

# GREENBELT News Review

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**Celebrating the ACE Educators Awards are: front row from left, David Whiteman (ACE), Elsie Waynes (ACE), Rosalind Caesar (CARES), Sudhanshu Sinha (ACE), Jon Gardner (ACE), Lesli Jackson (TPA), Cortland Jones (GMS), Maria Frontanes (SHLES), Cindy McCormick, (MES), Melinda Brady (GES PTA), Janet Mirsky (ACE), Veronica Martin-Frederick (ACE), and Scott Horn (ERHS). Back row from left: Don Rich (ACE), representing Maryland elected officials Joe Schlosnagle, School Board Member Lupi Grady, unidentified person, Greenbelt Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Greenbelt Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, County Councilmember Todd Turner, Mahjoub Darrehmane (RGFIS), Greenbelt Councilmember Rodney Roberts, ACE Chair Susan Breon. Missing from the above group picture was Kristin Cahalan-Hudson (GES) shown at right.**



## ACE Educator Awards Presented To Greenbelt-area School Personnel

by Mary Moien

The 2015 ACE Educator Awards were presented as part of the March 9 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Janet Mirsky, treasurer of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) introduced the awards. Mirsky stated that "ACE inaugurated the Educator Awards in 1996, making this year the 20th consecutive

year. This record is a testament to council's continued and energetic support of our schools and education. The purpose of ACE is to serve as a link between the community and the city council, addressing educational issues and promoting high quality schools for the people of Greenbelt. ACE was formed in 1994 and its char-

ter was revised in 2007. It works with the city council, school principals and their PTSA's to address educational issues and policies that affect the people of Greenbelt."

The ACE Educator Awards recognize school-based adults

See **ACE AWARDS**, page 13

## New Budget Is a Step to the Top 10 Schools, Lupi Grady Tells Council

by James Giese

What will it take to make Prince George's County Schools a top 10 school system? That is the question the Prince George's County Board of Education is pursuing answers to, according to Greenbelt area school board member Lupi Grady. The county executive's proposed budget for schools of \$1.3 billion, with a 7.5 percent increase, is a step in that direction.

A planned retreat in two weeks will tackle five core questions on how to better education. A huge school board goal is to raise the literacy level among students. With increased enrollment and the graduation rate increasing, students are coming back to the school system, Grady said.

She met with the Greenbelt City Council in a stakeholder worksession on March 18 in a freewheeling discussion of school issues both county-wide and particularly in Greenbelt, such as overcrowding, inadequate supplies, poor maintenance, vocational education, testing, snow

days and artificial turf.

Two special interests of council were having Greenbelt children go to Greenbelt schools and the relocation of the school bus lot outside the city.

Grady reported student enrollment increased this year by 33,500. The 50 county schools in the northern part of the county are at 112 percent of rated capacity. In contrast, the 62 schools in the middle county are at 84 percent capacity and the 63 schools in the southern county, are at 76 percent capacity. Grady said that because of these figures the Capital Improvement Program is being revised.

### Healthy Start

The new budget will expand the Healthy Start breakfast program, use student population as the basis for budgeting, provide more money for needed class supplies, like art, and provide more funds for technology, such as iPads for students. The school system has the second largest budget in the country.

Not mentioned is that County Executive Rushern Baker's proposed budget calls for a county tax rate increase which anti-tax advocates oppose and which must still be approved by the Prince George's County Council.

This was the first time council as a body has met with Grady, who was elected to office last November. Mayor Emmett Jordan thought becoming knowledgeable about the school system and board procedures must be "daunting" for a new member.

Grady responded that there had been a lot of learning, conversation and reading for her to do.

Jordan later commended her on being able to handle these new responsibilities while maintaining a job and raising a family. He asked how the new changes in organizational structure were working out that give the School Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kevin Maxwell and the county executive greater powers and provide

See **SCHOOLS**, page 6

## Women's History Month

In observance of Women's History Month, the News Review is running articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

## Entrepreneur Susy Murphy Finds her Work Rewarding

by Rebecca Boggs

Susy Elder Murphy crochets a scarf as we talk about her life as an owner of two businesses. "I'm probably the only person to own a bakery and a geriatric care management company," she says. Murphy currently owns and manages Debra Levey Eldercare Associates in Silver Spring, where only 32 percent of the companies are owned by women, according to the 2007 U.S. Census.



Susy Elder Murphy

Murphy lives in Greenbelt with her husband Kevin, who is the financial advisor for Eldercare Associates. Her children, Alice, 25, and Charlie, 22, both graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. "The neat thing about raising a family here is that we didn't just have access to a great town, but our children were able to grow as athletes through

the Wells Ice Skating Rink and the Greenbelt Tennis Association," says Murphy.

Before living in Greenbelt they lived in Adelphi. From 1985 to 1993 she owned Everyday Gourmet, a bakery in Takoma Park. "The bakery was open every day and it had 12 employees to start. When I sold the business I had almost 40 employees. This was before Starbucks was on every corner, at the beginning of the gourmet food wave. We were the first not to serve coffee in styrofoam cups. We served whole bean fresh ground coffee," she explains.

Murphy didn't plan on being a business owner. She studied at Oberlin College through a

See **MURPHY**, page 7

## Hogan Joins Maryland Pols To Declare FBI Site Unity

by James Giese

Maryland's entire Congressional delegation joined Governor Larry Hogan and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker to declare unity in their efforts to secure the relocated Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters facility in Maryland, either at the North Core of the Greenbelt Station development at the Greenbelt Metro Station or the old Landover Mall site at the Capital Beltway and Landover Road. This is the first time that the Maryland display of unity for the project relocation has in-

cluded Maryland's new governor, Hogan.

According to a February 23 Washington Post website posting by Ovetta Wiggins, the significant piece of news to come out of the press conference was the state's willingness "to guarantee hundreds of millions on road improvements" to assist in site access. Maryland Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn is reported by Wiggins as saying that the estimated cost of engineering

See **FBI SITE**, page 6

## What Goes On

**Saturday, March 28**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, Arbor Day Tree Planting, Public Works Building

**Monday, March 30**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession: M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [greenbeltdmd.gov/municipality](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/municipality)

**Wednesday, April 1**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession: Budget Overview, Revenues and General Government/Other Funds, Community Center

## Letters to the Editor

### Unnecessary Sign

Yet another useless sign has popped up in Greenbelt. This time it is a sign on the playground across from the old Catholic school building. It reads something along the lines of, "Warning Playground and Playground Surface May be Hot."

This adds to the already asinine sign reading, "Warning Falling Limbs Possible," that is posted at each entrance to Buddy Attick Park. What's next? Signs posted in all fields that warn, "Beware Stinging Insects Abound!"

I would implore the City of Greenbelt to not heed every request of naive and sheltered citizens who believe that a sign is going to protect people from a world that has inherent risks and dangers. If the city is worried about frivolous lawsuits, I would recommend they use the money they save from not installing useless signs to pay for a better lawyer.

Matthew Beckley

### Thanks

I was truly surprised and deeply honored to have been chosen as one of four Greenbelt women to be highlighted during Women's History month this year. I wish to thank whomever found me and to thank UMD journalism student Alexi Worley who did a lovely job writing up the article.

As a newcomer to Greenbelt, I am fully cognizant of the fact that I walk in the footsteps of many notable Greenbelt women who have made and do make significant contributions to make our world a better place. Thank you again for recognizing my small part in Tikkum olam (healing the world).

Joanie Cohen-Mitchell

### Theater/Restaurant Is Bad for Digestion

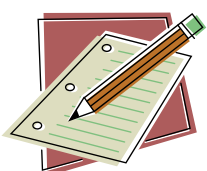
In the March 18 issue we learned of a potential plan to convert the theatres at Beltway Plaza to a modern restaurant-movie facility. I would say that these facilities are just another step in the fattening or "gluttonizing" of America, whereby we weaken ourselves to the extent that we will not even be able run for cover in the event of a ground war.

### Are You Looking For Your Letter?

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

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

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



Could half of the "watch stations" instead be exercise machines?

Our digestion works best not at a loud emotion-laden movie, but in a peaceful quiet environment such as is best provided at our own town center Beijing Restaurant. Hopefully we will not lose this delight to local ambition deciding to "compete" by knocking out the wall between Beijing Restaurant and our classic movie theater.

Nevertheless, anyone needing to fatten up a bit and needing to light a hotter fire under his or her diabetes could get a facility preview at the recently opened Arc Light (restaurant, bar and) Cinemas at Montgomery Mall.

Bill Norwood

### Quick Remedy

Thank you Greenbelt Co-op! Your quick remedying of the concerns I expressed in a recent News Review letter on the lack of foodstuffs for Jewish celebrations is greatly appreciated. The Co-op is now very welcoming and well stocked for Passover. A big thank you as well to the hardworking News Review volunteers who make such a forum possible.

Aileen Kroll

**Editor's Note:** The Co-op always considers consumer's requests for special foods. For example it has recently expanded its selection of gluten-free and organic items in response to citizen requests. Before assuming the Co-op is unwilling to stock a favorite item or is culturally biased, it is worth making a request.

### Lynne Cherry Hosts Program at GCAN

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet on Wednesday, April 1 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at the Community Center.

Lynne Cherry, a Greenbelt resident, is producer and director of 10 short documentaries, Young Voices for the Planet (YVFP), that champion youth speaking out, taking action and finding solutions to earth's climate crisis.

Cherry is also a children's book author and illustrator and is best known for her rainforest classic, The Great Kapok Tree. She will sign her books and DVDs after the talk.

The YVFP films motivate youth to start action groups and change their own schools, homes and communities. The films spawn meaningful CO2 reduction projects for youth and adults alike.

Children and teenagers are welcome to see these uplifting movies. The last portion of the evening will include local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects.

### GHI NOTES

Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

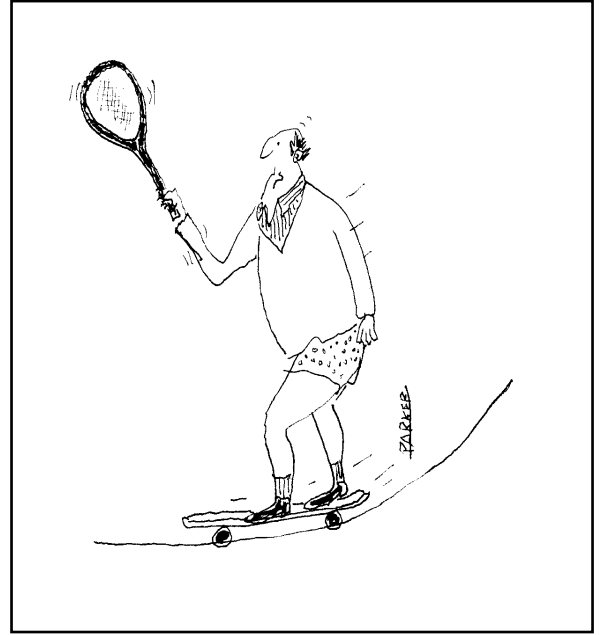
Friday, March 27, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Monday, March 30, 7 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, April 7, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

### The Old Curmudgeon



"They may take away my tennis court but I'm not giving up the sport!"  
(November 2, 2002)

### Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

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

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

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



### Greenbelt Senior Softball

Is looking for ...

- Women 50 and over, Men 60 and over
- Games- Mon/Wed (doubleheaders) at 10/11 am.
- Practice has just started and games begin in mid-April.
- Anyone interested-contact George Harrison @ 301.538.3636



The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking candidates to run for positions on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee.

Join us at an Ice Cream Social held in the GHI Board Room

Sunday, April 12, from 2-4 pm



# Community Events

## Repair Café Returns

The Repair Café returns to the Greenbelt MakerSpace this Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring us your broken items and challenge our volunteers to make free repairs as we seek to reduce waste and encourage repair and reuse! You can drop off, stay and help or enjoy the day in our new outdoor seating area.

If you are handy enough to make your own repairs, perhaps you might call yourself a Maker? A Maker is anyone who designs or creates stuff, anything from traditional arts and crafts to the latest electronic technology. Do you design jewelry, create cabinets, perform as a clown, cook chili, build robots or write game programs? Come and share your passion with others. To participate in our Mini Maker Faire on April 18, visit [faire.make125.org](http://faire.make125.org) and fill out a quick application. We can help you with your presentation and we have a special area reserved for kids and school groups!

Because you're never too young to be a Maker, we have a special time set aside for our youngest pre-K crowd. Please join our Little Makers group from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, and on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. The activities change every meeting, so be prepared for something new. But you can expect the fun to be creative and rewarding!

— George Boyce



## Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, March 26, MidDay Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic will be hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, March 27, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Wharf Rats, a Grateful Dead jam band, perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in. Guernsey plays jazz and blues on piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Jelly Roll Mortals play rock and country classics and covers from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29, the Deaf Brunch takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon. An Art Reception for artists Guernsey and Becky Williams will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Stop by and meet them and explore their artwork. Wynne Paris & Groovananda offer up world beat, rock, kirtan and trance music from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet plays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, The War and Treaty play soulful Americana music from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 50. Spring training begins in March.

For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendgrass at 202-321-0909

## Contra Dancing With Live Music

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is co-sponsoring its third contra dance with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, on Saturday, April 4 at the Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners as well as experienced dancers. Beginner lessons start at 6:30 p.m. April Blum will call to the music of Transatlantic Crossing (Anne, Jon and David Gardner). There is a fee, with children six and under free.

Contra dance is danced to live music played on an array of instruments. The caller calls the dance by doing a walk through with participants before each dance begins. The dancers repeat the pattern multiple times while the music plays. At the beginning of each evening's program, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over the basic steps that will be called.

Come enjoy this fun and social activity! Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

## GAIL Produce Giveaway April 2

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program will have a free produce giveaway on Thursday, April 2 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road. Enter in the right side entrance doors and bring rolling carts or sturdy reusable bags. Volunteers will be on site to help attendees load their cars. Please do not park in the parking lot.

## Explorations Focuses On Maryland Trivia

Explorations Unlimited guest Greenbelt resident Betty Tinner will lead a Maryland Trivia game on March 27. The questions will range from easy to difficult. What are Maryland's nicknames? How did the Preakness get its name? Which Marylander was the first black U.S. Supreme Court Justice? What is the state's flower, bird, fish etc.? Enjoy the banter and stretch the brain in this game of trivia.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

*More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.*

## Meals on Wheels of College Park

Now accepting new clients in Greenbelt and surrounding areas. We provide 3 meals per day, 5 days a week, to seniors who are unable to care for themselves on a short-term or long-term basis. Cost is \$5 per day, payable in advance.

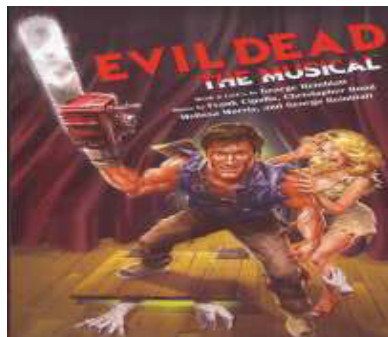
Call (301) 474-1002 for additional information.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, March 29th & Wednesday, April 1st  
Beginning at 8 PM

“Finding Maujusuki,” “A Quest for Peace,”  
“The Orphan & the Polar Bear,”  
and “System Preferences”

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

## Greenbelt Arts Center FINAL WEEKEND



Warning: Parents strongly cautioned, due to language and stage gore.

March 27-28  
Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm

Ticket prices: \$30 Splatter Zone, \$22 General Admission, \$18 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

Choking Out the Kudzu - Apr. 10-26 - Directed by Billie Colombaro  
Celtic Concert by the Homespun Ceilidh Band - May 1

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)

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## Tour the Moon

Come to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt's Star Party, where participants will go on a guided tour of the Moon, telescopically, on Saturday evening, March 28 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. Those who attend may also view Venus and Jupiter at high magnification and, as time allows, some galaxies and nebulae. Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. 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 star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

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## WEEK OF MARCH 27

### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Home, in 3D, PG (!)\*  
1:30, 6:15  
Home, in 2D, PG (!)\*  
11, 11:45, 2, 4, 7, 8:30  
Get Hard, R (!)\*  
10:55, 11:55, 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:20,  
4:50, 6:30, 7:15, 9, 9:30, 10  
The Gunman, R (!!)  
11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50  
Divergent: Insurgent, PG-13 (!!)  
11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10  
Run All Night, R  
7, 9:20  
Cinderella, PG  
11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25  
Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, PG  
11:20, 1:50, 4:10

### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

Home, in 3D, PG (!)\*  
1:30, 6:15  
Home, in 2D, PG (!)\*  
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Divergent: Insurgent, PG-13  
11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20  
Run All Night, R  
4:10, 7  
Cinderella, PG  
11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50  
Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, PG  
11:20, 1:50

### THURSDAY

Furious 7, PG-13 (!) preshow\*  
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Sponge Bob: Out of the Water, PG  
11, 1:50



## Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players age 16-18 call Bob @ 301 345-1033  
Email: [bbsonneveldt@verizon.net](mailto:bbsonneveldt@verizon.net)

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### Members Only

Open Editing Studio (FREE)  
Monday, March 30, 7-9PM

### Free and Open to the Public

Orientation Class  
Wednesday, April 1, 7:30PM  
in the GATe Studio

Book a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19  
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### Handle Eggs Carefully to Avoid Illnesses

Incorrectly handling, decorating or even cooking eggs can cause serious illnesses, and any plans to decorate eggs for Easter should be undertaken with care.

"Many people think that the shell protects the egg from contamination, but it doesn't," said Maryland's Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. "Shells are very porous so we urge everyone to take care when decorating or hiding eggs for the holidays."

Because eggs are handled more than usual when they are being hard-boiled, dyed and hunted for fun, the risk of eggs being contaminated with bacteria is much higher than usual. A few simple precautions can help prevent food-borne illness and ensure a happy holiday. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

Start by buying clean eggs with uncracked shells before the "sell-by" or expiration date on the carton. Choose refrigerated Grade A or AA eggs. Look at the eggs to make sure they are clean and unbroken. There is no need to wash the eggs at home - commercial producers carefully wash and sanitize the eggs before putting them in the carton.

Discard cracked eggs. If you plan to eat the eggs you decorate, be sure to use only food-grade dye.

Although it is best not to eat eggs used in an outdoor egg hunt, if you do, the total time for hiding and hunting eggs should be no more than two hours. Eggs found hours later should not be eaten.

Keep hard-cooked eggs chilled in the refrigerator until just before the hunt. Hard-cooked eggs should be consumed within five days of boiling. Don't hide eggs where they may come into contact with lawn chemicals, pets, wild animals, insects, birds or other sources of bacteria.

Always wash your hands with warm water and soap before and after handling raw eggs. To avoid cross-contamination, wash forks, knives, spoons and all counters and other surfaces that touch eggs with hot water and soap.

Never eat raw eggs. This includes health-food shakes containing raw eggs, traditional Caesar salad dressing, Hollandaise sauce and any other foods like homemade mayonnaise, ice cream or eggnog made from recipes in which the ingredients are not cooked.

For more information on food safety and regulations, contact the Md. Department of Agriculture's Food Quality Assurance Program at 410-841-5769.

## Obituaries

### Dorothy Suit Isele Miller



Dorothy "Dottie" Suit Isele Miller, 84, died March 17, 2015, at her son's home in Daytona Beach, Fla. She was a Greenbelt pioneer who lived on Ridge Road and graduated from Greenbelt High School. Mrs. Miller lived her life in the Greenbelt/College Park area and belonged to the College Park Wesleyan Church. She worked for the C&P Telephone Company, various auto dealerships, including Standard Pontiac, and served 20 years at the Federal Energy Commission.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her husband Jim. She is survived by five sons, three daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, a soon-to-be great-granddaughter and an uncle. A family ancestor founded and settled Suitland, Md.

A memorial service will be held at Heritage Christian Church, 15250 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m.



### Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Andrew and Erika (Thomas) Sandrus of Waldorf on the birth of their first child, Violet Jade, on St. Patrick's Day. The little lass was born on March 17 and is the granddaughter of Ronald Thomas and Jackie McFarland, great-granddaughter of this reporter.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards and honors to share with our readers. To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland



### 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*  
*Conservative and Reconstructionist*

A study circle is now forming for "Reflections on the Life of the Spirit" to be held weekly in Greenbelt starting in May.

Info and sign-up at [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org).

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

Easter Week Services

Palm Sunday - March 29, 10:15 services  
Maundy Thursday - April 2, 7:30 pm  
Good Friday - April 3 Sanctuary will be open from Noon until 3:00 pm

Everyone welcome for quiet reflection  
Easter Sunrise Service - April 5 at Buddy Attick Park  
In case of inclement weather, services will be inside Greenbelt Community Church - United Church of Christ  
Easter Service - 10:15 am

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

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
ALL ARE WELCOME

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SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, March 29  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

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HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY AND POTLUCK  
APRIL 2, 6:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

### 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.  
Celebrate Palm Sunday with us.

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Please join us as we remember Christ's death on the cross for our salvation.

Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm.

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

**prod-i-gal** \prā-di-gol\ *adj.* - characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be exploring the idea of a prodigal God by reading Timothy Keller's book *The Prodigal God* and how the gospel is not only for the sinner but also for those who trust in their damnable good works. Please write to [sjunthank@gmail.com](mailto:sjunthank@gmail.com) for more information.

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

### 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*

March 29, 10 a.m.  
The 10th Annual Dance Service  
"At the Still Point... There the Dance Is"  
The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director; with the Erika Thimey Dance Company; and Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

### 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

### Learn to Read the Bible Effectively

FREE Weekly Classes Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
April 9 through June 25, 2015

Sessions start "In the Beginning" with Genesis Chapter One. Twelve concise and informative sessions are delivered in a friendly and comfortable environment and benefit from a new appreciation of the Bible.

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By Phone: Call 301-439-0063 and leave your name and phone number. By E-Mail: Send your contact info to [LearnToReadTheBible@juno.com](mailto:LearnToReadTheBible@juno.com) Christadelphians, 9240 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783

**At the Library**

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. Herbs to Grow and Cook – lecture with demonstration. Enjoy an easy way to garden that has a side benefit. Herbs are great for wherever you live and are low maintenance. Improve the look, smell and taste of your salads, main dishes and desserts with herbs from your garden. Presented by the Prince George's County Master Gardeners.

**Women in Aviation**

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. The College Park Aviation Museum will present a program at the library on women's involvement throughout the history of aviation. A hands-on activity will accompany this presentation. All ages are welcome.

**Weekly Storytimes**

Wednesday, April 1: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3-5, limit 20 people.

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

**Library Document Station**

The library has embraced new technology for copying documents through its Library Document Station. The LDS enables library patrons to scan their documents to: (1) send to a smartphone (when equipped with a QR reader app), (2) send to an email account, (3) save to a personal USB drive, (4) save to Google Drive (via a personal Google account) or (5) print to the public black and white printer (using a credit/debit card for payment). Except for printing, these options allow customers to take advantage of green alternatives to the copy process.

**Clandestine Corner**

The Clandestine Corner in the Adult Services area of the library has many mysterious items to investigate. Come take a peek.

**Montpelier's Spring History Lectures**

Join the Montpelier Spring History Lecture series on the third Wednesday evening of April and May for talks on archeology, preservation and conservation at historic sites.

For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [history.pgpark.com](http://history.pgpark.com).

**Free Nutrition/Wellness seminars**

Greenbelt Community Center  
Contact: [rjohnson@muih.edu](mailto:rjohnson@muih.edu)  
for program information

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday  
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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30 – April 3**

Monday, March 30 at 8pm, **Council Work Session: M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite**, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipal)

Wednesday, April 1 at 8pm, **Budget Work Session--Overview, Revenues & General Government/Other Funds** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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



**ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING**

March 28, 2015

Greenbelt will be celebrating Arbor Day with a tree restoration planting at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Participants should wear gloves, clothes, and shoes that can get dirty. Individuals and groups are welcome.

**Planting: 10AM to 1PM**

**Tree Tour: 1PM to 2:30PM**

**Meeting Place: Public Works Building  
555 Crescent Road**

**Planting Site: Greenbelt Lake**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BRIAN TOWNSEND AT 240-417-2158**

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

CITY OF GREENBELT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION  
Recreation Business Office: 301.397.2200

## EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 4th**

**10:00am SHARP!**

**Buddy Attick Park**

555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

**For Ages 18 months to 6th Grade**

**Bring your basket and help Mr. Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden.**

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
Please call the Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200

Don't forget your camera!!!



Please call the Weather Hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

Immediately following the Egg Hunt, The Center Ring Circus School Performance Team presents **CELEBRATION!** Don't miss a morning of amazing circus artistry!

**FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**

Thursday, April 2 from 2:30-3:30pm  
**Green Ridge House-22 Ridge Road**

Bring your own sturdy bags or rolling cart. Park on the street. Volunteers will help you take food to your car. No registration required.

**FIT 'N' FUN CARDIO**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-11:15 am. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Drop-In available for \$4 resident/\$5 non-residents Enjoy a variety of cardio including weights, dance, boot camp and floor work. Bring weights, water and mat.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Visit the City's website, Greenbelt CityLink at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Sign up for NOTIFY ME and receive an email or text whenever a new item is added to a number of different topics.

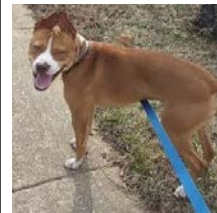
**Greenbelt Animal Shelter**

550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124

Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm



**Hubert** is one cool cat. Talkative and the first to investigate, but also easy-going, Hubert is a medium hair, black and white cat, about 3 years old. Hubert fits in great with other cats and wants to be involved in what's going on. Come have a chat with Hubert!



**Pedro**, an almost 1 year old terrier mix, is a super playful pup who knows his basic commands and loves to play fetch. Pedro is very sweet with people, but would be better as the only dog in the house. Come say hi to Pedro and throw some tennis balls for him!

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**

See pets at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/animalshelter)

**OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR GREENBELT CARES FAMILY COUNSELING**

Greenbelt CARES offers a Family Counseling Clinic on Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 9pm. Services are free of charge for Greenbelt residents, and for those in several zip codes surrounding the city. CARES currently has no waiting list, so immediate appointments are available. Families who are in need of parenting support to effectively manage academic, behavioral, or other issues impacting their young children or teens can contact the agency at 301 345-6660. In addition to CARES usual Family Clinic, two staff counselors are also offering Parent Child Interaction Therapy, which specifically addresses the needs of children ages two through six.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GREENBELT CARES AT 301-345-6660**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Green Ridge House Service Coordinator is seeking qualified community volunteers to teach:  
(a) **Beginners / Advanced Computer class:** Time commitment at least twice a month. Skills requested: basic computer skills, Word, Publisher, Navigating email and internet, and additional items as requested.  
(b) **Beginners Art Class:** Time commitment at least once a month. Skills requested: Basics of art, drawing, painting, etc. Participating residents will provide their own materials if needed.

For more information please contact Green Ridge House Service Coordinator, Sharon Johnson, at 301-412-2480 or via email at [sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov)

**Registration for Bike to Work Day 2015**



is now open!

Join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. The Greenbelt Pit Stop will be in front of GAFC from 6:30am-8:30am.

Register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/) and remember the first 14,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.

**Contra Dances – Saturday, April 4  
Greenbelt Community Center**

15 Crescent Road, 7:00-9:45pm  
Admission \$10 at door



Co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). Contra dance is fun, fun fun! It is danced to live music which can have an array of instruments depending on the band.

There is a caller who calls the dance by doing a "walk through" before each dance and there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called.

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for appointed as well as elected school board members.

Grady, who had supported these changes, noted the professionalization of both the board's chair and vice-chair. She said she appreciates what is being done.

She said she has met with Dr. Maxwell and avoids stepping on anyone's toes. When she has a concern, she brings it to Maxwell's attention. He then assigns it to a staff person and she pursues the issue with that person. "The partnership is working," Grady said.

Grady has been to schools in all parts of her district, she said. She noted that there are many special school events to attend and that she had been to a Writing Day contest with over 400 enthusiastic students participating. "When we did awards, it was like going to a basketball game – everyone cheered," she said. She agreed to keep council advised as to when such events were taking place in Greenbelt schools.

### Bus Lot

Jordan asked if anything was being done to relocate the school bus lot facility behind Greenbelt Middle School. He noted that council had been told a couple of years ago that it would be moved to another location once one became available.

Grady had no comments but asked that she be provided with a letter so she could look into the matter. She noted that there was now an interim superintendent of transportation, which might be part of the problem. Councilmember Edward Putens thought a committee was working on the matter.

### Vocational Education

Councilmember Judith Davis said she felt the system had been prioritizing education to prepare for technical jobs while neglecting other types of work.

Grady agreed there was a need for more vocational education and that not all students were on track for college preparation.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts also urged the return of vocational education, noting that when he went to school there were shop and home economic courses. Students needed to be offered courses that sparked their interest, he felt.

Davis thought that in the past, trade unions had opposed vocational courses because students would be trained to compete with existing skilled laborers. Now that there was a growing shortage of skilled labor, she thought that opposition might be diminishing.

Councilmember Leta Mach noted that when the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) had met with school principals, the members had learned that students were not being taught financial literacy but business finances instead. Grady said the school board had not discussed that issue but possibly such a curriculum could be taught with the aid of a financial institution. Mach thought that such an arrangement had been made between a local bank and Parkdale High School but had not heard if anything came of it.

### Maintenance

Councilmember Silke Pope, who works with the special education program at Springhill Lake Elementary, noted a number of problems there with maintenance and supplies. There was a sig-

nificant increase in enrollment this year, she said, and that, too, was creating problems, particularly as relates to her programs. The many snow days this year also added to the difficulties in teaching.

### Snow Days

Grady noted that Maxwell had done something different by seeking advice from school employees as to how to make up for snow days when schools were closed. She noted the system had requested a waiver on snow day makeups. She thought there would be one added day at the semester's end and that the last day would be June 18. Grady noted it was difficult to extend the schedule because many parents make their plans around the school days.

Pope urged that more days be added to the school schedule to allow for snow days.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the school start date might be changed to be after Labor Day. Grady answered that the board opposed changing the start date but said she could not comment on what might happen.

### Class Size

Herling also asked where the school system was on determining and achieving an appropriate teacher-pupil ratio. Grady said that class sizes could vary depending on various circumstances. She noted that at the school her son attends large classes are doing well, but that in other situations small classes might be necessary. A lot depends upon how a school is structured, she believed.

### Artificial Turf

Roberts complained about the school system's spending a million dollars to install artificial turf on athletic fields. Grady said she was one of two board members who had supported this being done. She noted that monies to do this work did not come out of the school budget but from county Program Open Space funds.

### Old School

Jordan noted the turn-around in thinking by school systems staff concerning the old Greenbelt Middle School. It had once been determined no longer suitable for use as a school, that a new facility had to be built and the old building surplus. But after the new school was built, it was decided to renovate much of the old school building and relocate the French Immersion program to that facility.

Putens added that it was "pathetic" to build new schools and not fix up old ones. He noted a program in Hagerstown had contractors renovate old schools. He said it was not appropriate for kids to have to use poorly maintained facilities, citing Springhill Lake Elementary School as badly in need of better maintenance. He noted the Eleanor Roosevelt High School building was also getting old.

### Boundaries

Council has become aware that the South Core of Greenbelt Station, now under development with housing, is not within the school boundaries either of Springhill Lake Elementary or Eleanor Roosevelt High School. In October, council had sent a letter to Maxwell urging that this area be placed within the boundaries of Greenbelt schools. Council had argued that while Greenbelt schools may be overcrowded, they are less so than

they once had been. Parkdale High is also overcrowded and the anticipated number of additional students would be small. Apparently this request had been denied. Jordan raised the issue with Grady.

Mach said the city had reached an agreement with the school system and county council many years ago, at the time Eleanor Roosevelt had been proposed as a magnet school. The agreement was that Roosevelt would always be the local high school for Greenbelt students. She also noted that the city and ACE provide special services to Greenbelt students at their schools, such as scholarships and these benefits would not be available to the South Core students. She also felt it important for these children to coalesce with the other children in the Greenbelt community.

Jordan and Putens thought the adopted policy was written into law by the county. But City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that it might be a statement in a budget appropriation document.

Grady responded that she will soon have a meeting with Maxwell and would discuss the matter with him.

### Test Scores

Grady told council she expects test scores to drop this year for the PARCC, (Partnership for Predictive Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), common core testing program. She noted that teachers are well trained in the curriculum but that classroom management is another issue. There will need to be an assessment of how it is working and adjustments made, she believed. Snow days at school have added to the problem. On a personal basis, she said, her son was reading at a higher level.

Pope said that PARCC was not well suited for her handicapped students. "Our scores will be a disaster," she continued.

Jordan asked why the testing is being done. Grady said it was state mandated and that the program does work in some schools.

Jordan agreed, noting that the principal at Magnolia Elementary had told him she thought it

would work out.

Later in the meeting Kate McElhenny from the audience complained about the extensive amount of testing taking place during the school day, noting that the calendar lists 30 days of testing and that in addition to formal tests there are pre-tests and post-tests. Her previous complaint to Grady had been forwarded to the superintendent of testing, she said.

Davis commented that testing did not take up the whole school day. Pope noted it might be two hours a day. While it may seem a lot, it is pretty helpful to the teachers, Pope thought.

### Insufficient Funding

Mach noted that the city has allocated \$9,000 for ACE awards and that these were intended to be for grants for special activities such as field trips to provide student enrichment beyond the budget. However, this year one grant request was for purchasing more earphones to use with computers, she said, and another to remove mold in lockers used to store musical equipment. These are the things the school system should be doing, not ACE, she said. Also, they are examples of things teachers are undertaking to do on their own.

From the audience at a later time, William Orleans asked if it was known how many teachers use their own resources. Davis, a former teacher, said the school board would have no knowledge of what teachers are doing on their own to provide needed funding. It depended a lot on the teacher, she said.

Orleans also asked if the school board knew in advance of Baker's proposal to increase taxes to fund the school budget. Grady said she did not have foreknowledge. McElhenny commented she found it difficult to get a handle on the budget in the format it was proposed. Could there be town hall meetings with line-item budgets provided that are understandable she asked?

Grady responded that the board was making a similar request for budget information. She also said she would look into the possibility of town hall meetings.

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and constructing such a project in Greenbelt would be between \$190 and \$210 million. Rahn also was reported as saying that providing the money would not be an issue, despite budget constraints facing the state and that the money will be found. The article indicated that the state did not know what requirements for access the General Services Administration (GSA), which is responsible for site selection and construction of the new headquarters, would impose for the Landover site.

While this announcement made headlines in the Post, News Review readers well know that major highway access improvements to Greenbelt Station have been long planned to be accomplished as part of undertaking that development. While the site already has access from the eastbound Beltway and to the westbound lanes, new ramps will be required for access to and from the opposite direction. It is presumed that previous understandings between the state and the developer as to these improvements still stand based on Rahn's statement.

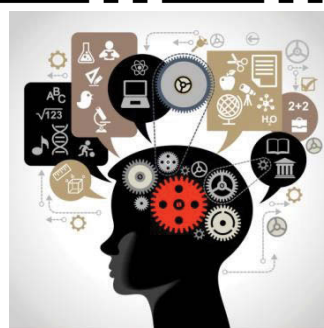
As to the Landover site, most highway improvements should be in place. But that site lacks direct connection to Metrorail. Apparently that issue was not discussed at the press conference.

According to a governor's office press release, Hogan first met with the 10-member Congressional delegation and then held a press conference with them and Baker.

The press release includes supportive statements from the governor and each senator and congressman. The new facility is anticipated to bring 11,000 FBI jobs to the chosen location. "Strategic assets like Joint Base Andrews and the National Security Agency, as well as access to mass transit, make Prince George's County an ideal location," the press release states.

A third site under consideration by the GSA is at Springfield, Virginia, and, of course, has the full endorsement of all the Virginia elected officials.

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### Session Supports Wikipedia Editing

The Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library (MSPAL) offers a free program #WikiTurgy Edit-A-Thon Coworking Space on Monday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join fellow theater enthusiasts for a mass act of public dramaturgy. The Internet-wide event aims to make Wikipedia's articles on American theater more inclusive.

An Edit-A-Thon empowers anyone to jump in as an editor to Wikipedia articles. It's one way to support an artist whose work one knows, admires and feels should have a more publicly visible space online. Topics will not be assigned; everyone gets to choose what articles to edit or create.

Research assistance is available from MSPAL librarians. Bring a laptop and charger. A limited number of laptops are available on loan from the library. Evening hours are available depending on the level of interest.

### Join Good Neighbor Day this Saturday

On Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., members of the University of Maryland community and the general public are invited to Good Neighbor Day. This day of service will focus on myriad community service projects, a 5 km race and more.

For more details and to register, visit [vpaf.umd.edu/gnd/index](http://vpaf.umd.edu/gnd/index). This day is a partnership between M-NCPPC, the University of Maryland and the College Park community.

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program that allowed juniors and seniors to take college courses while still attending high school. She graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in 1979 with a degree in theater and German. "I didn't do as much acting in college as directing, which is more like management because you have a vision," she remarked.

"Out of college one of my first jobs was working with seniors at a federally funded nutrition program," she said. Murphy was the nutrition director there. She planned meals; bought, cooked and served the food; and washed dishes for 25 to 100 people each day. "The office staff would help when there was a big group," she says. This was all done in a converted one-room school house in Hailey, Idaho.

In the 80s, Murphy and her future bakery business partner were both catering out of their homes. "Takoma Park was becoming a hot place to live. The downtown was being redone," she recalls. She and her partner decided to remodel a studio and started their bakery business from scratch.

When they sold the bakery, her attorney asked Murphy what she wanted to do next. At that time Alice and Charlie were four and one years old, respectively. "I wanted to do something

where I didn't have to go back to school and I wanted to work with older people," she says. She enjoyed being around seniors. "I grew up with all four of my grandparents and they were all involved in our extended family."

Murphy went to work for Debra Levey Eldercare Associates in 1993. When Levey died from cancer in 2012, "her wish was that I continue the company," Murphy says. On June 1, 2013, Murphy became owner of the business whose slogan is "We are like wedding planners for growing older."

Murphy has expanded the business. It now offers concierge companion services for life enrichment. Through this service, staff currently take a 95-year-old to Catholic Mass, an 80-year-old to swimming each week and other clients on different outings.

There are 12 care managers who generally assist adult children who are trying to help one of their parents in crisis. Care managers check the clients' medicine, determine the level of care needed and suggest places to live that will meet personal care needs. They also help with doctor referrals and end-of-life support, engaging clients in hospice care when appropriate.

"My work is very rewarding because most people come to us in a crisis situation and we

are able to help them. Some people ask me, 'Isn't it depressing?' It's not depressing to me. When I first meet a client who is struggling, we can stabilize their situation and that is tremendously rewarding." One of Eldercare's clients "was the first American woman to ride bareback in the circus; she led a life of adventure. Care management is an amazing profession. It is rewarding. The people I've met are so extraordinary," Murphy said. She states that Debra Levey Eldercare Associates has grown to be the largest and is the oldest care management company in the state, celebrating its 26th anniversary this year.

### Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship has been funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Brenda Cooley at 301-345-1388.



### Repair Café

Saturday, March 28, 10-5

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*A Review*

## Wintery Puppet Performance At Greenbelt Elementary

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass of Beech Tree Puppets delighted the students of Greenbelt Elementary by performing *The Hollow Stump*, their adaptation of *The Mitten*, a Russian Folk Tale. It was performed on Wednesday, March 18 at the school where the student body, teachers, parents, grandparents and community members attended. Ingrid and Ole are resident artists at the school this year, bringing various puppet shows and hands-on workshops to all grades.

The script, lyrics and music were written by Ole Hass, a professional musician. He and his wife, Ingrid, narrated the story of an old maple tree that had once provided shade, food and shelter for many animals and sturdy branches for children to play on. Eventually it fell and only the stump remained. Bunny Fleet-of-Foot finds the stump uninhabited while hopping along one day and takes shelter



Puppeteers Ole (left) and Ingrid Hass of Beech Tree Puppets with their creations.

there just as a snow storm was brewing.

Soon Mousey Nibble Tooth arrives to take shelter in the stump. Five more animals eventually end up in the stump: Frog Jumps-a-lot, Red Bird Bright-of-Plume, Skunk Bushy Tail, Prowler the Wolf and Bumbler the Bear. Seven very different animals find shelter inside the stump. It is quite tight in that stump, but every animal friend is cuddled up all cozy and warm.

The snow has melted; winter is finally over. Spring has sprung! Just when Bumbler the Bear leans out of the hole in the

stump, dreaming he is catching a fish, he steps on skunk who was in a deep sleep. Startled, he lifted his tail! All the animals scampered away, but vowed to return again when the stink has gone.

After the performance, the puppeteers accepted questions from the audience.

How do you sing like that? We're professional musicians, we studied a lot.

How are the puppets made? Puppets were hand made from wool.

Where'd you get the stump? It was found at Northway Field. The hole in the stump was already there. They made it hollow by sanding it down. The lines from the inside were made by beetles eating the stump.

How is Frog's "boing" sound made? A mouth harp was used to create the sound.

Parents welcomed the students and helped usher them into the auditorium. Students were engaged and applauded loudly at the end of the show.

*Li'l Dan Celdran is a GES parent.*



PHOTOS BY KARL GARY

The wind's face was constructed from wool. To make wind, a white curtain was pulled through its mouth.

## Twu Renews Certification As ERHS Physics Teacher

by Naema Ahmed

Yau Jong Twu, known as Ms. Twu to the physics students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), recently renewed her National Board Certification. Twu teaches AP physics to 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

"Most of the students have never had physics before," Twu said, "so it's their first physics course and that makes it rather interesting because I'm the person who will give them their first impression of physics."

"She makes sure that the students have a level of success because she wants them to love physics," said Reginald McNeill, principal of ERHS. "She's willing to do what it takes for them to love that course."

Twu said she enjoys seeing students learn and do problems they didn't know how to do before. "It's also very practical for students who are interested in engineering or physical science, being good at physics now, because it helps them have a smoother path in their college career, which is really nice."

Recently, College Board changed the physics curriculum, dividing AP physics B into AP physics 1 and AP physics 2. "She had developed a plan a year and a half before the switch so she's well ahead of the game," said McNeill. Twu is one of 16 teachers at ERHS that are currently National Board certified.

"They bring an aspect of mentoring and expertise in really reflecting on education and their practice," said McNeill of teachers who are National Board certified. The teachers that have renewed their certification this year will be recognized at a city council meeting on April 13.

### Certification

Twu was first certified nine years ago and has to renew her certification every 10 years. The rigorous process requires teachers to compile a portfolio of student work samples as well as take an exam on the subject they teach. Twu's exam was three hours long.

The portfolio contained four components, including video recordings, an analysis of the planning process and lesson reflections that were about 15 pages long.

Her students do above the national average in terms of the pass rate for the AP physics exam, said McNeill.

Twu started making YouTube video physics lessons about three years ago. She now has a website with over 500 video lessons.

"I mentored student teachers and would refer them to schools," said Twu. "People used to always tell me that it's hard to find good qualified physics teachers and I also heard that small schools in rural areas may have only one science teacher who has to teach



PHOTO BY NAEMA AHMED

Yan Jong Twu

biology, chemistry and physics. They have to teach everything because they don't have enough students to fill the classes. So I figure it may be helpful for other students to have access to video lessons to help them learn better."

Twu now uses the videos for a method of teaching called blended learning or flip classroom. Students watch video lessons for homework and they solve problems, have discussions and lab in class.

There are many teachers in the country who use the videos as a resource for their students, said Twu. There are also college students who find the lessons helpful.

"I've had former students tell me that they use the videos to help them prepare for MCATs."

### University Training

Twu went to National Taiwan University and graduate school at the University of Virginia, where she received a master's degree in physics.

"In my junior year in college, I took a psychology course and that really fascinated me about how people learn," she said. While in graduate school, Twu was a teaching assistant. She decided to go into teaching after moving to Maryland with her family.

"Some people may think of it as a job they had to go to, but I always felt like I was taking a break when I went to teach," said Twu.

"Even though I always knew I wasn't going to stay at home forever and that I wanted to have my own career, it was scary after staying home for nine years with my kids," said Twu. "Then I thought: I always loved teaching."

She chose to teach at ERHS after doing some research because she lived in Greenbelt at the time. Many of her Greenbelt friends who had kids going to the school also recommended it to her.

"I guess I'm really lucky because the students are really nice," said Twu. "They're wonderful and that's why I like it here."

*Naema Ahmed is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

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# ERHS Teacher Achieves Board Recertification

by Erica Bonelli



Maya Yamada

As an eight-year-old child, Maya Yamada knew she wanted to work with children when she grew up. Now in her 19th year of teaching, she teaches students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, helping them overcome the same challenges she faced as a deaf student.

Yamada is one of three teachers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) who either recently received or renewed their National Board Certification, the most prestigious teaching credential that educators can obtain in the United States.

Yamada, who was the department chair of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at Roosevelt for seven years, now teaches grades 9 through 12. "Now, I just focus on my passion," she wrote in an email, "teaching content classes to the deaf and hard of hearing."

Yamada also inspired learning and development outside of the classroom, founding the Eleanor Roosevelt Dance Company composed entirely of students with hearing disabilities. She also established a parent-student support group for Hispanic families whose children are deaf or hard-of-hearing, and co-founded a social support program called Free To Be Me. Once a year she also leads a deaf sensitivity workshop for the school community.

tification is not about the title. "It's all about whether I demonstrate the qualities of a highly-effective teacher the minute I walk into that classroom," she said.

She said both the initial process of getting board certified as well as the recertification process were rigorous yet extremely rewarding, and have made her a better teacher.

### The Honor

"I feel honored myself to know that teachers in our building really take their craft that seriously, to go through that National Board Certification process because I know it's not simple, it's not an easy process," said McNeill.

For McNeill, National Board Certified teachers are incredible assets for his school. Not only do they provide valuable resources for other teachers, but they are continuously looking at their own practice, finding ways to make sure all students are understanding the material and looking at new ways to assess learning.

Although Yamada would love to train teachers at the college level, she said she is honored to be a teacher of deaf students at ERHS, and "as a deaf person who has faced employment discrimination, teaching at this school is like a million-dollar job for me."

*Erica Bonelli is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.*

### Empathy

"The goal is for our deaf and hard-of-hearing students to teach their hearing peers to develop compassion and empathy for people with disabilities," said Yamada.

At ERHS, she does this by taking her students into other classrooms to facilitate mutual understanding. Students get to talk about their experiences, how they best learn and ask one another questions.

"She makes sure that her students feel comfortable in the building, and she makes sure that other students understand the process that deaf and hard-of-hearing students have to go through to get an education," said ERHS principal Reginald McNeill.

For Yamada, her Board recer-




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

### DWI/DUI

March 15, 8:32 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Lakeside Drive. A 61-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespass

March 15, 12:55 a.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A 38-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass after she refused to leave the T.G.I.Friday restaurant after being involved in a verbal altercation. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Theft

March 13, 4 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. An electronic benefits card was taken from a person's jacket.

March 13, 5 p.m., 7601 Hanner Parkway. A cell phone was taken from an unattended bookbag on the grounds of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

March 15, 12:10 p.m., A cell phone was taken from an unattended bookbag inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

March 18, 1:49 p.m., 9300

block Edmonston Road. A video game player, video games and a jacket were taken from a residence.

### Burglary

March 12, 11 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Legal documents were taken from a residence.

March 12, 8:29 p.m., 7100 block Ora Glen Drive. Nothing appeared to have been taken after a residence was entered after breaking out a rear window.

March 18, 10:55 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two rolls of carpet padding were taken after forced entry into a basement storage room.

### Vandalism

March 18, 4:57 p.m., 99 Centerway. The skate park was spray painted.

### Vehicle Crime

Thefts from vehicles occurred in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive (both tags, Md. 7BF9276), 8200 block Canning Terrace (front license plate) and 5 Court Gardenway (three compact discs).

Vandalism was reported in the 6400 block Ivy Lane, where the rear passenger window of a vehicle was broken.

## MakerSpace Outdoor Seating, Legislative Bills Considered

by Mary Moien

During the March 9 Greenbelt City Council meeting, resident George Boyce asked to be heard during Petitions and Requests. In addition, a number of Maryland legislative bills being considered were reviewed. Other meeting issues were reported in the March 19 issue of this paper. The ACE Educator Awards, presented that night, will be reported separately.

At the start of the regular meeting, persons may address council on issues not on the agenda. Although brought forward, such issues are not usually acted on by council at that time. George Boyce of Greenbelt MakerSpace asked about a request he had made to the city. His location is next to the Greenbelt theater and directly opposite the New Deal Café, he said. He had requested to be able to provide outdoor seating similar to that at the Café but has not heard back.

Staff indicated that the request is under review and that it is expected to be recommended to council for approval, but a time frame was not provided. In response to a question from council, Boyce indicated that he expects the seating to be used by people working on laptops, playing games and building Legos.

### State Legislation

Six bills being considered by the Maryland legislature were on the agenda. Assistant City Manager David Moran led council through the proposed bills, advising on the city's prior positions on some of the bills and current Maryland Municipal League positions, if any.

SB 373/HB 377 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Revisions. This legislation increases the state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS). Maryland's RPS requires that renewable sources (solar, wind, etc.) generate specific percentages of electricity supply each year. In general, this bill doubles the RPS requirements from 20 percent in 2022 to 40 percent in 2025, largely achieved through Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). State

Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington are co-sponsors. Council voted to support the bill, although Councilmember Rodney Roberts indicated he is not convinced that "energy credits get us to where we want to go."

SB 481/HB 1087 – Community Solar Energy Generating System Program. This legislation would allow community solar energy generating systems. Groups of residents could "subscribe" to these systems and get a portion of the electricity generated credited to them. Pinsky and Washington are co-sponsors. The city supported similar legislation which sought to establish a pilot program in 2013 and 2014, and voted to support it again. Councilmember Judith Davis commented that Greenbriar might install a solar farm on its property.

SB 371/HB 450 – SHA - Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Access (CBPPA). This legislation would require the State Highway Administration (SHA) to adopt a statewide policy related to Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA). The bill also requires SHA to determine if it should designate a local BPPA as a state BPPA if it includes a state highway. To date, Montgomery County is the only jurisdiction to designate BPPAs.

Davis indicated the policy has been in effect for 20 years but that the SHA has never produced any guidelines. Under this new legislation, if Greenbelt were to designate a BPPA that includes a state highway, SHA would be forced to respond pro or con. Council voted to support this legislation.

HB 682 – Municipalities – Charter Amendments – Referendum and Signatures Required for Petitions. Current state law allows citizens to: 1) petition to referendum a charter amendment duly adopted by the governing body; and 2) initiate a charter amendment via petition and take it to referendum. In both cases the petition must be signed by at least 20 percent of registered

voters.

HB 682 enables legislation allowing a municipality to set the petition threshold anywhere between three and 20 percent. Gaines and Washington are co-sponsors; the Maryland Municipal League opposes it.

Davis commented that the problem in Prince George's County is that voter registration lists are not purged to obtain a true list of those eligible to vote. In her opinion, this legislation would allow a very small number of citizens to introduce charter amendments. Roberts, however, favors the legislation as more people will participate in the process, he thought, if the percentages are lowered. Council voted to oppose this legislation.

HB 741 – Maryland Cooperative Housing Act – Delinquency Period. This bill would delete language requiring that a member be delinquent in their assessments for three or more months before the cooperative housing corporation could pursue eviction. Given that Eldon Ralph, GHI general manager, had indicated to staff that GHI was okay with the legislation, no action was taken by the council.

HB 597/SB 867 – Public High Schools – Synthetic Turf. This legislation would mandate the installation of outdoor synthetic turf fields at public high schools in Prince George's County using Program Open Space (POS) funds. Eleanor Roosevelt High School and three others would get a synthetic field in FY 2016 and all public schools would have fields installed by FY 2020.

Concern has been expressed about the safety of these fields and exposure to crumb rubber particles. The use of POS funds for this purpose could reduce the amount of POS funding available to local governments in future years for other uses. It was felt that there could be better use of POS funds as well as continuing concern about student safety. Council voted to oppose this legislation.

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# GirlsTalk Gets People Talking At Greenbelt Middle School

by Melissa Ehrenreich

Cortland Jones is the quiet voice behind the GirlsTalk program, an initiative that is getting people talking and girls acting out in powerful ways. Jones is cool, calm and collected on a rainy March afternoon despite the hustle and bustle around him during school dismissal. We're waiting for the dust to settle to meet the young women in the GirlsTalk program at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS).

Using self-expression to create empowerment and developing a sense of agency is at the root of GirlsTalk. "We encourage young females to take initiative to create programming and contribute to enriching the school community," says Jones. "We want them to know: Your presence counts. You can make use of your person and your presence to make an impact on your community." The girls produce monthly newsletters, plays, movies and scripts to explore taking leadership at home, at school and within the community. Through the program, Jones has seen demonstrable shifts in how the girls relate to each other, their parents and their teachers. The GirlsTalk Committee is student-led and includes President Jada Burke, 8th grade; Vice President Jessica Cabrera, 8th grade; Jessica Harris, 8th grade; Flora Abiola, 8th grade; Courtney Robinson, 8th grade; Anjali Deonarin, 8th grade; Philippa Roberts, 8th grade and Hana Aidibe, 7th grade.

Alumnae visit during after-school sessions to share personal experiences in leadership, the arts and entrepreneurship. Jaemellah Kemp, GirlsTalk alumna and co-founder of local nonprofit It Takes Two, is on hand to share her story when I visit. Kemp saw an unmet community need and provided leadership to bring age-appropriate books to low-income students to enhance literacy and engender a love of reading. Victoria Jennings, a University of Maryland student and GirlsTalk mentor, is also present to teach charcoal drawing. "Sometimes it is hard to feel like you are in control of yourself and your body when you are a young woman, but you can. A strong self-concept can help every girl to feel this way," says Jennings.

Jones launched the program in 2002 at Benjamin Tasker Middle School out of frustration that peer mediation programs were often vulnerable to budget cuts yet desperately needed. Over time it transformed into a leadership initiative as he carried it with him



PHOTO BY MELISSA EHRENRICH

Victoria Jennings, UMD student and GirlsTalk mentor teaching charcoal drawing to Keara, a 7th grade middle school student and GirlsTalk program participant.

from school to school. It is now administered at GMS where he is a graphic arts teacher.

Jones is quick to share credit for the success of the program with others including Acquilla Peaks, GMS school nurse and co-sponsor of the program. He relies heavily on the support of GirlsTalk alumnae to pay back by visiting and opening the girls' eyes to possibilities when they set their sights high. GirlsTalk alum-

nae, including children's book authors, youth advocates and real estate entrepreneurs, gathered last weekend at the inaugural GirlsTalk Women's Conference to highlight the diversity of ways women can provide leadership and shape their communities. Jones and the GirlsTalk committee hope it will be the first of many to come.

*Melissa Ehrenreich was a conference attendee.*

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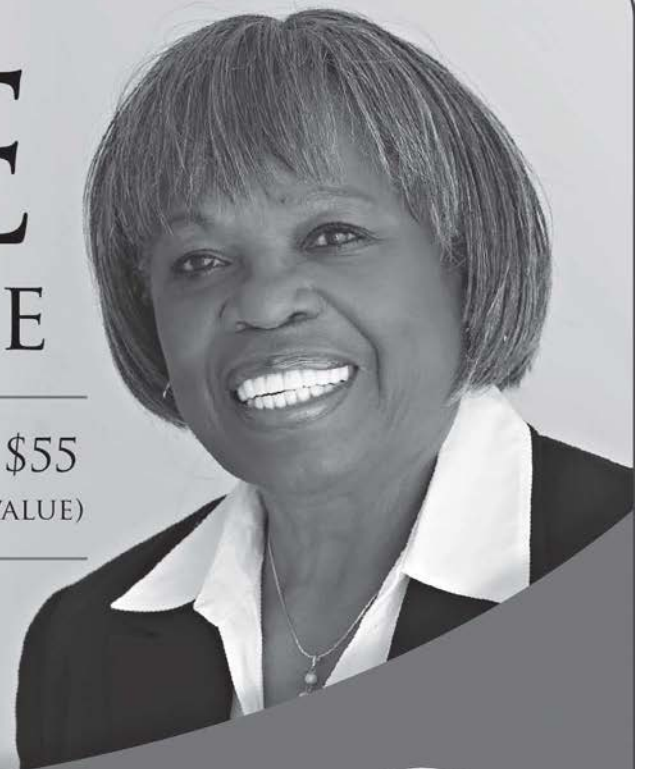
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# Annual Reverse Tashlich Event Cleans Up Beaverdam Watershed

Mishkan Torah's second annual Reverse Tashlich, cosponsored by the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) took place on the morning of March 15. Eleven intrepid members and friends of the synagogue forded Beaverdam Creek and trekked through briars between the Greenbriar Condominiums and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to collect litter along this portion of our local waterway.

All told, the nine adults and two children removed 18 tires, 20 bags of recyclables, 13 bags of trash, 1.5 car bumpers, 1 muffler and 1 window from a jeep. The event was undertaken in conjunction with the Greater Washington Jewish Community's Good Deeds Day 2015. Additional support was provided by the Anacostia Watershed Society and Greenbriar Condominiums.

BCWWG will lead another stream cleanup on April 25 as part of the Anacostia Watershed Society's 2015 Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration. Stay tuned for more details or visit the website at [beaverdamcreek.org](http://beaverdamcreek.org).



Above, Mark Cristal next to pile of trash that was collected in the watershed area between Greenbriar Condominiums and Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Bottom left, Tom Taylor and Liz Ahmann next to pile of collected tires.



Yoni Charry and daughters fill up bags of trash.

## Montpelier to Offer Archeology Exhibit

The Hidden Treasure: Restoration and Archeology exhibit at Montpelier Mansion runs to April 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed Wednesdays). See some of the 4,000 artifacts found by archeologists during Montpelier's year-long restoration in 2013. These artifacts will help reveal dramatic changes in how the residents of Montpelier lived. There will be kids' activities to learn about the science of archeology and the importance of preservation.

There is a nominal fee, which includes a self-guided tour of the house. For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [history.pgpark.com](http://history.pgpark.com). Montpelier Mansion is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

## UMD Program Hosts Piano Reflections

The Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of a free program on Thursday, April 2 at 8 p.m. featuring Donald Manildi, Curator of the International Piano Archives at Maryland. Reflections from the Keyboard is an exploration of the world of pianists and piano music.

Manildi will play and discuss works of CPE Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Poulenc and Rachmaninoff. Duo-pianists Margarita Glebov and Seyon Lee will offer music by Arensky, Brahms and Babajanian.

## Busboys & Poets Hosts Free Concert

The Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts presents a free program, Common Tone: Chelsey Green and The Green Project, on Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. This performance takes place at Busboys & Poets, Hyattsville.

Billboard-charting recording artist Green creates a new way to bring the richness and vibrancy of the violin and viola to audiences. Her vision of an ensemble that uses live string performance to enhance current popular music becomes a reality with The Green Project.

A classically-trained musician who made her Carnegie Hall debut at age 16, Green incorporates standard classical music principles with performance of original tunes, re-identifying popular favorites in genres such as soul, jazz, funk and rock. Named an Artist-in-Residence at The Music Center at Strathmore in 2010, she has shared the stage with artists such as Stevie Wonder, Denyce Graves and Chrisette Michele. Green is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, College Park.



## Arboretum Holds Native Plant Sale

On Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will hold a native plant sale. Local nurseries will offer an extensive collection of quality, locally-grown native plants. This sale is held in conjunction with the Lahr Native Plant Symposium. Admission is free. See [usna.usda.gov](http://usna.usda.gov) for more information.

## Mental Health Forum Offered

The National Alliance on Mental Illness presents a free program on mental health and rehabilitation services in Prince George's County on Saturday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the South Bowie Library conference room, 15301 Hall Road, Bowie. The presenter will be LaShunda Morris, Volunteer of America (VOA) program director. VOA provides services for individuals with mental illness designed to support successful, independent living in the community. VOA offers 24-hour residential support based on individual needs, independent housing with supportive services, medication management, group therapy, counseling and referrals for community support and assistance. Presentation topics include community psychiatric rehabilitation programs, targeted case management and supportive housing services.

# Grandson Says Greenbelt's Movie Venue "Will Be Cool"

by James Giese

If a liquor license and permits can be obtained, a new kind of movie theater operation may be in the works for Greenbelt. The city council has been advised that a Dallas, Texas, chain called the Studio Movie Grill would like to take over the movie venue at Beltway Plaza, turning it into a combination eight-theater movie house, 100-seat restaurant and lounge. Marc Kapastin, representing Beltway Plaza, told council that Greenbelt had the right demographics and upper-middle incomes for the chain to locate one of 10 planned additions here. (Proximity to the University of Maryland might also have something to do with it.)

Our grandson, Colin Milligan, who lives in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, has been working on and off for a similar theater/restaurant operation for years. While this type of movie venue is new to our area, it's been in Texas for quite some time. Colin thinks there are three to four chains operating some 20 venues in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

The chain coming to Greenbelt lists 10 venues in Texas and 10 more in eight other states, the closest being in Ohio and North Carolina. Though he worked elsewhere, Colin has frequented and is familiar with the Studio Movie Grills, which he describes as having a "more modern feel" as compared to his workplace's "more classical feel."

Employees of these theaters tend to be young. In Texas, you can start work at age 16 but must be 18 to serve alcoholic beverages. Those under 18 work as ushers, ticket takers or in the kitchen, Colin said. Over-18 employees can be servers. Older employees can also be bartenders. Colin has done pretty much everything up to assistant manager.

### The Experience

I asked Colin how these theaters work. To begin with, he said, all seats are reserved. All have recliner chairs as do some of the newer nearby-to-Greenbelt theaters. When buying tickets, you see an interactive screen with a seating diagram for the theater indicating which seats are available. Many people arrive early, placing their food and drink orders before the show starts. Each seat has either a pull-out table like on airplanes or an accessible table and a paging light to call the server.

You can order anytime and buy drinks, snacks or a meal separately or together. Cocktails and liquor, beer and wine are also sold.

"Isn't it annoying to have waiters going back and forth in the theater while the movie is showing?" I asked.

Colin said the seating is arranged to permit easy access for the waiters and the waiters learn how to "crouch low."

"How are the prices?" I asked. "Pretty competitive," he thought, both for movie tickets and price of food. "Drinks may be a little higher," he commented.

"And the food?" I asked. "Quite good," he judged. He compared it to that of a better restaurant chain.

"How about problems? Do patrons drink too much?"

Colin felt it was about the same as for other restaurants. Management requires the measurement of alcohol and keeps watch on the amount being consumed, he said. He noted there could be a problem with service when more than one 60-seat theater is filled up at once. "You can suddenly get 100 to 250 orders and the wait time might be 35 to 40 minutes for food delivery," he said.

"Who goes there?" "Anybody and everybody," Colin answered.

### Website

According to the Studio Movie Grill website ([studiogrill.com](http://studiogrill.com)), the company will offer an American grill menu with a premium bar and a modern lounge. The advertising also declares there will be unmatched food and beverage service and 100 percent reserved seating. The chain apparently features first-run movies and alternate family programming and promotes using its facilities for charitable fund raising events.

In Texas, the company features a two-for-\$25 meal special with starters ranging from popcorn to edamame and a choice of two entrée items from a selection including tenders, pizza, burgers, chicken salad, fajitas, quesadillas or macaroni and cheese. Desserts are \$5 extra. Regular entrees range from \$10 to \$14.50, mixed drinks from \$8 to \$12, beer \$5.75 to \$6 and soft drinks and coffee are \$3.50.

And what does Colin think about Studio Movie Grill coming to Greenbelt? "It will be fun and exciting," he said.

## Botanic Garden Lecture on Roots

On Friday, April 3 at 1 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will host a lecture, Tree Roots: Problems and Solutions, by James Urban. Changes in nursery production, particularly trees grown in containers, are producing trees with very poor root systems. Roots too deep in the ball, circling and girdling roots and bark potting medium all serve to slow the development of the tree and can severely reduce the life expectancy of that tree. Fixing these problems takes lots of hard work. Pre-registration is required. Visit [usb.gov](http://usb.gov) to register.

## City Notes

Staff reports one bird, one cat and two dogs were adopted. In addition, a squirrel was rescued from a gutter pipe and two spay/neuter vouchers were distributed.

Staff visited the Prince George's County Planning Department to facilitate the final aspects of the theater renovation project and met with engineers regarding the HVAC improvements at the Community Center.

The Horticulture/Parks crew reduced the border around the playground behind the museum to give clearance to the tree root system and keep the tree itself outside the playground use zone.

## ACE AWARDS continued from page 1

who have made an exceptional contribution to the schools that Greenbelt children attend. While many of the ACE educators are teachers, there are many individuals who contribute to the positive school experience of Greenbelt students. Because of this, a recipient may be any dedicated, capable member of the school team. This could include a teacher, a guidance counselor, other professional staff members, support staff or building staff. ACE selects the awardees based on nominations from each school's administration.

The ACE Educator Awards complement the ACE Student Awards, which will be presented to deserving Greenbelt students at the council session on Monday, May 11, Mirsky continued: "Together, these awards spotlight the exemplary educational programs of the schools that Greenbelt children attend, and the people who make it happen."

Greenbelt's representative on the Prince George's County Council, Todd Turner, and school board representative Lupi Grady were in attendance to congratulate the awardees. State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo Washington were in Annapolis on legislative business; however, Joe Schlosnagle presented citations on their behalf.

Each awardee was invited to say a few words. Below are summaries of the winners' achievements, as described by their respective schools.

### Awardees

Kristin Cahalan-Hudson, of Greenbelt Elementary School, is the new professional school counselor at Greenbelt Elementary. In just the first six months of this school year, she made a positive impact in the school. Ms. Hudson "gives 110 percent of herself every day to the students, teachers, staff and to the Greenbelt Community." She rarely says no, and does her best to make sure that everyone's needs are met. She enjoys making sure that people are smiling when they've left her. Hudson takes the time to give each student a chance to express his or her problems and concerns. Her patience and ability to think on her feet are amazing.

Hudson is an outstanding counselor. She works daily with students in both one-on-one and small group settings, always being mindful of their needs. She collaborates with teachers and administration to evaluate the needs of the students and provide the support that they need. If a teacher notices something, Hudson makes it her priority to investigate the concern. She's always available for an impromptu chat with students if the need arises, using her calming nature and ability to rationalize and redirect to bring comfort and clarity even in the most difficult situations. She has worked tirelessly to plan and implement a mentoring program for the students. She also sponsors the Student Council, which builds the leadership skills of the intermediate students and organizes student learning projects.

Hudson stated that she was overwhelmed by the award. She commented that the staff was so welcoming in her first year.

Maria Frontanes, of Springhill Lake Elementary School, is a

true asset to the students, staff, parents, and community. Frontanes has assumed the role of "ESOL Teacher Guru" among her colleagues. She has an extensive background in the skills, pedagogy and best practices required for English language learners to demonstrate success in the understanding and speaking of the language. The students under her tutelage thrive in all subject areas because of her creativity and inventive approaches to modifying the curriculum to meet the needs of a non-English speaker. For years, Frontanes' students have performed highly on state assessments and this has increased the number of students to exit the ESOL program each year.

Frontanes has provided direct services to students and staff of Springhill Lake Elementary School for the past six years as a co-teacher and professional developer. She currently serves as the ESOL Department chair. Frontanes has worked extensively over several years with the Prince George's County ESOL Department as a facilitator of professional development in varied intervention programs: Reading Together, Imagine Learning, etc. She also works each summer to enroll students in the appropriate ESOL class for the upcoming year.

Frontanes exemplifies the term team player. She is able to work with all adult personalities in a way that brings about positive results. Currently, she is one of the co-founders and instructional advisors of "Springhill Lake's University." The "University" is regarded as an in-house professional development academy that seeks to build teachers' capacity in teaching and learning. She was instrumental in organizing and carrying out a Breast Cancer Walk at the school this year.

Frontanes said she couldn't have obtained this award without her team and colleagues. She also thanked her parents who were present.

Cindy McCormick, of Magnolia Elementary School, is a wonderful educator and human being. She is always well-prepared and very enthusiastic about her role as a teacher. She goes above and beyond to find the newest technology and techniques to better engage her students, and her students love and appreciate her efforts.

McCormick keeps her lessons entertaining and allows her students to display their own responsibility in the classroom. Her classroom is always bright and cheerful and the students are thoroughly engaged.

McCormick assists with the Robotics Team, is the School-Based Management Team and Grade Level chairperson and is ready and willing to lend a helping hand to her colleagues whenever they are in need.

McCormick thanked Phyllis Gillens, her Princi "pal" and commented that she loves working at the school.

Lesli Jackson, of Turning Point Academy, has been at the school for six years. She is currently the fifth grade Reading/Language Arts & Social Studies teacher, Middle School Journalism teacher, Reading Specialist, TAG coordinator and yearbook co-sponsor. She has wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially children. Her ability to

connect with her students and her talent at teaching life-long skills are truly superior. She is able to manage the day, guide her students from one lesson to another and adjust the schedule as needed to meet their learning needs.

Jackson can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that jobs get done. She accomplishes her tasks with great initiative and a very positive attitude. She is flexible and willing to work on any project assigned. Jackson has demonstrated that she is a knowledgeable, skillful and competent teacher. And she is a team player to boot.

Jackson gave thanks to the school staff and to the parents for never-ending support and encouragement. Some of her students were in the audience and presented her with a bouquet.

Mahjoub Darrehmane, of the Robert Goddard French Immersion School, is a 22-year employee who has given his heart and soul as an educator, testing coordinator and data coach. He is always ready to help students and colleagues be the best that they can be. His patience, tact and ability to put anyone at ease are remarkable.

He arrives each day with a smile on his face, and always has a story or joke to share that helps others get through the tougher times of the day. He volunteers to cover classes, lunch duties and after-school activities when colleagues are sick or have emergencies that prevent them from being at their assigned duties.

Darrehmane thanked the principal and other staff and parents for making the school a great place to work and learn.

Cortland Jones, Greenbelt Middle School, is the graphic arts teacher. Over the past three years he has affected the lives of not only his students, but the entire student body. Jones selflessly and gracefully takes on many projects. He was instrumental in getting the Girls Talk female mentoring program started in 2013. This year he implemented two new programs - Peer Mediation and Literacy Day. Jones has also sponsored several other clubs and events that help the students promote self-efficacy and encourage them to participate in reading. Graphic art has become a tool for Jones to teach his students much more than art. Jones is able to lead young men and women beyond academics and helps make them successful adults.

Jones doesn't just care about his program; he cares about all the programs at GMS. He has worked with other teachers on many cross-curriculum projects.

Jones thanked his family and the school staff. He also mentioned the support of GMS in helping with the literacy project.

Scott Horn, of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is the school's master scheduler. He has dedicated all of his adult life to educating our youth to be productive members of society. He has worked in education for 38 years, the last 20 at Eleanor Roosevelt.

For the first 28 years of his career, Horn taught science to middle and high school students. Ten years ago, Horn transitioned into the position of the master scheduler at Eleanor Roosevelt, Evening High School and Summer School, working to ensure

that both students and teachers have schedules that allow them to perform at their optimal levels.

Horn works tirelessly to meet the needs of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Prince George's County Public Schools and displays excellence in his overall work ethic. He often works nights and weekends to get the job done, many times waiting for the building supervisor to open the building. Horn's experience and his commitment to excellence allowed him to

mentor a large number of Prince George's County employees, even beyond the walls of the school. He is a frequent advisor to the administrative staff, including Reginald McNeill, principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Sylvester Conyers, former principal and Avery Taylor, superintendent for summer school.

Horn thanked his wife and children. He stated that Eleanor Roosevelt was the best of all the schools at which he has worked.

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The Expo will provide information on summer day camps, summer playgrounds, Xtreme Teens, Safe Summer programs, setting up a SMARTlink account, free Youth ID cards, volunteer opportunities, inclusion services, therapeutic recreation camps and tons of activities. There will be face painting, giveaways and entertainment for the entire family. The event will be held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover.

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**One Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Landscaped yard with many perennials. Patio, shed and large, fenced yard backs to woodlands. Hardwood floors.

**2-Story Addit. - Fenced Corner Lot** - 4 BR, 2 BA GHI townhome w/GAS heat, CAC, 2 fireplaces, large deck and multiple amazing features. **WOW!**

**Corner Lot** - Large Floorplan GHI with ADDITION and bath on main level. Separate den/office. Enormous fenced back and side yard. Walk to R. Center!

**Large Floorplan GHI townhome** - Separate den on lower level. Remodeled kitchen with SS refrig. Wood laminate flooring & more. Nice! \$149,900

**Waldorf** - 3 Br, 1 1/2 Ba. Townhome with modern upgrades, large kitchen and more. **UNDER CONTRACT**

**Upper Level GHI Townhome** - Modern home with separate laundry area & full-sized w/d. Refin. hardwood floors, microwave, modern cabs. & more. **UNDER CONTRACT**

**Block Townhome - Addition** - Remodeled kit. With s/s appls, granite ctrs, d/w. Cherry wood flrs, fenced yds, 1st flr. addition used as den/bedroom.

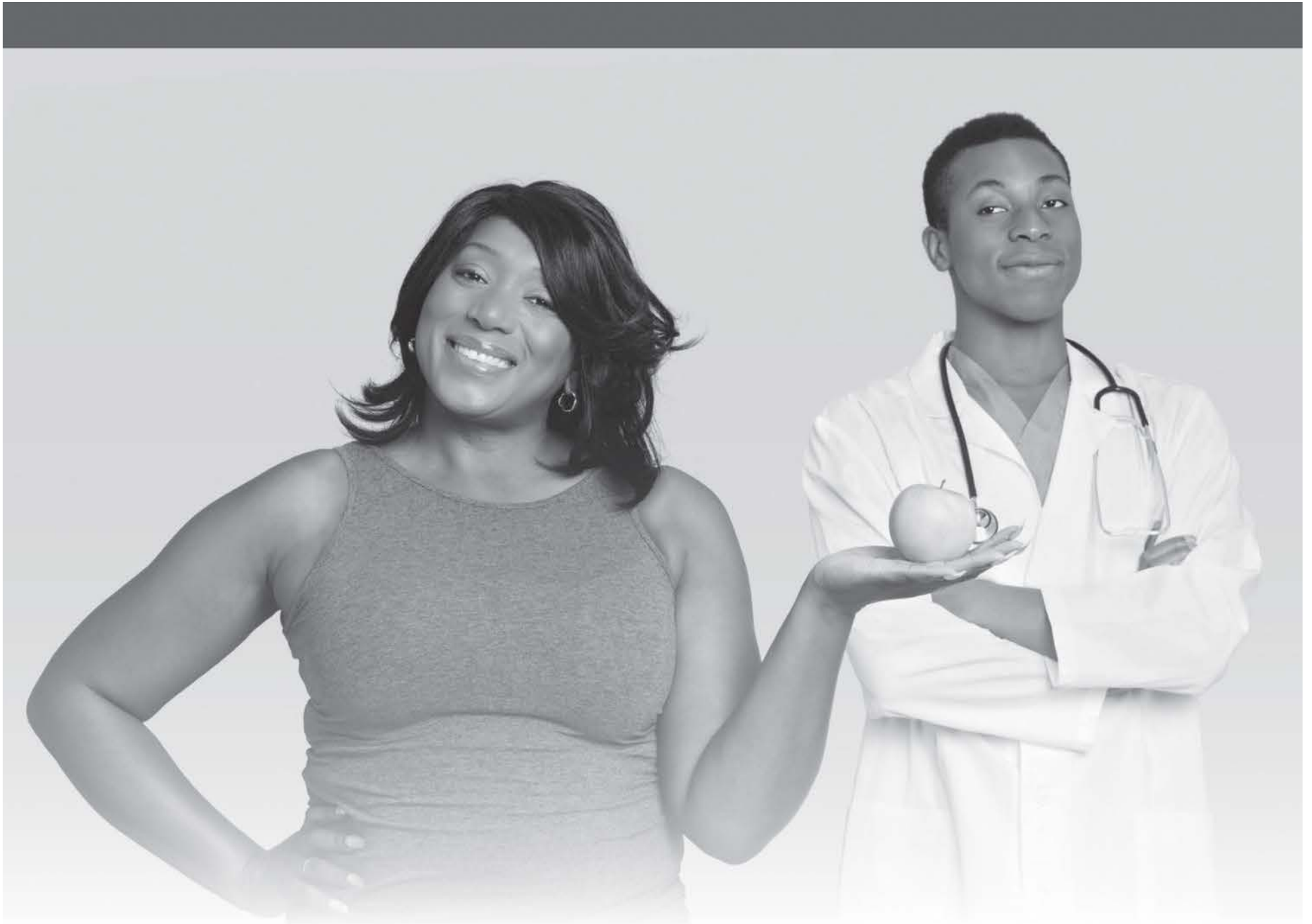
**2-Story Addition** - Nearly double the sq. ft. of living space, 3 bedrooms, modern kit, large w/d. Wood deck, fenced yards with lots of shade trees. Nice! **SOLD**

**GHI Block Townhome** - 3 Br unit with upgraded kitchen, separate dining area & laundry on 2nd floor. Large Shed! Short walk to Roosevelt Center.

**Brick GHI Townhome** - 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd br. Large-capacity front-loading w/d in sep. laundry area. Laminate flooring downstairs.

**Corner Lot With Addition** - 2 br GHI frame townhome with front addition & cath. ceilings. Remodeled throughout, modern kit. & more. Large deck & shed.

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