one for county and one for municipal use; the right for the local governments to use up to 50 percent of their PEG fees on operational costs, instead of solely for capital costs, as is currently the case; extension of service to some county rural areas; and payment toward legal costs for the agreements.

Lions Club

The Greenbelt Lions Club has submitted an application for city recognition group status, which carries no direct funding but allows organizations to use city space for meetings. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the application and recommended its approval. All councilmembers voting on the application agreed to approve it. Councilmembers Judith Davis and Konrad Herling, members of the Lions Club, recused themselves from the vote.

Explorations Unlimited



Explorations Unlimited welcomes Patricia Maynard, from the University of Maryland Extension (UME), on Friday, February 20. Maynard will be presenting Healthy Cents, teaching those in attendance to stretch limited food dollars and make healthy food choices. After participating in this program, Maynard claims that participants will strongly desire to improve their nutrition and food shopping skills.

UME is a statewide, non-formal education system within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. UME provides educational programs and problem-solving assistance to young people and adults through research-based programs, often in collaboration with non-profits and community organizations.

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

Assault

February 10, 8:15 p.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive. An employee at the Residence Inn reported that a man entered the hotel and asked to use the computer lab. He was told he could not use the facility since he was not a guest of the hotel. He entered the lab area anyway and began using the resources. He was told to leave the property and after a verbal altercation was walked out of the hotel. He got into his vehicle and put the vehicle in reverse, almost hitting the employee, forcing the employee to jump out of the way. He is described as a black man, 50 years old, 5'9" tall, 250 pounds, driving a vehicle described as a silver 4-door 2000 Lincoln LS with Va. tags ROM829. An investigation is continuing.

Burglary

February 4, 10:50 p.m., 7700 block Frankfort Drive. Jewelry and a debit card were taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out the kitchen window.

February 6, 10:39 a.m., Parkway. A woman reported that someone has been using a key to enter her home without per-

mission. Nothing has been taken but items have been moved around. The person doing this is described as possibly a white woman, 20 to 30 years old, 5'2" tall, 120 pounds, with blonde hair, wearing dark clothing.

February 7, 8:50 p.m., 100 block Westway. Two laptop computers and sneakers were taken from a residence after entry was obtained, possibly by forcing open the kitchen window.

Vehicle Crime

Thefts from vehicles occurred in the following areas after windows were broken: 6000 block Greenbelt Road in Beltway Plaza parking lot (back pack), 7600 block Mandan Road (car radio) and 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive (portable media player).

Catalytic converters were stolen in two locations, one each in the 8100 block Burkart Court and the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Tires and rims were taken in the 8200 block Canning Terrace and a front tag from a vehicle in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Vandalism occurred in the 9300 block Edmonston Road, where a brick was used to break a windshield.

Governor Larry Hogan Offers Tax Break at Legion Post #136 Luncheon

by Jacob Bell

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan (R) reaffirmed his support for legislation to relieve income tax burdens on veterans during a Thursday, February 12 luncheon at the American Legion in Greenbelt.

Hogan proposed the Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption, a bill that would phase out income taxes on military retirement income. The bill is a departure from current state laws, which require military retirees to pay personal income taxes on pensions exceeding \$5,000. (This \$5,000 deduction is separate from and on top of the exclusion of up to \$29,000 for a private pension.)

"Our entire administration is going to be looking out for the needs of the people in this room and the people you represent," Hogan told the audience of veterans. The proposal came nearly a week after Hogan's State of the State address, during which he announced plans for a series of tax reforms that would provide relief to Marylanders and the economy.

"Other states give veterans a break on taxes, and so veterans are moving out of Maryland to states that more favorably treat their tax situation," said Mike Moore, a U.S. Army veteran and commander of American Legion Post #136 in Greenbelt.

Hogan's bill would phase in relief to the state's military retirees in 25 percent increments over the course of four years. The bill does not cover all veterans, but rather retirees who spent 20 or more years in the military. The bill will apply to about 51,000 veterans who receive a combined \$1.4 billion in military pensions, according to a press release from the governor's office.

The bill comes as welcome progress for Moore, who said not enough veterans affairs legislation makes it through state committees.

Veterans Laws

Maryland officials passed several laws affecting veterans in 2014, according to the state's Department of Veterans Affairs. These laws established a technology internship program, reformed veteran home regulations and provided funding for scholarships, loans, behavioral health and transportation services.

Hogan asked the veterans at the luncheon to contact their state legislators and to lobby for the bill's passage.

"The fact that he's willing to work for the vets, it's very encouraging," said Samuel Hofberg, a Marine Corps and Navy veteran and member of the Post. "If he can get most of what he asks for done, it will be a great thing."

Both the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Post #136 offer memorial, financial and education services to the state's veterans. Post #136 also sponsors volunteer opportunities and recreational trips. Earlier this year, Greenbelt veterans traveled to a University of Maryland women's basketball game.

With anticipated state budget cuts, Moore hopes future legislation will provide more funding for these services. "This



Governor Larry Hogan shakes hands during a meet and greet with local veterans.



The Governor talks with veterans Bill Miller (center) and Brian Sturgis.

is a nice thing to do, but it's not among our highest priorities," Moore said. "Our highest priorities are to help those veterans coming back from the

Middle East and from Afghanistan."

Jacob Bell is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

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Sound Advice When the Temperatures Dip

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1. Gather together an emergency kit and include flashlights, batteries, blankets, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, non-perishable food, a can opener, cash and an external battery pack for mobile devices.

2. Organize layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

3. Use all heaters, fireplaces, generators and other appliances safely by remembering ventilation and avoiding use in wet areas. Never burn charcoal indoors.

4. Fill up your car fuel tank at least half full in case of a prolonged power outage, as gas stations rely on electricity to operate pumps and may not have a generator.

5. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 20770) if you cannot safely shelter at home.

Protect Your Home

6. Insulate pipes exposed to the elements or cold drafts with insulating foam. For as little as \$1 per 6' of insulation, you can stop pipes from freezing and save energy. If you cannot purchase insulating foam in time, consider wrapping towels around pipes and fastening them with duct tape.

7. Place an insulating dome or other covering on outdoor faucets and spigots to help prevent the pipes from freezing, expanding and causing costly leaks.

8. Drip faucets to reduce the build-up of pressure in the pipes. Even if the pipes freeze, you have released the pressure from the water system reducing the likelihood of a rupture. If you are going out of town, and suspect that temperatures will drop or a power outage will occur, turn off the water to your home and open all of the taps to drain the water system to avoid returning to wet and damaged flooring, walls and electrical.

For Cold Weather

Test the car battery. Have it checked out, as a battery can lose power due to the drop in temperature. The last thing one wants is to be stuck in freezing weather with a car that won't start!

Check tire pressure monthly. For every 10 degrees the temperature drops, tires can lose about one pound per square inch (PSI) of pressure. Monitor tire pressure more closely during the wintertime.

Replace all-season tires with winter tires. Temperatures lower than 45 degrees cause all-season tires to stiffen and lose traction, but the latest generations of winter tires remain flexible in freezing temperatures, improving traction and available grip. Check tire depth with the penny test to make sure there is enough tread to grip the road in ice and precipitation.

Keep the car washed. Keep the exterior washed and waxed to protect the vehicle from the elements as the seasons change.

Don't Venture onto the Ice

Community Advisory from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

The recent cold temperatures may give the appearance that the water is iced over and frozen. It is not! Citizens should not venture onto an ice-covered body of water for any reason during the winter months. Without special equipment, human beings who fall into water with sub-freezing temperatures will survive only about 15 minutes. Ice on Maryland waterways rarely freezes evenly and solidly for a variety of reasons, including temperature fluctuations beneath the surface and the presence of contaminants in the water, which can prevent freezing.

Do not go onto the ice. If you are with someone who falls through the ice, do not go onto the ice to help them! Instead:

Call 911 immediately.

Mark the spot with a hat or a piece of clothing, so that if the victim becomes submerged, rescuers have a point of reference. Time is of the essence with this sort of rescue.

Then, reach or throw. If the victim is near enough to shore to reach a ladder, tree branch or pole, extend one of these toward them as quickly as possible and pull them to safety. Throw them a rope or a flotation device, if possible. Again, do not leave the shore and venture into the water or onto the ice.

If the victim can crawl out of the water and onto the ice, have them roll away from the crack and crawl on their belly to shore. Staying low distributes the body's weight on the ice and helps reduce the risk of the ice cracking.

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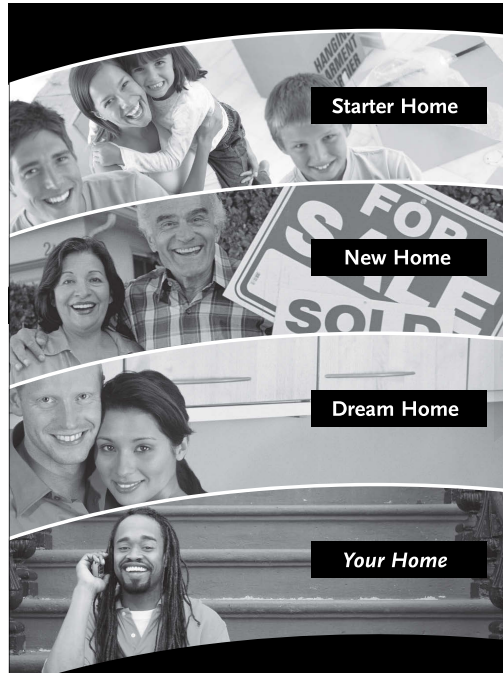
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on state aid for Fiscal Year 2016. Hogan's proposed reductions will affect nine state aid programs that benefit Prince George's County. These figures equal a total of \$44,602,073 in proposed reductions to the county.

The education cuts are by far the largest amount of total cuts by any of the 23 counties in Maryland.

The county with the next highest amount of budget cuts is Montgomery County, coming in at \$31,157,625.

"We are committed to working with our state delegation to restore much of the budget lost," Turner said.

Public school funding will be frozen at current levels, and the annual increases capped to 1 percent through 2021.

Prince George's Community College funding will be reduced below 20 percent in 2016.

Public libraries will get reduced funding in 2016 to \$14.17 million. Planned increases will be stretched out another four years.

Police aid will be reduced by \$247,000, rolling back budget increases that were achieved for the previous two years.

The budget will also roll back two years of Health Department funding gains by \$700,000, down to \$5.6 million and also eliminates funding for the existing hospital system.

The county council is committed to continuing the progress Greenbelt and Prince George's County have made in the school

system and public safety. Test scores have been rising over the past few years, and crime has dropped more than 40 percent in Prince George's County, including a 43 percent drop in homicides between 2011 and 2014.

The latter can be attributed to a more frequent and viable police presence, Hendricks said. "If you provide the services for the community, they will yield the results."

Devin Dae Tucker is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Two Horses but No Neighs At Youth Musical on Feb. 28

by Chris Cherry

Upholding a tradition of performing unusual duties with a smile, the Department of Public Works recently delivered a team of horses to the Community Center for use in the upcoming youth musical *Secret Circus*. These horses won't require any feeding or hay; they are part of a self-propelled sculpture on loan from the Make Believers, a kinetic sculpture team whose members include Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt's arts supervisor. The loan was facilitated by the American Visionary Art Museum, where the horses are normally boarded.

DeWald serves as production designer for the annual youth musical. This year's circus theme has inspired her team of stagecraft artists to produce some spectacular creations. A particular challenge was making the costumes and prosthetic accessories required for the sideshow prodigies: the Beast Woman, the Elephant Princess and the Seal Boy.

These prodigies figure prominently in the play about a traveling circus in 1930s Europe. The circus provides a home and live-

lihood for the prodigies, whose appearance is outside the norm. When the Paper Doll Police (an allegory for the Nazis) seize power, everyone deemed abnormal by the regime is imperiled, including a disabled girl named Anya who takes refuge with the circus. Her fate and that of the entire circus become intertwined in a desperate race for the border.

The story blends danger, romance, circus spectacle and moments of light-hearted comedy suitable for both children and adults. Thirty-six teenagers perform in this year's show, including Allison Lehman (Anya), Krisy Beauchamp (Madame Zara), Megan Winner (Musette), Scott Candey (Colonel Maximoff), Jack Brittan-Powell (Marco), Charles Fahey (Ezra) and Aidan Larkin (Rufus the Seal Boy).

Performance dates are Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Community Center business office at 301-397-2208.

A Review

Dunne's Art Shows Both Love, Beauty at New Deal

by Elizabeth Barber

I was struck by the beauty and genuine feeling of love in Ann Dunne's art show at the New Deal Café. It's a great achievement.

The walls of the back room show Ann's works of dye on silk with wax resist. I had seen this style of her work before and these new paintings are as lovely as the earlier ones.

Autumn Leaves and Red Excitement are equally splendid and the vibrant, darker colors are very successful. Soft Flying, with its butterflies and colors of reds, oranges and occasional dark turquoise and black, succeeds in a depiction of effortless flight. There are several versions of "Make me an instrument of thy music," which, I believe, is an echo of a statement made by St. Francis of Assisi. All the versions reflect a lyrical skill, forming a statement that blends the meeting

of spirituality and artistry.

The work entitled Sanctuary stood out for me as truly thought-provoking. A soft figure appears in the background and I don't know if it is emerging or fading, but it brought out the question of "What sort of artists are we?" and "Why are we here?" I think Van Gogh would remind us – "It is all about love."

The Tiger, Deer and Bear in the front room captured my heart because, although the animals were painted with bold colors and strong, free, expressive brush work, the eyes of the animals remained tender and calm. These eyes were of the same feeling as the instrument of thy music in the back room.

All in all, the show is beautiful to see and for me made the day a joyful one. Thank you, Ann, for sharing such a wonderful gift with all of us.

Black History Month Features Resilience

On Sunday, February 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., celebrate the strength and resilience of the African American community at the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington. The free event will feature the dynamic Michael Eric Dyson as keynote speaker, a musical performance by Kevin LeVar and engaging breakout workshops – Finding Yourself in The Movement; Embracing Your Past, Present & Future; The Awesome Power of US! The afternoon will conclude with a light reception. For details call 301-749-4160, TTY 301-203-6030.

Black History Month: Benjamin Banneker

On Saturday, February 28 from 1 to 3 p.m., Montpelier Mansion will explore Black History with a family program. Meet Benjamin Banneker, as played by Bob Smith, who will visit and talk about his work as astronomer, mathematician, almanac writer and farmer. Participants will create related crafts and other activities. There is a nominal fee for this event. All ages are welcome.

Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel. For more information call 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2455 or online at montpeliermansion@pgparks.com.

Enjoying a Break in the Snow



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Icicles are turning up in the most interesting places as temperatures plummet. At right, Quentin Walsh (10) sleds down a hill behind the Greenbelt Elementary School.



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Nick Zanin on a fatbike pulls his son Kassidy (5).



Mike Rousseau of the Greenbelt Public Works Department clears a path behind the library.



PHOTO BY JOSE NAVARRETE

A Cooper's Hawk sits atop the bird feeder waiting for his dinner to arrive.

Greenbelt Baseball 2015 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child's Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturday, February 21, and 28

Registration will be held at the following locations and times

10:00 AM – NOON @ Greenbelt Youth Center

10:00 AM – NOON @ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

10:00 AM – NOON @ Greenbelt Modell's (Greenway Center)

DRAFT DAY

Friday, March 6, 2015 – 6:00 PM

Braden Field #2 (for those who can't make Saturday)

Saturday, March 7, 2015

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)

(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 14, 2015 same time and location)

Major League Players Only

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:

Commissioner – Christine Bailey at 301-395-0062 or at greenbeltbaseball@aol.com

We are looking for Commissioners, Coaches, and Volunteers for more information please email us @ greenbeltbaseball@aol.com